

Pam O'Connor to Represent League of Cities on MTA Board



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(June 8, 2001) Pam O'Connor, a member of the Santa Monica City Council, was named, June 7, to represent the League of California Cities on the MTA Board of Directors. She will be sworn in later this month.

O'Connor was nominated April 12, by the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee to fill the seat vacated by former Gardena City Council member James Cragin, who held the MTA seat since 1993. O'Connor joins three other City Selection Committee appointees on the 13-member MTA Board.

A regular user of public transit who neither owns nor leases a car, O'Connor has served on the Santa Monica City Council since 1994 and served as mayor in 1997 and 1999.

She also has served as a member of the National League of Cities, Women in Municipal Government board, and on its information technology and communications steering committee; Southern California Association of Governments' Regional Council; League of California Cities, transportation and public works committee; and on the board of the Local Government Commission.

Specializes in historical preservation

In addition to serving on the Santa Monica City Council, O'Connor works as a private consultant with Kaplan Chen Kaplan, specializing in historic preservation.

O'Connor's consulting projects have included the Rowan Building in the Los Angeles Spring Street Historic District, and seismic projects for the Los Angeles City Hall rehabilitation, USC's historic buildings, and UCLA's historic buildings.

O'Connor has received numerous awards, including the California Preservation Foundation Design Awards for California State University's Channel Islands Campus (2000) and UCLA's Powell Library (1997), as well as the Milton Marks Award for Outstanding Achievement in Historic Preservation (1999).

O'Connor earned a bachelor of science degree in journalism from Southern Illinois University and holds masters degrees in historic preservation planning and in technology management from Eastern Michigan University.

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