



Board Report

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SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP ON METRO SERVICE COUNCILS

ACTION: APPROVE NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT TO METRO SERVICE COUNCILS

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVING nominees for membership on Metro's San Gabriel Valley, South Bay, and Westside Central Service Councils.

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
SGV	50.0%	19.9%	24.9%	3.3%	2.0%	100.0%
SFV	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 or re-nominated to serve by their respective Council's 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 new nominees is provided along with the nomination letter(s) from the nominating authorities for all

nominees:

- A. Ben Wong, San Gabriel Valley Service Council, New Appointment
Nominated by: First District Supervisor Hilda L. Solis
Term Ending: June 30, 2018

The demographic makeup of the San Gabriel Valley Service Council with the appointment of these nominees will consist of five (5) White members, one (1) Hispanic member, two (2) Asian members, and one (1) Native/Other member as self-identified by the members in terms of racial/ethnic identity. The gender breakdown of the Council will be nine (9) men and zero (0) women.

- A. Paula Faust, South Bay Service Council, New Appointment
Nominated by: South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Term Ending: June 30, 2016

The demographic makeup of the South Bay Service Council with the appointment of this nominee will consist of six (6) White members, one (1) Hispanic 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 six (6) men and three (3) women.

- A. Martha Eros, Westside Central Service Council, New Appointment
Nominated by: Westside Cities Council of Governments
Term Ending: June 30, 2018

- A. Jeremiah LaRose, Westside Central Service Council, New Appointment
Nominated by: Third District Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
Term Ending: June 30, 2017

The demographic makeup of the Westside Central Service Council with the appointment of these nominees will consist of two (2) Hispanic members, four (4) 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 six (6) men and three (3) women.

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 these appointments would be for these nominees to not be approved for appointment. To do so would result in reduced effectiveness of the Service Councils, as it would increase the difficulty of obtaining the quorum necessary to allow the Service Councils to formulate and submit their recommendations to the Board. It would also result in each of the Service Councils having less diverse representation of their respective service areas.

NEXT STEPS

There is one (1) vacant Service Council seat on the San Fernando Valley Service Council for which no nomination has been received. Staff will continue to work closely with the Office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, the nominating authority, to identify candidates for the vacant position. Staff will also 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 Appointees Biographies and Listing of Qualifications

Attachment B - Appointing Authority Nomination Letters

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