

Personal Data Record Form

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New Applicant or Current Member

☒ New Applicant

Richard Ghani  
First Name Last Name

[Redacted]  
Email Address

Date of Birth

[Redacted]

Place of Birth

[Redacted]

Home Address

[Redacted] [Redacted]  
Street Address Suite or Apt  
[Redacted] [Redacted] 22305  
City State Postal Code

[Redacted] [Redacted]  
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Planet Sr. Product Marketing Manager  
Employer Job Title

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Environmental Policy Commission: Submitted

## Type of Position/Role

Citizen at Large

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## Demographics

Do you currently live in the City of Alexandria?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how long?

2 years

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Board or Commission for which you are applying?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain

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## Interests & Experiences

Statement of Interest/Why You Should Be Appointed

I believe tackling sustainability challenges and addressing the climate crisis is one of the most important endeavors our community should prioritize. I am an experienced professional with over 10 years of experience working in the public and private sector, helping organizations build relationships and achieve their goals. I can provide the Environmental Policy Commission a variety skills to support its mission and purpose, including - Plan, create, and implement a strong climate strategy for the City of Alexandria. Throughout my career I have worked across cross-functional teams and offices to drive results, and advise senior government officials on the best course of action based on data. - Ensure robust, objective recommendations. As a former intelligence analyst, I can help support the Commissions's efforts to gather and maintain quantifiable data that augments other types of data, allowing our recommendations and assessments to resonate with the general public and city officials. - Expand culture of inclusivity and collaboration. I believe that every person has something unique inside themselves that makes them special, and allowing individuals the freedom to express opinions without fear of criticism is important for grow. I hope my diverse set of skills and experiences make me an attractive candidate for this Commission

Are you currently a member of a City Board, Commission, Committee or Authority?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Richard Ghani

If yes, please list the board:

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How many terms have you served on this board?

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If you have served more than two consecutive terms on this board, please state the specific qualifications you possess which merit consideration for continued service:

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Have you applied for a position on a City Board, Commission, Committee or Authority in the last six months?

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☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please state the names of the boards for which you have applied

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Are you now paid by the City of Alexandria?

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☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please state your department, job title, and describe your duties:

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Do any of your immediate relatives or business associates now serve the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

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If yes, please explain:

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☒ Yes ☐ No

If applicable, will you comply with the provisions of the City's conflict of interest requirements in City Ordinance 2867?

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☒ Yes ☐ No

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND (Please list certificates, diplomas, degrees, seminars, etc.):**

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University of South Florida BA, International Studies

**SUMMARY OF WORK AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE (Please list titles and duties for the past five years):**

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Title: Sr. Product Marketing Manager, Planet Duties: Planet is an Earth observation company which uses satellite data to help government officials make more informed decisions. In my role, I am lead federal government outreach efforts to support efforts that measure climate risks and urban growth across civilian agencies. Title: Senior Consultant, Deloitte Consulting Duties: Oversaw various work streams for client engagements, ensuring budgets, timelines, and requirements were met and were within scope of project guidelines. Title: National Security Policy Advisor, U.S. House of Representatives Duties: Led policy and legislative activities for Member on the House Foreign Affairs and Armed Services Committees. Managed hearing preparation, media engagements, and legislation formulation on a variety of national security issues and interests.

**REFERENCES (Please list names and addresses of four references that you have contacted and support your application).**

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**Non-Discrimination Data Supplemental Questions**

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**Date of Application**

**Ethnicity**

**Gender**

**Sexual Orientation**

**For what Board, Commission, Committee, or Authority are you applying?**

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Employer Job Title

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I would like to get more involved with my community and use my expertise locally. I hold a Master's degree specializing in environmental policy and have worked in the field for almost 9 years. I would very much appreciate the opportunity to carefully consider the environmental impact of the rapid growth Alexandria is experiencing.

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Breakthrough Energy (May 2020-Present) Program Associate – Breakthrough Energy Fellows Designed and operationalized the Breakthrough Energy Fellows program; an international program spearheaded by Bill Gates aimed at reducing 500 million tons of GHG emission by 2050 via innovative climate technologies Led recruitment and selection of Fellows including stakeholder engagement, recruitment strategy, application development, technical review, scoring, budgeting, contracting, and much more Selected a cohort of 50+ Fellows working on groundbreaking technologies in the fields of hydrogen, electrofuels, cement, steel, carbon capture, food/agriculture, and more Expanded stakeholder outreach by over 350% for Cohort 2, resulting in a 2.5x increase in applicants Provided data analytics and visualization for the program delivered directly to Bill Gates and leadership The Climate Reality Project (Jan 2019-May 2020) Senior Energy Analyst Worked directly with former Vice President Al Gore to review, edit, and vet his 650+ slide presentation on climate change and renewable energy Created user guides for renewable energy acquisition for an internal campaign designed to encourage cities, campuses, and businesses to commit to 100% renewable electricity generation Quantified full potential impact of 100% renewable partnerships through construction of a model designed to analyze existing carbon footprints and water use Responsible for all organizational background research and data gathering on the most recent innovations in renewable energy, with a specific focus on storage and solar cost metrics Allegheny Science and Technology (Dec 2016-Dec 2018) Renewable Energy Analyst, Department of Energy – Water Power Technologies Office (WPTO) Acting Lead Budget Analyst Formulated and managed FY 2018 budget for the WPTO totaling \$105 million Created budget tracker to capture financial data and provide technical leads with financial health reports Technical Lead – Levelized Cost of Energy (LCOE) project Managed lab project focused on emerging Marine and Hydrokinetic (MHK) Technologies, developing standardized metrics to measure success of a nascent technology relative to other generation sources Coordinated stakeholders in multiple maritime markets to accelerate MHK market preparedness and promote utility-scale distribution Created action plans, developed milestones, tracked financial health, and set timelines for project success National Laboratory Operations Lead Managed quarterly reporting process to ensure lab projects were on time and budget Authored and reviewed several Annual Operating Procedures (AOPs) that establish project goals, objectives, tasks, budget, and travel

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