

# **Board Report**

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# SYSTEMS SAFETY, SECURITY AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE JULY 20, 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 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
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:

#### 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, three (3) Hispanic members, one (1) Native American member, and one (1) Asian member as self-identified by the members in terms of

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racial/ethnic identity. The gender breakdown of the Council will be eight (8) men and one (1) woman.

A. Alex Gonzalez, San Gabriel Valley Service Council, Re-Appointment Nominated by: San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Term Ending: June 30, 2020

B. Tim Sandoval, San Gabriel Valley Service Council, New Appointment Nominated by: San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Term Ending: June 30, 2019

## **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.

### <u>ATTACHMENTS</u>

Attachment A - New Appointee Biography and Listing of Qualifications

Attachment B - Appointing Authority Nomination Letter

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