

Lloyd EcoDistrict Board of Directors Role Description



LLOYD ECO DISTRICT

Lloyd EcoDistrict is on a mission to promote equity, resilience, and climate protection at the local level.

We recently became a nationally certified EcoDistrict, and we're currently welcoming new board members to help us implement our community-driven plan for a connected, prosperous, and resilient neighborhood.

About Lloyd EcoDistrict

Vision: We strive to make Lloyd one of the most sustainable neighborhoods in North America, and a leader in equity, resilience, and climate protection at the local level.

Mission: We engage the community, form partnerships, and develop programs to create a connected, prosperous, and resilient neighborhood.

Strategy: We set goals and implement initiatives in Lloyd that promote climate protection, equity, and resilience. We prioritize projects addressing connectivity, health & wellbeing, living infrastructure, peace, place, prosperity, and resource regeneration.

About the Lloyd EcoDistrict Board

Lloyd EcoDistrict is managed by a volunteer Board of Directors who provide strategic direction and financial oversight for the organization. We appreciate and honor the experiences, skills, and perspectives of all our Board Members, and strive to make being part of the Board of Directors as accessible and rewarding an experience as possible.

Lloyd EcoDistrict's Commitment to Board Members

Lloyd EcoDistrict Board Member will receive:

- The opportunity to have a meaningful volunteer experience and shape the direction of a high-impact community organization in Lloyd.
- Orientation materials and board handbook with a formal onboarding session in the first month.
- Mentorship and regular check-ins with a longer-serving board member to ensure a smooth onboarding process.
- Initial and ongoing training opportunities to ensure board members understand how to meet their responsibilities.
- Regular financial statements, Executive Director's reports, and regular communications about organizational developments, issues and programs.
- Regular ability to share any questions or concerns to carry out the fiscal, legal, and ethical responsibilities as a board member.
- Annual anonymous survey and exit interviews (with standardized questions that are shared with all board members) to understand board strengths and areas for improvement.

Key Responsibilities as a Lloyd EcoDistrict Board Member

The following is an overview of the key priorities of Lloyd EcoDistrict board members. **We make every attempt to accommodate the full participation of board members** by being flexible with time and other needs and by providing training and/or mentorship where applicable.

Meeting Attendance

- Board meetings are held six times per year, every other month for two hours, unless otherwise noted or scheduled by the staff or Board Chair. To ensure full participation of the Board as a collective, Board Members are encouraged to attend all Board meetings; a minimum of four. The Board occasionally has special interest meetings such as training or executive sessions and Board members are highly encouraged to attend these.

Terms of Office

- Board Members serve three-year terms. There is no limit on the number of terms served.

Fiduciary Responsibility

- The Board collectively supervises the organization's financial affairs to ensure funds are used for lawful purposes in accordance with our 501(c)3 nonprofit status and any donor restrictions. Activities include but are not limited to accounting systems, internal controls, and approving the annual budget. Those newer to accounting and/or budgeting may receive relevant mentorship and education.

Programmatic Activities

- Board Members contribute their experience, knowledge, skills, and expertise to advancing the programmatic activities of the organization.

Fundraising Support

- Board Members support the continued success of Lloyd EcoDistrict by contributing resources of time, networks, and/or funds as they are able (e.g. for the annual fundraiser, this could mean inviting people to attend, volunteering to check in guests, making a personal contribution, securing an employer-sponsored contribution, securing in-kind donations and services, etc.)

Strategic Planning

- Board Members uplift and further the mission, vision, and objectives of Lloyd EcoDistrict. Board Members regularly contribute to strategic planning and decision-making to support the overall direction of the organization.

Committees

- Board members are requested to sit on at least one standing or ad hoc committee as needed. Committees may include grant development, annual fundraising event, roadmap and program implementation, executive committee, etc.

Governance

- Board Members uphold the bylaws, review them periodically, and provide input and suggestions for updates when necessary. Board Members contribute to the overall governance model and structures by helping develop processes and then adhering to them.
- The Board collectively provides annual performance reviews for the Executive Director.

Board Development

- Board Members contribute to the ongoing development and composition of the Board; for example, by supporting in the recruitment of new Board Members in identified "gap" areas, and/or sharing skills and experience through training and mentoring.

Current Lloyd EcoDistrict Board Member Needs

We value having a broad range of personal and professional experiences and skills represented on the board in order to most effectively serve the entire neighborhood.

As we expand our board in 2022, we are planning to pay particular attention to ensuring increased representation of people with the following backgrounds, skill sets, and experiences:

- People who identify as BIPOC
- People who identify as LGBTQIA+
- People experiencing and/or who have experienced houselessness or housing insecurity
- Seniors/older residents
- Youth and/or people who work with young people
- People with a public safety and/or mental health background
- People who live in the neighborhood
- People who own small businesses in the neighborhood
- People who work in the public sector

Joining the Lloyd EcoDistrict Board

If you're interested in joining the Lloyd EcoDistrict Board, please complete the [Board of Directors Interest Form](#) and one of our current Board Members will be in touch.

Thank you for your support of Lloyd EcoDistrict!