

Bridging The Gap In Virginia

City of Richmond City Council 900 E. Marshall St. Richmond VA 23218

## Dear Council Member:

I am reaching out to ask you to support/ attend the luncheon and graduation ceremony on June 17th marking the conclusion of the week long clean energy job training that Bridging the Gap in Virginia is coordinating in partnership with Richmond City's Office of Community Wealth Building Workforce Development Program, Councilwoman Ellen Robertson, and Parks and Recreation.

As you know, access to renewable energy and energy efficiency jobs is essential in uplifting individuals in need and progressing energy equity in marginalized communities, like those in the inner city of Richmond where the training will be held. The training program, to be held June 13-17th, will be an important step to increasing energy equity in these communities. Viridiant Energy and training curriculum by certified solar author and instructor Sean White of White House Energy 40 hours of instruction, 18 of which go toward NABCEP certification will be provided to trainees. It also will provide participants with the proficiency necessary to take the Proctor Assistant online/onsite NABCEP certification exam. Participants will also obtain training in Home Energy Efficiency Auditing.

It is so crucial that Solar and Energy Efficiency programs become more inclusive of individuals that may have barriers to support the education and hiring of individuals in low-income communities to be a part of advancing energy equity. So, I invite you to join us for the graduation ceremony and luncheon on Friday, June 17th at 1:00pm, to be held at the Annie Giles Community Center, 1400 Oliver Hill Way, Richmond, VA.

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## \*FREE IF QUALIFIED\* SOLAR PV 101 INSTALLER & ENERGY EFFICIENCY AUDITING TRAINING

Jun 13 – Jun 17, 8 am - 5 pm • Annie Giles Community Center, 1400 Oliver Hill Way, Richmond, VA
Proof of vaccination and masks required

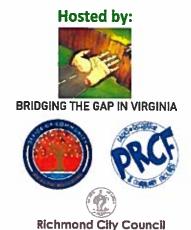


## **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

Underemployed and unemployed individuals with electrical, roofing, construction, and/or math skills are encouraged to sign up:

Completion of the course will result in:

- √ 40 hours of instruction with 18 toward NABCEP certification
- ✓ Proficiency to take the Proctor Assistant online/onsite NABCEP certification exam
- ✓ A certificate in Home Energy Efficiency Auditing
- ✓ Solar industry-recognized skills necessary to begin seeking a career in green energy



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