

**NEW APPOINTEES BIOGRAPHIES AND QUALIFICATIONS**

**Joseph A. Strapac, Nominee for Gateway Cities Service Council**



Joseph A. Strapac is a self-employed publisher of reference books on the history, engineering, and operation of rail. Mr. Strapac resides in the city of Bellflower, and is a long-time resident of southeast Los Angeles County, having graduated from Compton High School and California State University, Long Beach. Mr. Strapac is a former high school and adult school teacher, and a long-time transit user with extensive knowledge of transportation operations and history. He has been an active member of the Southern Pacific historical and Technical Society for many years, and has held various positions within the organization including

President, Board Member, Archivist, and Advisor.

**Carla E. Canales, Nominee for San Fernando Valley Service Council**

Carla E. Canales has been employed with the County of Los Angeles since 2009, and is currently working in the Department of Public Works, Administrative Services Bureau as a Management Fellow. Ms. Canales has previously worked in the Treasurer and Tax Collector Bureau, Public Works Fleet Management, and the Department of Mental Health, giving her a broad range of experience with local government agencies functions. Ms. Canales was previously employed with Los Angeles World Airports where she supported ridesharing programs and related events such as Bike to Work Day. Ms. Canales holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Loyola Marymount University, and is a recent graduate of California State Northridge with a Master's in Public Administration. Ms. Canales is a resident of Sun Valley and a long-time transit user.

**Alba M. Peña, Nominee for Westside Central Service Council**



Alba M. Peña is an urban planning professional with a focus in community health, health education, community engagement, and program development. Ms. Peña is currently employed as a Lead Community Health Associate with Cedars-Sinai Medical Center's Healthy Habits program. Ms. Peña has previously worked for the National Health Foundation as a Program Manager and a Senior Program Coordinator, as well as with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority as an Entry Level Trainee. Ms. Peña also completed a graduate internship with the City of Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. She is a

member of the L.A. Walks Steering Committee and a California Walks Board Member. Ms. Peña holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from University of California, Santa Barbara, and a Master's in Urban & Regional Planning from University of California, Los Angeles.