

**NEW APPOINTEE BIOGRAPHY AND LISTING OF QUALIFICATIONS**

**Ben Wong, Nominee for San Gabriel Valley Service Council**



Ben Wong is a former Mayor and West Covina Councilmember. A longtime 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 Board Consultant to a Southern California Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Board member, where he plans, organizing, develops, and evaluates a variety of programs, and assists stakeholders with SCAQMD grant/permit processes. His past experience includes: Executive Director for the Industry Manufacturers Council (2016-2018), Local Public Affairs Officer for Southern California Edison (2013-2015), Regional Public Affairs Manager for the League of California Cities (2006 – 2007), and Executive Director of the League of California Cities' Los Angeles County Division (2007 2010). 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).

**Francisco Gomez, Nominee for Westside Central Service Council**



Francisco Gomez has served as a Transportation Program Administrator for the City of West Hollywood Lines since 2014. Prior to holding that position, he worked as an Administrative Specialist in the Social Services Division where he drafted a Title VI Program for the City's transportation programs. Mr. Gomez has also experience as a Planning Commissioner and Citizen's Advisory Committee Commissioner with the City of South Gate. Mr. Gomez holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from University of California, Merced and a Master of Science in Public Administration from Cal State Los Angeles.