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December 12, 2006

OFFICE OF
THE CEO

The Honorable Gloria Molina, Chair
& Members of the Board
Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority
1 Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: Nominations for the Members of the South Bay Sector Governance Council

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

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 nominee to fill the seat recently left vacant by Councilman Curren Price when he was elected to the State Assembly. Also, due to the high interest in our council, we are submitting the names of two additional nominees which would bring our Sector Governance Council from its current seven to nine members.

To fill the vacant seat for the remaining two years of the term, the SBCCOG is recommending Inglewood Councilman Ralph Franklin. The new appointees would be Lawndale Councilman Robert Pullen-Miles and Gardena Councilman Ron Ikejiri. In order to keep the terms staggered in their current fashion, Councilman Pullen-Miles would serve a one year term, expiring in 2008 and Councilman Ikejiri would serve a two year term expiring in 2009.

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,

Jim Aldinger
SBCCOG Chair
Mayor Pro Tem, Manhattan Beach

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cc: Roger Snoble, CEO
Dana Coffey, South Bay Sector General Manager
Terisa Price, South Bay Sector Governance Council Chair &
SBCCOG Transit Working Group Chair

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LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN ACTION

Carson El Segundo Gardena Hawthorne Hermosa Beach Inglewood Lawndale Lomita Los Angeles Manhattan Beach
Palos Verdes Estates Rancho Palos Verdes Redondo Beach Rolling Hills Rolling Hills Estates Torrance

Ralph L. Franklin

Biography

Ralph L. Franklin was elected to the Inglewood City Council on September 16, 2003 to represent the 4th Councilmanic District. His strong character and outstanding leadership skills make him the ideal representative.

Prior to his election, Ralph Franklin was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission and he served in this capacity for over twelve years. His civic involvement continued when he became a Founding Board Member of the Inglewood Neighborhood Housing Services; he has remained active through serving on the Boards of many community organizations including President of the Lockhaven Community Association; Vice Chair of California Employment Training Panel; and as a Board Member of United Way. His commitment to enhance the lives of youth in our community is demonstrated through his leadership as a Scout Master for the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Franklin's civic participation along with his extensive business background will aide him in his commitment to improve the quality of life for all citizens in the 4th Councilmanic District and throughout the Inglewood community.

Ralph L. Franklin earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Management and Minor in Public Relations Degree, from Woodbury University, and an Associate of Arts Business

Management Degree from Los Angeles City College. Mr. Franklin has resided in the 4th Councilmanic district for the past 29 years with his wife, Juanita, and his children Felicia, Gabriella and his son Ralph.

Lawndale Mayor Pro

Robert Pullen-Miles

Robert Pullen-Miles was elected to the Lawndale City Council in April, 2004. He currently serves as the Lawndale Delegate to the South Bay Council of Governments and the California League of Cities.

Prior to being elected to the Lawndale City Council, Mr. Pullen-Miles served for three years on the Lawndale Planning Commission, where he worked on housing and transit-oriented development projects.

He currently serves as a Field Representative to Senator Jenny Oropeza. He also worked for Jenny Oropeza during her tenure in the State Assembly and as the chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee.

Prior to joining Oropeza's staff, Mr. Pullen-Miles was first assigned to the office of former Assemblyman Carl Washington, where he served for five years, as Mr. Washington's primary district deputy for economic development, public safety and transit issues. He also served as Washington's liaison to the cities of Gardena and Long Beach.

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SUMMARY CURRICULUM VITAE

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ELECTED AND PUBLIC:

- Member City Council, Gardena, California, 2001-Present
- Mayor Pro Tem, City of Gardena, 2004-2005
- Vice-Chair, Los Angeles County Citizens' Economy and Efficiency Commission/Economic Development Task Force
 - Foster Care Fraud Subcommittee-July 2006
- Liaison to Los Angeles County Local Government Services Commission

EDUCATION:

- Bachelor of Arts, Public Service, University of California at Los Angeles, 1971
- Master of Public Administration, University of California at Los Angeles, 1977
- Juris Doctor, Northrop University, School of Law, Los Angeles, 1976

PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS

- Admitted to Practice Law before all Courts of the State of California
- Admitted to Practice Law before the United States District Courts in the Eastern, Southern and Central Districts of California
- Admitted to Practice Law before the United States Tax Court, Washington, D.C.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS PAST AND PRESENT

- Executive Committee of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, Washington, D.C., 1978-84
- Epilepsy Foundation of America-Washington, D.C., 1978-82
- Educational Testing Service, Artists in the Making Advisory Committee, Princeton, New Jersey, 1979-84
- Department of Commerce Census Advisory Committee for the Asian American Community, Washington, D.C. 1979-1982
- Department of Labor-National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Committee, Washington, D.C., 1980
- Department of Health and Human Services Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health, Washington, D.C.1980
- President of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association-Washington, D.C., 1979

- Member, California State Bar from 1977 to Currently
- Alpha Kappa Psi, Professional Business Fraternity, 1968
- Volunteer for the Special Olympics-Southern California Region
- Alumni Member for the UCLA School of Public Policy and Social Research
- City of Gardena, City Council Representative to the California League of Cities
- City of Gardena, City Council Representative to the South Bay Cities, Council of Governments
- City of Gardena, City Council Representative to the Southern California Association of Governments
- City of Gardena, City Council Alternate to Los Angeles County Sanitation Board
- City of Gardena, Delegate to Contract Cities Association
- City of Gardena, Delegate to Independent Cities Association
- Torrance Symphony Association, Board of Directors

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- 1992-Present
Governmental Affairs/Attorney at Law
Washington, D.C./Los Angeles, California

Corporate Counsel with primary emphasis in the negotiation of joint venture projects, capital formation, mergers/acquisitions, and licensing arrangements between United States and Pacific Rim based companies. Governmental Affairs representation before the Federal, State, County and local governmental agencies

- 1990-1992
Partner, Business Department
McGuire Woods Battle and Boothe
Washington, D.C.

Corporate Counsel with primary emphasis in the negotiation of technology transfer and licensing arrangements.

- 1984-1990
Governmental Affairs/Attorney at Law
Washington, D.C./Los Angeles, California

Corporate and Governmental Affairs Counsel. Registered lobbyist in the Congress of the United States. Emphasis on advising Pacific Rim based companies in the organization and conduct of their business affairs in the United States.

- 1978-1984
Washington Representative
Japanese American Citizens League (JAACL)
Washington, D.C.

Chief Legislative Director and registered lobbyist for the oldest and largest, national, educational and civil/human rights organization, representing Americans of Japanese ancestry. Responsible for the legislative oversight to create the Presidential Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, which was signed into law Public Law by President Carter in 1980.

- 1977-1978
Law Offices of Ronald K. Ikejiri
Attorney and Counsellor at Law
Gardena, California

- 1976-1978
Lecturer, Graduate School of Business Management
Northrop University
Los Angeles, California

- 1972-1976
Law Clerk
Law Offices of Robert Y. Nagata
Los Angeles, California

- 1970-1971
City Planning Intern
City of Gardena
Gardena, California
