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Former EPA Executive Edward Chu Joins Washington Green Bank Board to Advance Clean Energy Investment

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WASHINGTON STATE – The Washington State Green Bank today announced the appointment of Edward Chu to its Board of Directors, enhancing the institution's ability to advance the state's clean energy policy, mobilize public-private capital, and accelerate equitable climate outcomes.

Chu brings more than 30 years of executive leadership in environmental governance, infrastructure finance, and climate policy from his distinguished career at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). His experience spans federal, academic, and advisory roles, including service as Designated Federal Officer for EPA's Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB). In that capacity, he helped advance innovative financing strategies to support clean energy, water infrastructure, environmental remediation, and sustainability initiatives nationwide.

During his tenure at the EPA, Chu led large multidisciplinary teams and managed budgets exceeding $600 million. He delivered major infrastructure and environmental outcomes, including funding programs benefiting millions of residents and facilitating redevelopment projects. Throughout his career, he has built durable coalitions across government, academia, industry, Tribes, and communities, consistently translating policy priorities into measurable results.

"Washington has set ambitious clean energy and climate goals that require innovative financing solutions," said Chu. "The Green Bank is a critical policy tool for mobilizing capital, expanding renewable energy deployment, and ensuring that all communities benefit from the transition to a low-carbon economy. I look forward to applying my experience to help achieve these objectives."

"Ed's leadership in climate finance, large-scale infrastructure investment, and coalition-building will help the Green Bank deliver tangible results aligned with Washington's climate priorities," said Sharon Miracle, Chair of the Washington State Green Bank Board. "His guidance will be particularly valuable as we expand programs that leverage public and private capital to create jobs, reduce emissions, and increase access to clean energy across the state."

The Washington State Green Bank advances Washington State's climate policy by providing low-cost loans, credit enhancements, and innovative financing products that reduce barriers to renewable energy investment. Chu's leadership will support partnerships with utilities, financial institutions, companies, government agencies, and community organizations to implement policies that accelerate clean energy deployment statewide.

About Edward Chu

Edward Chu is a senior executive with extensive experience at the intersection of public policy, environmental governance, and climate finance. His career includes senior leadership roles at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, service on the White House Council on Environmental Quality, and advisory leadership on federal climate finance initiatives. Chu holds a Master of Public Policy from the University of Michigan and a Bachelor of Arts from Michigan State University. He also held advisory and academic affiliations with Arizona State University, the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Washington.

About Washington Green Bank

The Washington State Green Bank was created by the Washington State Department of Commerce and the Climate Commitment Act to accelerate clean energy deployment through innovative financing strategies. By mobilizing public and private capital, the Green Bank implements programs that lower costs, create jobs, and advance Washington State's climate and economic development goals, making clean energy accessible to households, businesses, and communities statewide.

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