



Pico Rivera City Council Member Beatrice Proo, at right, is sworn in by Board Secretary Michele Jackson.
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Pico Rivera Council Member Beatrice Proo Appointed to MTA Board of Directors

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(April 18) The City Selection Committee comprised of elected officials from 23 cities in the Southeast Long Beach corridor has approved the appointment of Pico Rivera City Council member Beatrice Proo to the MTA Board of Directors.

Beatrice Proo, sworn in today, becomes one of four City Selection

Committee appointees to the 13-member MTA Board of Directors. She replaces Jenny Oropeza of Long Beach who was elected last fall to the State Assembly.

Proo has served on the Pico Rivera City Council since 1992 and has twice served as Mayor. She also has served as past president of the League of California Cities' Los Angeles Division and is a board member for the LA County Local Agency Formation Commission.

A civic leader

In addition to her duties as a Pico Rivera City Council member, Proo is a member of the executive board of the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority and is a member of the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments.

Proo currently is chair of the Gateway Council of Governments and is a director on the Gateway Cities Partnership Board, the 48th Agricultural District Board, the YMCA executive board, and, since 1980, has been the current and founding chair of Pacific Western National Bank in Pico Rivera.

In 1987, Proo became the first recipient of the "Women of the Year" award presented by the California State Legislature's 59th District. She also is a past president of the Pico Rivera Chamber of Commerce and former president and board member of the Tri-Cities Regional Occupational Program.

A former teacher and school principal, Proo holds a bachelor of arts degree in education from Mount St. Mary's College, where she earned lifetime teaching credentials. She has served as president and member of the El Rancho Unified School District Board of Trustees and formerly was president of Fast Hauling Service in Pico Rivera, which she operated with her late husband, Ed Mora.

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