

Dear Metro Family,

Today is International Women's Day, it commemorates the movement of Women's rights and celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. In celebration of International Women's Day I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge, thank and appreciate the commitment, contribution and dedication of the women at Metro.

Today is not only a day to celebrate the achievements of women, it is also an opportunity to discuss Metro's commitment to the advancement and empowerment of women and recognize the impact that our diverse workforce has to the success of the Agency.

We will continue the commitment to include women fully and productively at Metro. We will continue the commitment to look at how Metro's programs, services and policies impact the lives of women and girls in LA County and how we can advance and empower women and girls, through our Women and Girls Governing Council. And we will continue the commitment to develop women leaders and providing opportunities for women so that we have inclusive leadership throughout Metro.

Today we should reflect on the advances we have made and look towards the opportunities to grow and succeed through our diversity.

Sincerely, Phillip A. Washington

"Women belong in all places where decisions are being made...it shouldn't be that women are the exception."- *Ruth Bader Ginsburg*