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SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP ON METRO SERVICE COUNCILS

ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE Nominees for membership on Metro's Service Councils.

<u>ISSUE</u>

A member of the Gateway Cities Service Council was removed on December 11, 2018 by the nominating authority, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, following the loss of his reelection campaign to his City Council. The term of the now-vacant seat is July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2020.

The nominating authority for four of the nine seats on the Westside Central Service Council has opted to replace one of their appointees currently serving the term a term from July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2020.

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 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 Council's nominating authority. If approved by the Board, these appointments will serve the remainder of the seats' three-year term. A brief listing of qualifications for each new nominee is provided along with the nomination letters from the nominating authorities.

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Gateway Cities

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

A. Maria Davila, Gateway Cities Service Council, New Appointment Nominated by: Gateway Cities Council of Governments Term Ending: June 30, 2020

Westside Central Cities

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 Black members as self-identified by the members in terms of racial/ethnic identity. The gender breakdown of the Council will be five (5) women and four (4) men.

B. Desa Philadelphia, Westside Central Service Council, New Appointment Nominated by: City of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti 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.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Approval of this recommendation supports the following Metro Strategic Plan Goal: 3) Enhance communities and lives through mobility and access to opportunity.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The alternative to approving this appointment would be for this nominee 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 the Service Councils having less diverse representation of their respective 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 and to

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implement and improve bus service in their areas and the customer experience using our bus service.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Nominees Listing of Qualifications

Attachment B - Nomination Letters

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