

challenges FSA's use of the socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher designation in several programs, including ELRP 2022; however, the preliminary injunction was applicable by its terms only to ERP 2022³, which was the only program for which the application period was open.

As USDA informed the court in *Strickland*,⁴ FSA will issue the second ELRP 2022 payments in a manner "consistent with the terms of the preliminary injunction, including not making or increasing any such payments based on the use of the socially disadvantaged designation." Provided there are no other complicating factors (such as payment limitations), if they have the same gross 2022 LFP calculated payment, a producer who is considered underserved based solely on a socially disadvantaged designation and a non-underserved producer will receive the same payment in dollars in any second round of ELRP 2022 payments while the preliminary injunction is in effect.

FSA intends to begin issuing these payments following publication of this document. If the preliminary injunction is lifted, with available funds, FSA will make or update payments to affected and eligible socially disadvantaged producers consistent with the terms of the Notice of Funding Availability.

Steven Peterson,

Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

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of the ownership interest must be held by individuals who are members of such a group. Socially disadvantaged groups include the following and no others unless approved in writing by the Deputy Administrator:

- (1) American Indians or Alaskan Natives;
 - (2) Asians or Asian-Americans;
 - (3) Blacks or African Americans;
 - (4) Hispanics or Hispanic Americans;
 - (5) Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders;
- and
- (6) Women.

"Underserved farmer or rancher" means a beginning farmer or rancher, limited resource farmer or rancher, socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher, or veteran farmer or rancher.

³ FSA issued a notice to announce the actions it was taking to comply with the preliminary injunction related to payment calculations for ERP 2022 on August 23, 2024. (89 FR 68125)

⁴ Defendants' Notice of Compliance with the Court's Preliminary Injunction Order, at 2, ECF No. 27.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

[Docket ID: NRCS-2024-0018]

Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice to solicit nominees.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (OUAIP) is seeking nominations for one individual to serve on the Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Advisory Committee (UAIPAC) as an urban producer. The UAIPAC advises the Secretary of Agriculture on the development of policies and outreach relating to urban, indoor, and other emerging agricultural production practices. The 12 members appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture are expected to serve a 3-year term.

DATES: USDA will consider nominations received via email or postmarked by November 29, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Please send nominations via email to: *UrbanAgricultureFederalAdvisoryCommittee@usda.gov*. Email is the preferred method for sending nominations; alternatively, nominations can be mailed to Brian Guse, Director of the Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production, Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4083, Washington, DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Markus Holliday, Coordinator, Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production; telephone: (301) 974-1287; email: *UrbanAgricultureFederalAdvisoryCommittee@usda.gov*.

Individuals who require alternative means for communication may contact the USDA TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and text telephone (TTY)) or dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay service (both voice and text telephone users can initiate this call from any telephone).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

UAIPAC Overview and Membership

Section 222 of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994, as amended, by section 12302 of the 2018 Farm Bill (7 U.S.C. 6923; Pub. L. 115-334), directed the Secretary of Agriculture to establish an "Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Advisory Committee" to advise the

Secretary on any aspect of section 222, including the development of policies and outreach relating to urban, indoor, and other emerging agricultural production practices as well as identify any barriers to urban agriculture. UAIPAC will host public meetings to deliberate on recommendations for the Secretary of Agriculture. These recommendations provide advice to the Secretary on supporting urban agriculture and innovative production through USDA's programs and services. For additional background and member information visit the UAIPAC website at <https://www.usda.gov/partnerships/federal-advisory-committee-urban-ag>.

The UAIPAC consists of 12 members including:

- 4 representatives who are agricultural producers including 2 individuals who are located in an urban area or urban cluster; and 2 individuals who are farmers that use innovative technology;
- 2 representatives from an institution of higher education or extension program;
- 1 representative from a nonprofit organization, which may include a public health, environmental, or community organization;
- 1 representative who represents business and economic development, which may include a business development entity, a chamber of commerce, a city government, or a planning organization;
- 1 expert with supply chain experience, which may include a food aggregator, wholesale food distributor, food hub, or an individual who has direct-to-consumer market experience;
- 1 representative from a financing entity; and
- 2 representatives with related experience or expertise in urban, indoor, and other emerging agriculture production practices, as determined by the Secretary.

