

Service Council Nominee Qualifications

Martin Fuentes, Nominee to Gateway Cities Service Council



Martin U. Fuentes has been proud to be a Cudahy resident for over forty years. Councilmember Fuentes joined the City of Cudahy City Council in December 2022. After completing his undergraduate studies at California State University Sacramento, he returned to the Southeast and worked in government. Councilmember Fuentes worked with Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard as her field deputy on issues dealing with school overcrowding, school construction, the environment, and building park space. He later worked with State Senator Gloria Romero, assisting with legislation protecting workers and their wages. He was also Political Director for SEIU, Local 1877, supporting the

Justice for Janitors organizing campaigns. Councilmember Fuentes works as an insurance professional since 2004.

Jose Sanchez, Nominee to San Gabriel Valley Service Council



Monterey Park City Councilmember Jose Sanchez's family has been living in Monterey Park since the 1970s. He and his wife Natalie are both teachers and are raising their three daughters in Monterey Park. Councilmember Sanchez is the son of Mexican immigrants who migrated to the United States for better jobs and educational opportunities.

For the past 18 years, Councilmember Sanchez has served as a civics teacher in Alhambra, serving over 4,000 students and their families in the Alhambra and Monterey Park areas. He has been recognized for his work as a civics educator by local elected officials such as Congresswoman Judy Chu, who named Jose "Educator of the Year" in 2018, and former Assemblymember Ed Chau as a community member "Making a Difference" in 2019. He was also recognized by the California Department of Education (CDE) and the California Supreme Court as a "Champion of Civics" in 2021, and the California Council for Social Studies named Jose "Civics Educator of the Year" in 2022.

Councilmember Sanchez also volunteers his time with local organizations serving on the boards of the Alhambra Historical Society and the Alhambra Latino Association and as a teacher advisor to the Los Angeles County museums. Councilmember Sanchez received his Bachelor's degree from Occidental College in Diplomacy & World Affairs and Spanish/French Literary and Cultural Studies and his Master's degree from Claremont Graduate University in Education.

Elena Garza, Nominee to San Gabriel Valley Service Council



Elena Garza was born and raised in New York. She currently resides in West Covina.

Ms. Garza also serves on Metro Community Advisory Council as an appointee of Board Director

Andrea Reilly, Nominee to South Bay Cities Service Council

Andrea Reilly retired 2024 after a 46-year career in the aerospace industry. Since retiring, she has increased her use of public transportation and has recently added use of an e-bike to her transportation options. She also has experience using public transportation in New York, Europe, and Asia.

Prior to her retirement, she participated in Metro's community outreach process for the NextGen Bus Plan, sharing information with her company's employees, reviewing the data provided by metro, and providing feedback on the proposed bus system redesign.

A resident of Torrance, Ms. Reilly's experience using Metro's bus system has provided her with an understanding of on-board safety, cleanliness, driver safety changes and interactions of driver and passengers. More recently, she has begun riding an e-bike and has experienced the challenges that come from riding along with autos, trucks and buses.