



# NAC/GAC Report

*June 24, 2024*



## JPAC Public Forum on

*Advancing Environmental Justice in North America*

Wilmington, North Carolina

Vince Nathan, NAC Chair

Austin Nunez, GAC Chair

# Agenda



## U.S. National Advisory Committee

15 Members

- Academia
- Industry
- Non-Profit Organizations



## 2024 Upcoming Meeting

Dec. 5 or 6, 2024 (TBC)

## 2023 Meetings

May 18, 2023

December 7, 2023



## Advice Letters

January 20, 2024

June 23, 2023



## U.S. Governmental Advisory Committee

15 Members

- State
- Local &
- Tribal Governments



## Committee Manager

Oscar Carrillo

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



## Closing

Questions

# Committees Advise the US Government



**Michael S. Regan**  
EPA Administrator



**Jane T. Nishida**  
U.S. Alternate Representative  
*Office of International & Tribal Affairs, EPA*

# Chairs & EPA Committee Manager



**Vince Nathan**  
Chair, NAC



**Oscar Carrillo**  
NAC/GAC, Designated  
Federal Officer, EPA



**Austin Nunez**  
Chair, GAC



# Mission

- The committees were created in 1994 by Presidential Executive Order 12915—*Federal Implementation of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation* and have been continued until 2025 via Executive Order.
- The Mission of the NAC and GAC is to advise the U.S. Government on Trade and Environment issues.





# Advice



- The NAC/GAC advises the U.S. Government on issues related to the CEC
- We meet twice a year
- Review the CEC's Operational Plan & Budget and the Draft Strategic Plan
- Recommendations are in the form of advice letters after each of our meetings



# Advice



In 2024, the NAC and GAC provided advice to the U.S. Government on:

- Exemplary cities in North America with strong climate governance, nature-based solutions, environmental justice engagement and promotion of Indigenous engagement and leadership
- This advice was related to the Champion Cities initiative announced at the 2023 Council Session in Canada

# Thank you



HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS?

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