

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
118th Congress Disclosure Form
As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g)(5)

Legislative Hearing on Discussion Draft of H.R. ____ (Rep. Westerman), To amend the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and for other purposes; H.J. Res. 168 (Rep. Graves of LA), Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Council on Environmental Quality relating to “National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Regulations Revisions Phase 2”; and H.R. 6129 (Rep. Yakym), “Studying NEPA’s Impact on Projects Act”.
September 11, 2024

For Individuals:

Name:
Address:
Email Address:
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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

Name: John Beard, Jr.
Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: Port Arthur Community Action Network (PACAN)



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For Nongovernment Witnesses ONLY:

1. Please attach/include current curriculum vitae or resume.

John Beard, Jr. is an active member of his community, and has dedicated his life and career to serving the public. He has over thirty-two years of public service as an elected official; nine as city councilman and mayor protemp, with current and previous service on numerous boards and commissions with the City of Port Arthur.

He was educated in the Port Arthur, TX public school system, and attended Lamar University, with concentration in the areas of Political Science and Economics. He has worked thirty-eight years in the Petrochemical Industry, with practical training and experience specifically in Maintenance services, Process Operations, Health, Safety and Environmental issues, Emergency Management and Incident Command Systems.

John Beard, Jr. is the founder, president, and CEO of the Port Arthur Community Action Network (“PACAN”), serving the Port Arthur/Southeast Texas area as a community advocate, focusing on environmental issues and community development.

John has also served the public in the following capacities:

- Member, Neches River Basin Regional Flood Planning Group;
- Chairman of the Pleasure Island Commission, City of Port Arthur, TX (COPA);
- Chairman, City of Port Arthur Zoning Board of Adjustments; and member, of the City of Port Arthur Charter Change Committee 2019.
- Mr. Beard, Jr.'s prior service includes former Vice Chairman, Port Arthur Economic Development Cooperation
- Member, Charter Change Committee, City of Port Arthur (served on four previous committees):
- COPA Ad Hoc Fire Service Committee;
- COPA Pipeline Committee;
- COPA Water Plant Bond Issue Committee;
- COPA First Time Homebuyer's Program; COPA Housing Loan Review Board; and COPA Clean Community and Beautification Committees.

2. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract.

1)-EPA Air Monitoring Grant, \$407,000.00

3. Please list any contracts or payments originating with a foreign government related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment.

None

4. Please disclose whether you are a fiduciary (including, but not limited to, a director, officer, advisor, or resident agent) of any organization or entity that has an interest in the subject matter of the hearing.

CEO, Port Arthur Community Action Network

5. Please list any current or pending litigation against the Federal government to which you or your organization is a party. Please disclose as applicable case name, docket number, the court, and subject matter of the litigation.

None