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**SYSTEM SAFETY AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
JUNE 19, 2014**

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP ON METRO SERVICE COUNCILS

ACTION: APPROVE NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT TO METRO SERVICE COUNCILS

RECOMMENDATION

Approve nominees for membership on Metro’s Gateway Cities, 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

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 an additional three-year term ending on June 30, 2017. A brief listing of qualifications for new nominees is provided along with the nomination letter(s) from the nominating authorities for all nominees:

- A. Cynde Soto, Gateway Cities Service Council, Re-Appointment
Nominated by: Gateway Cities Council of Governments
Term Ending: June 30, 2017
- B. Thomas Martin, Gateway Cities Service Council, New Appointment
Nominated by: Gateway Cities Council of Governments
Term Ending: June 30, 2017
- C. John Harabedian, San Gabriel Valley Service Council, Re-Appointment
Nominated by: City of San Marino
Term Ending: June 30, 2017

- D. John Harrington, San Gabriel Valley Service Council, Re-Appointment
Nominated by: City of San Marino
Term Ending: June 30, 2017
- E. Devon Deming, South Bay Service Council, Re-Appointment
Nominated by: South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Term Ending: June 30, 2017
- F. Ralph Franklin, South Bay Service Council, Re-Appointment
Nominated by: South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Term Ending: June 30, 2017
- G. Angie English, South Bay Service Council, New Appointment
Nominated by: South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Term Ending: June 30, 2017
- H. Glenn Rosten, Westside/Central Service Council, Re-Appointment
Nominated by: Third District Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
Term Ending: June 30, 2017

The South Bay Service Council currently has one (1) vacancy that needs to be filled due to a resignation submitted by a previous Council Member. The individual listed below has been nominated by the Council’s appointing authority to fill this vacancy for the remainder of the term. If approved by the Board, this appointment will serve the remainder of the existing three-year term ending on June 30, 2015. A brief listing of qualifications for the nominee is provided along with the nomination letter from the nominating authority:

- I. Elaine Jeng, South Bay Service Council
Nominated by: South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Term Ending: June 30, 2015

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 are four Service Council representatives with current terms of service that will expire on July 1, 2014 for which no nomination to reappoint or replace has been received. Staff will continue to work closely with the nominating authorities for these four positions. These representatives 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. When the Board of Directors approves the nominating authority's candidate, that representative will be eligible to vote at their Service Council meeting.

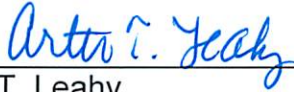
ATTACHMENTS

- A. New Appointees Biographies and Listing of Qualifications
- B. Appointing Authority Nomination Letters

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William L. Foster
Interim Chief Operations Officer



Arthur T. Leahy
Chief Executive Officer

NEW APPOINTEE BIOGRAPHY AND LISTING OF QUALIFICATIONS

Angie Reyes English, Nominee for South Bay Service Council



Ms. Reyes English has served on the Hawthorne City Council since 2009. She was Mayor Pro Tem from 2010- 2014 and City Clerk 2005-2009. Her work history includes serving for the Los Angeles City Council, District Nine from 2001-2007 and Office of the Mayor Crisis Response Team, Homeland Security (in a volunteer capacity) from 2003-2007 under Mayor(s) Hahn and Villaraigosa. She worked for the California State Assembly (51st) and State Senate (26th) as a Senior District Representative from 2007-2013 before returning to the Los Angeles City Council, District Nine. Today, Ms. Reyes English serves as a Senior Field Deputy to Councilmember Price.

Ms. Reyes English would serve as a valuable asset to the Metro South Bay Service Council as previous duties in the State Senate included serving as a Metro Liaison where she attended many legislative briefings and worked on matters of transportation and other state related issues to make changes in service to improve efficiency and coordination of transit services. Ms. Reyes English is also a current Policy Committee Representative on the Southern California Rapid Transit District. Her experience at the local, State and Senate levels have allowed her to develop a broad understanding of the key principals in transit service and especially the needs of the South Bay.

Elaine Jeng, Nominee for South Bay Service Council

Elaine Jeng holds a Bachelor's degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Ms. Jeng's entire working career has been in the field of civil and transportation engineering. She worked for consulting firms URS Corporation and Kaku Associates (now Fehrs and Peers) on highway design, traffic studies, travel demand forecast, and transit oriented developments. As an Associate Civil Engineer for the City of Culver City Public Works Department, Ms. Jeng implemented a citywide traffic control system including signal synchronization for Metro and Culver City rapid bus lines using Metro Call for Projects grant funding. Ms. Jeng also represented the Westside Council of Governments at Metro's Streets & Freeway Subcommittee.

