

NEW APPOINTEE BIOGRAPHY AND LISTING OF QUALIFICATIONS

Ben Wong, Nominee for San Gabriel Valley Service Council



Ben Wong, former Mayor and three-term West Covina Councilmember, was recently appointed to the City Council to fill a vacancy until the November general election. Ben was first elected to the City Council on April 14, 1992, and was reelected to his second and third terms. A 57-year West Covina resident, Mr. Wong is the past president of the West Covina Chamber of Commerce and Executive Board president of Foothill Transit. He has also served on the boards of directors of numerous community and nonprofit organizations including West Covina Lions Club, Citrus Valley Medical Center Foundation, Mt. San Antonio College Foundation, San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, CAUSE (Center for Asian Americans United for Self-Empowerment), and the Institute for Local Government.

Mr. Wong currently works as a Local Public Affairs Region Manager with Southern California Edison, responsible for the utility's governmental and community relations with cities in the East San Gabriel Valley. His past experience includes: Regional Public Affairs Manager for the League of California Cities (2006 – 2007), Executive Director of the League of California Cities' Los Angeles County Division (2007-2010), and Assistant to California Board of Equalization Member John Chiang (2001-2006). For more than 20 years before that, Ben managed The Great Wall Restaurant, a West Covina family-owned business founded by Ben's immigrant parents in 1955. Mr. Wong is a graduate of Covina High School, and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and a Doctorate in Biochemistry from the University of Southern California (USC).

Paula Faust, Nominee for South Bay Service Council



Paula Faust has served as the Deputy Director of G-Trans, the City of Gardena's Municipal Bus Lines since 2010. Her responsibilities in that role include development and oversight of the Department's capital program, procurement and contract administration, scheduling and service development, and fare policy and agreements. Ms. Faust's career in transportation began with Montebello Bus Lines, where she served as Administration Division Manager. She then went on to work for Los Angeles County Metro as an Administration and Financial Services Manager for the San Gabriel Valley Sector. Ms. Faust

holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a Master of Public Administration from Cal State Long Beach.

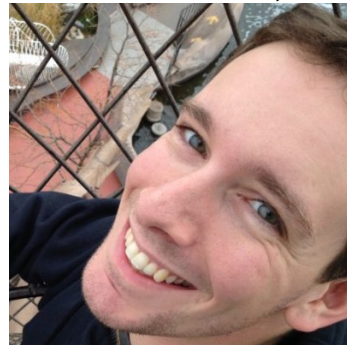
Martha Eros, Nominee for Westside Central Service Council



Martha Eros has worked with the City of Beverly Hills as a Transportation Planner since 2008. Her duties in that role include bicycle planning, local and regional transportation planning including Capital Assets projects and bus stop amenities, and management of the City's senior transit program. Prior to her employment with the City of Beverly Hills, Ms. Eros served as a Transportation Officer with the City of Arcadia from 2001-2007. Ms. Eros began her career in transportation as an Administrative Analyst with LACMTA, serving in that role from 1999-2001. Ms. Eros holds a Master of Public Administration as well as an urban

Executive Management Graduate Certificate from Cal State Long Beach.

Jeremiah LaRose, Nominee for Westside Central Service Council



Jeremiah LaRose recently completed a Masters in Transportation Policy and Planning at UCLA's Luskin School of Public Affairs and is currently employed as a Transit and Transportation Consultant Fehr & Peers. Mr. LaRose began his career in transit at the University of New Hampshire as a Student Transit Coordinator. He also worked as a Manager of Operations and Planning for the Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation (COAST). Mr. LaRose is a regular user of public transportation and also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Teacher Education, with emphasis in

technical writing, literature, and German.