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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **MTA BOARD APPROVES NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE METRO SOUTH BAY SECTOR GOVERNANCE COUNCIL**

The MTA Board of Directors today approved the selection of seven individuals to serve on the governance council for the Metro South Bay Service Sector.

Those individuals selected were nominated by various cities within the South Bay Service Sector and approved in November by the South Bay Cities Council of Governments.

"MTA remains committed to improving the overall operation of our bus service and the creation of community-based governance councils will provide the direction needed to provide quality service to our customers," said MTA Board Chairman Hal Bernson.

The MTA Board of Directors earlier this year approved the creation of individual governance councils to provide local control over the service sectors. In developing the guidelines for the councils, the Board approved a policy where up to nine members can serve on a governance council.

A total of five community-based bus transit service sectors are now fully operational. They include the Metro South Bay Service Sector, The Gateway Cities Service Sector in the southeast portion of Los Angeles, The Metro Central/Westside Service Sector, the Metro San Gabriel Valley Service Sector and the Metro San Fernando Valley Service Sector.

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Each sector is headed up by a general manager and support staff with offices located in the communities they serve. The Metro South Bay Service Sector office is located in Torrance at 680 Knox Street, Suite 150 and can be reached by calling (310) 225-6000.

The South Bay Service Sector General Manager is Dana Coffey, a 26-year veteran of the MTA who served as a transportation division manager for MTA's bus operating division in Carson.

Under her leadership and direction from the newly created governance council, the South Bay sector is responsible for two operating divisions located in South Central Los Angeles and Carson with approximately 530 buses plus 48 contracted buses operating on 37 bus lines carrying 93.4 million annual boarding passengers.

Approved to sit on the Metro South Bay Service Sector governance council are Curren Price, Inglewood City Councilman; John McTaggart, Rancho Palos Verdes City Councilman and Mayor; Jim Hendrickson, city manager, Palos Verdes Estates; Teresa Price, Redondo Beach transit manager; Lou Mitchell, president, Watts ACORN, a nonprofit community group; Margaret Hudson, member of the Carson Public Safety Commission; and Howard Sachar, a member of MTA's Citizens Advisory Committee.

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