

# **Region 8 Council Member Nomination Form**

## **Nominee Personal Information**

First and Last Name	Email Address
Street Address	Street Address Line 2
City	State Zip Code
Phone Number	Gender
	□ Male □ Female
Racial Categories	
American Indian or Alaska Native	□ Asian
Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
□ White	□ Other
Years of business leadership experience	
□ 5-9 □ 10-19 □ 20+	
Nominee Company Information	
Company Name	Location
Industry	

Number of Employees

□ Under 50 □ 50–99 □ 100–199 □ 200-499

□ 500+

#### 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?

Please mail or email this form to:

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### <u>About GO Virginia</u>

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 overdependence 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.

# **GO Virginia Regional Boundaries**





