



**Board Report**

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**SYSTEMS SAFETY, SECURITY AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**JUNE 15, 2017**

**SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP ON METRO SERVICE COUNCILS**

**ACTION: APPROVE NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT TO METRO SERVICE COUNCILS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

APPROVE nominees for membership on Metro’s Service Council as listed in the board report.

**ISSUE**

Each Metro Service Council is comprised of nine Representatives that serve a term of three years; terms are staggered so that the terms of three of each Council’s nine members expire annually on June 30. Incumbent Representatives can serve additional terms if re-nominated by the nominating authority and confirmed by the Metro Board.

**DISCUSSION**

Metro seeks to appoint Service Council members reflective of the demographics of each respective region. The 2010 Census demographics of each of the Service Council regions are as follows:

| % Sector Total      | Hispanic | White | Asian | Black | Other | Total Pop |
|---------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
| San Gabriel Valley  | 50.0%    | 19.9% | 24.9% | 3.3%  | 2.0%  | 100.0%    |
| San Fernando Valley | 41.0%    | 42.0% | 10.7% | 3.4%  | 2.9%  | 100.0%    |
| South Bay           | 42.5%    | 23.8% | 12.0% | 18.3% | 3.4%  | 100.0%    |
| Westside/Central    | 43.5%    | 30.7% | 13.0% | 10.0% | 2.8%  | 100.0%    |
| Gateway Cities      | 63.9%    | 16.7% | 8.5%  | 8.6%  | 2.3%  | 100.0%    |
| Service Area Total  | 48.5%    | 26.8% | 14.0% | 8.2%  | 2.6%  | 100.0%    |

The individuals listed below have been nominated to serve by the Councils’ appointing authorities. If approved by the Board, these appointments will serve a three-year term or the remainder of the seat’s three-year term as indicated. A brief listing of qualifications for the new nominees is provided along with the nomination letters from the nominating authorities:

**Gateway Cities**

The demographic makeup of the Gateway Cities Service Council with the appointment of these nominees will consist of five (5) White members and four (4) Hispanic members as self-identified by the members in terms of racial/ethnic identity. The gender breakdown of the Council will be six (6) men and three (3) women.

- A. David Armenta, Gateway Cities Service Council, Re-Appointment  
Nominated by: Gateway Cities Council of Governments  
Term Ending: June 30, 2020
  
- B. Samuel Peña, Gateway Cities Service Council, Re-Appointment  
Nominated by: Gateway Cities Council of Governments  
Term Ending: June 30, 2020
  
- C. Joseph Strapac, Gateway Cities Service Council, Re-Appointment  
Nominated by: Gateway Cities Council of Governments  
Term Ending: June 30, 2020

#### San Fernando Valley

The demographic makeup of the San Fernando Valley Service Council with the appointment of these nominees will consist of three (3) White members, five (5) Hispanic members, and one (1) Asian member as self-identified by the members in terms of racial/ethnic identity. The gender breakdown of the Council will be seven (7) men and two (2) women.

- D. Yvette Lopez-Ledesma, San Fernando Valley Service Council, Re-Appointment  
Nominated by: Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti  
Term Ending: June 30, 2020
  
- E. Max Reyes, San Fernando Valley Service Council, Re-Appointment  
Nominated by: Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti  
Term Ending: June 30, 2020
  
- F. Robert Gonzales, San Fernando Valley Service Council, New Appointment  
Nominated by: The City of Burbank  
Term Ending: June 30, 2020

#### San Gabriel Valley

The demographic makeup of the San Gabriel Valley Service Council with the appointment of these nominees will consist of four(4) White members, one (1) Hispanic member, one (1) Native American member, and one (1) Asian member as self-identified by the members in terms of racial/ethnic identity. The gender breakdown of the Council will be six (6) men and one (1) woman.

- G. John Harrington, San Gabriel Valley Service Council, Re-Appointment  
Nominated by: The City of San Marino  
Term Ending: June 30, 2020

- H. John Harabedian, San Gabriel Valley Service Council, Re-Appointment  
Nominated by: The City of La Cañada Flintridge  
Term Ending: June 30, 2020

Note: There is one Service Council representative whose current term of service has not yet been renewed and whose term will expire on July 1, 2017; this representative may continue to sit with their Service Council and participate in discussions but will not be eligible to vote on any matter before their Service Council. There is also one other remaining vacancy due to the sudden passing of the Councilmember. The appointing authority for these seats has requested additional time to submit both nominations. Staff will continue to work with the nominating authority to fill these positions.

### South Bay

The demographic makeup of the South Bay Service Council with the appointment of these nominees will consist of three (3) ~~two (2)~~ Hispanic members, three (3) White members, one (1) Asian member, and two (2) Black members as self-identified by the members in terms of racial/ethnic identity. The gender breakdown of the Council will be seven (7) ~~six (6)~~ men and two (2) women.

- ~~I.J.~~ Ralph Franklin, South Bay Service Council, Re-Appointment  
Nominated by: South Bay Council of Governments  
Term Ending: June 30, 2020

- ~~J.K.~~ Luis Duran, South Bay Service Council, New Appointment  
Nominated by: South Bay Council of Governments  
Term Ending: June 30, 2020

- ~~K.L.~~ Meighan Langlois, South Bay Valley Service Council, New Appointment  
Nominated by: South Bay Council of Governments  
Term Ending: June 30, 2020

- L. Dan Medina, South Bay Valley Service Council, New Appointment  
Nominated by: South Bay Council of Governments  
Term Ending: June 30, 2018

~~Note: a member of the South Bay Service Council recently resigned, leaving one (1) vacancy on this Council. The appointing authority is currently recruiting and reviewing candidates and will submit their nomination for approval in the near future.~~

### Westside Central

The demographic makeup of the Westside Central Service Council with the appointment of this nominee will consist of three (3) White members, four (4) Hispanic members, and two (2) Black members as self-identified by the members in terms of racial/ethnic identity. The gender breakdown of the Council will be six (6) men and three (3) women.

- M. Malcolm Harris, Westside Central Service Council, New Appointment  
Nominated by: Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti  
Term Ending: June 30, 2020
- N. Jeremiah LaRose, Westside Central Service Council, Re-Appointment  
Nominated by: Third District Supervisor Sheila Kuehl  
Term Ending: June 30, 2020
- O. David Feinberg, Westside Central Service Council, Re-Appointment  
Nominated by: Westside Cities Council of Governments  
Term Ending: June 30, 2020

### **DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT**

Maintaining the full complement of representatives on each Service Council to represent each service area is important. As each representative is to be a regular user of public transit, and each Council is composed of people from diverse areas and backgrounds, this enables each Council to better understand the needs of transit consumers including the need for safe operation of transit service and safe location of bus stops.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no financial impact imparted by approving the recommended action.

### **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

The alternative to approving this appointment would be for these nominees to not be approved for appointment. To do so would result in reduced effectiveness of the Service Council, as it would increase the difficulty of obtaining the quorum necessary to allow the Service Council to formulate and submit their recommendations to the Board. It would also result in the Service Council having less diverse representation of their service area.

### **NEXT STEPS**

Staff will continue to monitor the major contributors to the quality of bus service from the customer's perspective, and share that information with the Service Councils for use in their work to plan, implement, and improve bus service in their areas and the customer experience using our bus service.


### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A - New Appointee Biographies and Listing of Qualifications

Attachment B - Appointing Authority Nomination Letters

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