NEW APPOINTEES BIOGRAPHIES AND QUALIFICATIONS

Justin D. Lawson, Nominee for Gateway Cities Service Council



Justin D. Lawson is currently employed as a Management Assistant with the City of Los Angeles where he performs budgetary analysis of capital projects within the Cultural and Recreational Facilities Program Prior to joining the City of Los Angeles, Mr. Lawson has held positions as a Transportation Associate with Metro's Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department, as Associated Students Special Projects Coordinator with California State University Fullerton, and as Associate Director for the Executive Office of the Mayor of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Lawson holds a BA in Political Science from California State University Long Beach, and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Southern California's Sol Price School of Public Policy. Mr. Lawson resides in the Wrigley neighborhood of Long Beach with his partner Austin and their French Bulldog Mochi.

Richard Montgomery, Nominee for South Bay Cities Service Council



Richard P. Montgomery is a City of Manhattan Beach Council Member. Councilmember Montgomery has served as President of the Independent Cities Association(2011-2012, 2018- 2019), is a Director of the Sanitation Districts 5 and 7 in Los Angeles County, and is Chair of the Small Craft Harbor Commissioner in Marina Del Rey at the appointment of LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn. He has been on the Beach Cities Toy Drive Board & Manhattan Beach Fireworks Association Board since 2005. Mr. Montgomery was re-elected to the National League of Cities (NLC) Board of Directors in 2019 for a two-year term, which includes a seat on the League of CA Cities Board. Mr.

Montgomery is a board member of the Institute for Local Government (ILG) in the State of California. Finally, Mr. Montgomery is also the 2nd Vice President of the Los Angeles World Airports Community Noise Roundtable.

As of March 2017, Mr. Montgomery is a partner at Riley Media where he guides real estate acquisitions and provides government relations support with local government agencies and elected officials throughout Southern California. Prior to joining Riley Media, Mr. Montgomery was the Real Estate/Government Affairs Manager with Richmont Consulting, a national "outdoor" advertising company in Los Angeles. Montgomery is also a former police officer and resides in Manhattan Beach with his wife Diane.

Elizabeth Medrano, Nominee for Westside Central Cities Service Council



Elizabeth Medrano is a life-long bus rider who became active in the Bus Riders Union as a teenager as a direct result of her rider experience and desire to improve the system for all. She is a consultant, English/Spanish translator, interpreter, transitdependent mom, and Second District resident. She currently consults for Women Organizing Resources Knowledge and Services (WORKS) around housing rights and community empowerment.

Elizabeth has a long track record of involvement in social and environmental justice work beginning in the mid-1990's; from

engaging low-income immigrants, and other communities of color, to address issues such as public transportation, the environment, to working with farmworker women to improve conditions in the fields and advocating for health care coverage and grassroots organizing efforts toward access to food and nutrition in Los Angeles' schools which resulted in several landmark policies.