

TO: Chatham County Board of Commissioners
FROM: Climate Change Advisory Committee (CCAC)
DATE: July 21, 2026
RE: Recommendation for CCAC Member Appointment

After reviewing the applicants for appointment to the Climate Change Advisory Committee, the CCAC enthusiastically recommends **Richard Billings**.

Richard Billings is an *extraordinary choice* for the County's climate advisory committee, bringing 50 years of environmental science and engineering experience including decarbonization studies to help mitigate climate change concerns. This work has been with federal, state, and local governments' environmental agencies, providing data and tools to help make informed policy decisions.

For the past year, Richard has volunteered invaluable time and expertise in CCAC's technical reports on large scale data centers for the County's Planning Board and staff. He has become an important source for our advisory committee.

For all these reasons, we sincerely hope that Commissioners will appoint Richard to the Climate Change Advisory Committee.

Submitted by,

Robbie Cox, Chair

Chatham County Climate Change Advisory Committee

Cc: Kevin Lindley, EQ Director