



Region 8 Council Member Nomination Form

Nominee Personal Information

First and Last Name

Street Address

City

Phone Number

Racial Categories

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Black or African American
- White

Years of business leadership experience

- 5-9
- 10-19
- 20+

Nominee Company Information

Company Name

Industry

Number of Employees

- Under 50
- 50-99
- 100-199
- 200-499
- 500+

Email Address

Street Address Line 2

State

Zip Code

Gender

- Male
- Female

Asian

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

Other

Location

Nominated By

Self

Or

First and Last Name

Phone Number

Email Address

Company Name

Why should this person be selected to serve on the Region 8 Council?

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About GO Virginia

The Virginia Growth and Opportunity Board and Fund were approved by the 2016 Virginia General Assembly and are a business-led, bipartisan initiative that is incentivized and encouraged by the Commonwealth of Virginia. Nine regions were established and each region formed councils that were certified by the Board in March 2017. The Virginia Growth and Opportunity Board is comprised of 24 members with representation from the House and Senate, Gubernatorial appointments, and private sector leadership. In addition to approving GO Virginia regions and certifying regional councils, the Board is responsible for determining project funding.

In March, 2017, a regional council composed of members originating from a mix of large and small business, higher and K-12 education, elected officials, local government, and economic and workforce development entities, was created in the Shenandoah Valley and approved by the state as part of GO Virginia. Known as the GO Virginia Region 8 Shenandoah Valley Council, the group was originally organized with support from the Shenandoah Valley Partnership (SVP), Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC), Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission (NSVRC), Shenandoah Valley Workforce Development Board, and a group of private sector leaders from throughout the region. The NSVRC, CSPDC and SVP now share organizational and administrative responsibilities in support of the GO Virginia mission to generate private sector growth and job opportunities within the region by encouraging the creation of new, high-paying jobs through collaboration among business, education, and local government.

GO Virginia supports programs to create more high-paying jobs through incentivized collaboration between business, education, and government to diversify and strengthen the economy in every region of the Commonwealth.

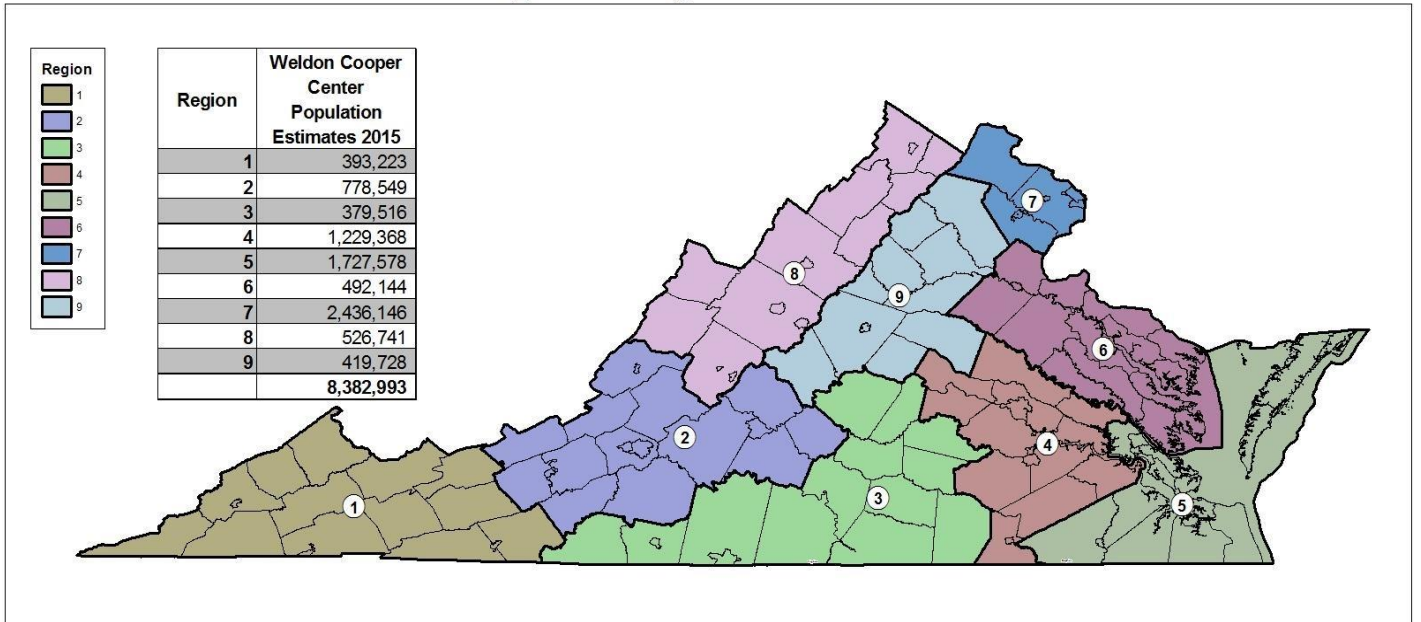
The initiative creates change by focusing on these main points:

- **Virginia urgently needs strong private-sector growth.** Federal cutbacks have exposed our over-dependence on public-sector jobs. Virginia needs strong private-sector growth and job creation.
- **Growth in Virginia's diverse regions requires collaboration.** To grow and diversify our economy, business, education, and government must collaborate effectively in each region.
- **State government must be a catalyst and partner.** State government must provide incentives for strategic, job-focused collaboration in each region of the Commonwealth.

Current Region 8 Council Members

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Affiliation</u> | <u>Sector Represented</u> |
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| Jon Alger | James Madison University | Higher Education |
| Devon Anders | InterChange Group | Large Business & Civic/Community Leader |
| Stacy Barrett | Barrett Machine, Inc. | Small Business |
| Kathlynn Brown | SRI International | Non-Profit |
| Greg Campbell | Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport | Large Business |
| Robin Crowder | Retired K-12 Superintendent | K-12 Education |
| John Downey | Blue Ridge Community College | Higher Education |
| Joanie Eiland | Elk Trucking, Inc. | Small Business |
| Tracy Fitzsimmons | Shenandoah University | Higher Education |
| Frank Friedman | CornerStone Bank & City of Lexington Mayor | Regional Planning Entity & Local Government |
| Mike Goertzen | Serco, Inc. | Large Business |
| Conrad Helsley | NSVRC Board | Local Government |
| John King | Virginia Poultry Growers Cooperative | Large Business |
| Chris Kyle | Shentel | Large Business |
| Connie Loughhead | Des Champs Technologies | Small Business |
| Keith May | Cottonwood Commercial | Large Business & Civic/Community Leader |
| Jill McGlaughlin | Classic Kitchen & Bath | Small Business & Civic/Community Leader |
| Mark Merrill | Valley Health System | Large Business |
| Kathy Moore | Moore Public Relations | Small Business |
| John Neff | Retired – Nielsen Builders | Large Business & Civic/Community Leader |
| George Pace | Shenandoah Valley Angel Investors | Large Business & Civic/Community Leader |
| J.J. Smith | Valley Proteins | Large Business & Civic/Community Leader |
| Jeff Stapel | Shickel Corporation | Workforce Development |
| Robin Sullenberger | Highland County Economic Development | Economic Development |
| Rick Till | O'Sullivan Films | Large Business |
| Judith Trumbo | Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community | Non-Profit |

GO Virginia Regional Boundaries



0 15 30 60 90 120 Miles

Source: US Census, VA PDC



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