



Board Report

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SUBJECT: COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (CAC) QUARTERLY UPDATE
ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE

RECOMMENDATION

RECEIVE AND FILE quarterly status report on the Community Advisory Council (CAC).

ISSUE

This receive and file report is the Board-directed quarterly update on Community Advisory Council (CAC) activities from July 21 through September 26, 2023.

BACKGROUND

Per state statute, Metro is required to appoint a citizens' advisory committee, whose membership "shall reflect a broad spectrum of interests and all geographic areas of the county." The CAC prefers to be referred to as the Community Advisory Council as it better reflects their constituency.

Per the bylaws adopted by the CAC, the group is to consult, obtain, and collect public input on matters of interest and concern to the community and will communicate the CAC's recommendations concerning such issues to Metro. Issues may also be assigned to the CAC by Metro for its review, comment, and recommendation.

The CAC meets in General Assembly monthly on the Wednesday evening before the Metro Board of Directors Meeting. The CAC's elected officers meet as an Executive Committee on the first Friday of each month to lead the overall coordination, administration, and future planning for the Council. The Council and its subcommittees are subject to Brown Act policies and regulations.

The CAC is currently comprised of a total of 23 active/voting Members. CAC Members are directly appointed by the Metro Board of Directors and serve at the pleasure of their appointing Director.

DISCUSSION

Since the July 2023 update to the Board, the CAC General Assembly convened two times to discuss matters related to Metro business directly with key agency staff working on critical programs, projects, operations, and agency initiatives. The Executive Committee convened once to lead the overall coordination, future planning/visioning, and overall administration of the Council.

See “Attachment A” for a listing of CAC Members’ inputs on requested Metro topics from this reporting period.

During this reporting period, CAC Members attended the State of the Agency event, and member Elena Garza joined the CAC as a new appointee of Director Sandoval. Additionally, members Marianne Davis, Marco Santana, and John Seifert joined the CAC as the newest appointees of Director Horvath. Also, a new CAC Chair is anticipated to be elected at the September General Assembly Meeting following the departure of former Chair Fung from the CAC.

EQUITY PLATFORM

CAC Members represent diverse ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds, viewpoints, perspectives, and priorities. Collectively, the Members highlight the demographics and realities facing our Metro riders and customers from across the County. Over recent years, the CAC has increasingly become more diverse in terms of race/ethnicity and gender and is comprised of several Members that utilize Metro services, (such as Access Services, local municipal operators’ services), and/or regularly ride our transit system. Additionally, some of the CAC Members are differently abled. Increasing greater equity of representation further. At present, there are eight women out of 23 total Members serving on the CAC, with the most recent two women appointed during this reporting period.

NEXT STEPS

Metro staff will continue to support the CAC and keep the Metro Board apprised of their activities, as desired by the Metro Board]

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - CAC Inputs on Agency Presentations

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