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Mr. Roger Snoble, CEO
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Snoble:

MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector Governance Council Nominee

Acting in its capacity as the convening coalition of the Gateway Cities Service Sector, the Board of Directors of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments has selected a nominee to fill the unexpired term of office of Ms. Cynde Soto on the Sector Governance Council. Ms. Soto's communication is enclosed.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments on June 6, 2007, Mr. Harley Rubenstein, a transit consumer from Long Beach, was nominated to fill the vacancy. Mr. Rubenstein's term of office will run from the date of swearing in through June 30, 2009, i.e. the balance of the unexpired term. Additional information about Mr. Rubenstein is also enclosed.

We would appreciate your assistance in agendizing this nomination for confirmation by the MTA Board of Directors as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Richard Powers
Executive Director

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Alex Clifford, MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector Council

Harley D. Rubenstein was appointed in 2001 to the Commission on Disabilities by 4th district Los Angeles County Supervisor, Don Knabe. Mr. Rubenstein is a 1982 graduate of California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) and received a bachelor of arts degree in Business Administration/American Studies. He has extensive experience advocating for persons with disabilities (PWD): He began his business career as a Client Advocate at Disabled Resources Center; next, he was the Resource Coordinator at the Betty Clooney Foundation for Person's with Brain Injury; then, he was a career counseling intern and WorkAbility IV Peer Counselor to students with disabilities at CSULB. Finally, he was a "bus Tester" relative to the Flores, et. al. legal agreement with the MTA. He continued (and is presently) a Disability Consultant.

Harley has been serving as a member of the Access Services, Incorporated (ASI) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) since the inception of ASI. He also serves on the Long Beach Paratransit Committee. In addition, he was a prior member of the MTA CAC.

Mr. Rubenstein serves as a trustee for the Harbor Regional Center Foundation and a board member for Californian's for Disability Rights (CDR) and Communities Actively Living Independently and Free (CALIF).

Harley has been married to Susan since 1986. They have two children: Jacob Glenn, age 20, is a student at the

former International University – Bremen, Germany (IUB). and is majoring in International Relations. However, IUB received a substantial endowment from the Jacobs brothers; therefore, it has recently been renamed: Jacobs' University. Their other child is Ruth Amy, age 17. She is an Honor's student at Woodrow Wilson High School in Long Beach. She plans to continue her education by majoring in either accounting or medicine.

Communication From Ms. Cynde Soto

From: cyd soto [mailto:cydsoto1@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2007 10:55 PM

To: Clifford, Alexander; Hershenson, David

Subject: Re: March 8, 2007 GWC Governance Council Meeting

Hi Alex and Dave,

I hate writing this but I have to resign from the Council. I tried to hang in there but my health (for right now) isn't stable enough to continue. Sorry for the late notice, I have been avoiding this all week.

Thank you for everything. It was a pleasure to serve Metro. I would like to thank all Council members for their friendship and kindness toward me. It was an honor to serve with such wonderful dedicated citizens and elected officials.

My best to everyone.

Sincerely,

Cynde Soto