Ms. Jeng is the Acting Principal Civil Engineer in the City of Redondo Beach Public Works Engineering Division in charge of stormwater and wastewater programs and Capital Improvement Projects. She represents the South Bay Council of Governments at Metro's Streets & Freeway Subcommittee. The safety of on-street facilities, adequacy of signage and travel path, and the health of the roadway system to support timely arrivals of buses are all areas of Ms. Jeng's expertise. She hopes to bring her insights on building and maintaining infrastructures coupled with her extensive experience with Metro to enhance transit services to her community and the South Bay. Ms. Jeng is a resident of Manhattan Beach and enjoys riding transit with her growing family.

Thomas Martin, Nominee for Gateway Cities Service Council



Thomas Martin earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) in Chemical Engineering and a Masters in Public Administration from California State University, Long Beach. Mr. Martin is currently employed as a Public Affairs Representative for the Water Replenishment District Government in Lakewood. He has served as a City of Maywood City Council Member for the past 17 years.

APPOINTING AUTHORITY NOMINATION LETTERS



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- Santa Fe Springs
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- South Gate
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- County of Los Angeles
- Port of Long Beach

May 14, 2014

Mr. Arthur T. Leahy, CEO
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
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Dear Mr. Leahy:

Nominees for the Metro Gateway Cities Service Council

Acting in its capacity as the convening coalition of the Metro Gateway Cities Service Council, the Board of Directors of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments has nominated two Service Council members to fill the seats expiring on June 30, 2014.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of May 7, 2014, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments Board of Directors nominated Council Member Thomas Martin of the City of Maywood and Ms. Cynde Soto for the position held by an elected official and community member respectively. A copy of the nominee's application is enclosed.

We would appreciate your assistance in agendaizing the nomination for confirmation by the MTA Board of Directors at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Sincerely,

Richard Powers
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Mr. David Hershenson, Metro Community Relations Manager

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

April 25, 2014

Jon Hillmer, Director
Metro Services Council
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Dear Mr. Hillmer:

On behalf of the City of Pasadena I am pleased to submit Sierra Madre Mayor Pro Tem John Harabedian as our nominee for the San Gabriel Valley Cluster #4 for the July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017 term. He has served us well during the current term and it is my understanding that he wishes to continue with this appointment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

BILL BOGAARD
Mayor

cc: Michael J. Beck, City Manager – City of Pasadena
Elaine Aguilar, City Manager – City of Sierra Madre
Art T. Leahy, Chief Executive Officer

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City of San Marino



March 26, 2014

Jon Hillmer
Regional Services Councils Director
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Dear Mr. Hillmer:

The City of San Marino would like to nominate Mayor John Harrington for an additional term as the San Gabriel Valley Cities Metro's Service appointee to Metro's Service Council.

Mayor Harrington has expressed his willingness to serve, he lives in the area and he has represented us well. It is my belief that the appointment of Mayor Harrington to the Service Council will provide valuable continuity that will benefit San Marino, the San Gabriel Valley and L.A. Metro.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dennis Kneier".

Dennis Kneier
Mayor

cc: Sergio Gonzalez, City Manager, City of South Pasadena
Steve Preston, City Manager, City of San Gabriel
Mary Swink, City Manager, City of Alhambra

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May 23, 2014

The Honorable Diane DuBois, Chair
& Members of the Board
Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority
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Re: Nominations for the Members of the South Bay Service Council

The South Bay Service Council has been extremely successful since its inception. The dedicated people on our council have worked with Metro staff to make changes in service to improve efficiency and coordination of the transit services provided by the Metro in our sector.

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) takes its responsibility to nominate members to the council very seriously and with this letter we are submitting our nominees to fill the four seats - 3 whose terms are expiring and 1 to fill a vacancy. Recommended after receiving the approval of the SBCCOG Board of Directors at the meeting of May 22, 2014 are Ralph Franklin (Inglewood Councilmember) and Devon Deming (LAWA Rideshare Coordinator) for re-appointment and Angie English (Hawthorne Councilmember) and Elaine Jeng (Redondo Beach Civil Engineer). These appointments are for 3 years with the exception of Ms. Jeng who will be filling out the remaining term of the vacancy until July 2015.

We request that you agendize the appointment of these representatives for as soon as possible. Please notify us when the appointments are confirmed or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dan Medina
SBCCOG Chair
Councilmember, City of Gardena

cc: Art Leahy, CEO

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN ACTION

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