

NEW APPOINTEES BIOGRAPHIES AND QUALIFICATIONS

Al Rios, Nominee for Gateway Cities Service Council



A 20 year resident of South Gate and the surrounding communities, Al Rios was sworn in to a four-year terms as a South Gate City Council Member on April 11, 2017. Council Member Rios has been an educational leader who has promoted higher education in South Gate and surrounding communities in his role as Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor of Political Science at East Los Angeles College's South Gate Educational Center. Prior to his career at the local community college, Council Member Rios has worked with several non-profit organizations in various leadership capacities.

Councilmember Rios holds a Bachelor degree from the University of Southern California and a Master of Public Administration from City University of New York, Baruch College.

David Diaz, Nominee for San Gabriel Valley Service Council



David Diaz is a Program Director for Bike San Gabriel Valley, a local nonprofit organization, focusing on youth development, active transportation, renewable energy, urban greening and creating change in underrepresented communities. Over the last few years, he has worked on the development of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Bicycle Master Plan, the Puente Hills Landfill Park Master Plan, an Urban Greening Toolkit and multiple healthy community related policies/initiative aimed at creating healthier environments in the San Gabriel Valley. Mr. Diaz is also a Community Building Consultant, Investing in Place Board Member, South El Monte Planning

Commissioner, El Monte Coalition of Latino Professionals Member, and an el Monte Union High School District Trustee. Mr. Diaz obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Social Behavior from Arizona State University, and holds a Masters of Public Health degree from Claremont Graduate University. Mr. Diaz resides in South El Monte with his wife Anais Medina.