Member Nominations

Nominations are open to the public. Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals for membership, including self-nominations. Individuals who wish to be considered for membership must submit a nomination package to include the following required items:

(1) A completed background disclosure form (Form AD-755) signed by the nominee (see <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-755.pdf>);

(2) A brief summary explaining the nominee's experience as an urban producer including any unique qualifications or experience

representing and being an advocate for other producers; and

(3) A résumé providing the nominee's background, experience, and educational qualifications.

Additional optional items for your nomination package may include:

(1) Recent publications by the nominee relative to extending support for urban agriculture or innovative production; and

(2) Letter(s) of endorsement.

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Ethics Statement

To maintain the highest levels of honesty, integrity, and ethical conduct, no committee or subcommittee member may participate in any "specific party matters" (for example, matters are narrowly focused and typically involve specific transactions between identified parties) such as a lease, license, permit, contract, claim, grant, agreement, or related litigation with USDA in which the committee or subcommittee member has a direct financial interest. This includes the requirement for committee or subcommittee members to immediately disclose to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) (for discussion with USDA's Office of Ethics) any specific party matter in which the member's immediate family, relatives, business partners or employer would be directly seeking to financially benefit from the committee's recommendations.

All members will receive ethics training to identify and avoid any actions that would cause the public to question the integrity of the committee's advice and recommendations. Members who are appointed as "Representatives" are not subject to Federal ethics laws because the appointment allows them to represent the point(s) of view of a particular group, business sector or segment of the public.

Members appointed as "Special Government Employees" (SGEs) are considered intermittent Federal employees and are subject to Federal ethics laws. SGE's are appointed due to their personal knowledge, academic scholarship, background or expertise. No SGE may participate in any activity in which the member has a prohibited financial interest. Appointees who are SGEs are required to complete and submit a Confidential Financial

Disclosure Report (OGE-450 form) via the FDonline e-filing database system. Upon request USDA will assist SGEs in preparing these financial reports. To ensure the highest level of compliance with applicable ethical standards USDA will provide ethics training to SGEs on an annual basis. The provisions of these paragraphs are not meant to exhaustively cover all Federal ethics laws and do not affect any other statutory or regulatory obligations to which advisory committee members are subject.

USDA Non-Discrimination Policy

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family or parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Individuals who require alternative means of communication for program information (for example, braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and text telephone (TTY)) or dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Service (both voice and text telephone users can initiate this call from any phone). Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

Equal opportunity practices in accordance with USDA's policies will be followed in all appointments to the FACA Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of UAIPC have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by USDA, membership will include to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent the many communities, identities, races, ethnicities, backgrounds, abilities, cultures, and beliefs of the American people, including underserved communities.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at <https://>

www.usda.gov/oascr/how-to-file-a-program-discrimination-complaint and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail to: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: OAC@usda.gov.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

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Cikena Reid,

Committee Management Officer, USDA.

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CIVIL RIGHTS COLD CASE RECORDS REVIEW BOARD

[Agency Docket Number: **CRCCRRB-2025-0003-N**]

Notice of Formal Determination on Records Release

AGENCY: Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board received 227 pages of records from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) related to a civil rights cold case incident to which the Review Board assigned the unique identifier 2024-003-014. On October 18, 2024, the Review Board determined that 226 pages in full and 1 page in part should be publicly disclosed in the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Collection. The Review Board approved the one postponement proposed by NARA. By issuing this notice, the Review Board complies with section 7(c)(4) of the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Collection Act of 2018 that requires the Review Board to publish in the **Federal Register** its determinations on the disclosure or postponement of records in the Collection no more than 14 days after the date of its decision.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephannie Oriabure, Chief of Staff, Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board, 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405, (771) 221-0014, info@coldcaserecords.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: