


EXPOSITION METRO LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY

DATE: JULY 14, 2005

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: RICHARD D. THORPE 
METRO CHIEF CAPITAL MANAGEMENT OFFICER

SUBJECT: BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND
INFORMATION

ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Directors receive and file this report on Board Members background and experience.

SUMMARY

On October 10, 2003, the Governor of California signed into law Senate Bill 504 (SB504) which created the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority (Construction Authority) for the purpose of designing and constructing the Exposition Light Rail Project from Downtown Los Angeles to the City of Santa Monica.

On April 28, 2005, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) approved a funding plan for the project. Later this fall, the LACMTA is expected to certify the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the project. These two actions will allow for final design and construction of the project to proceed.

On May 10, 2005, the Chief Executive Officer of LACMTA sent a letter to member agencies requesting that they appoint their members and alternates as provided by law. SB504 established a governing board consisting of seven voting members and one ex-officio member from the following member agencies; two members from the City Council's of Santa Monica and Culver City; two members from the City of Los Angeles; two members from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors; one member from the LACMTA; and the LACMTA Chief Executive Officer as an ex-officio non-voting member.

All member agencies have appointed their respective members and alternates as identified below. To the extent biographies are available, they have been attached for further information.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEMBER	MEMBER AGENCY	ALTERNATE
Pam O'Connor, Mayor	City of Santa Monica	Bob Shriver, Council Member
Gary Silbiger, Vice-Mayor	Culver City	Carol Gross, Council Member
Bernard Parks, Council Member, District 8	City of Los Angeles	Vacant - Council Member District 10
Jan Perry, Council Member, District 9	City of Los Angeles	Vacant -- Council Member District 10
Yvonne Burke, Supervisor, District 2	Los Angeles County	Mike Bohlke, Deputy to Supervisor Burke
Zev Yaroslavsky, Supervisor, District 3	Los Angeles County	Samantha Bricker, Deputy to Supervisor Yaroslavsky
Martha Welborne, Appointee	LACMTA	Vacant
Roger Snoble, Chief Executive Officer	LACMTA	Not Applicable

PAM O'CONNOR
Mayor
City of Santa Monica, California

Pam O'Connor, Mayor of Santa Monica, has been a member of the Santa Monica City Council since 1994. Mayor O'Connor focuses her efforts on creating policies and partnerships that create opportunities that foster community livability and environmental sustainability.

Mayor O'Connor's special interests include transportation, environmental and telecommunications issues. She works on these policy areas with the League of California Cities, the National League of Cities and the American Public Transportation Association. She has served as a member of the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments, the area's metropolitan planning organization since 1996 representing the Westside Cities. She currently is Chair of SCAG's Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force. Mayor O'Connor is a member of the Local Government Commission Board of Directors and served on the National League of Cities' Women in Municipal Government Board. She also participates with cities throughout the world on environmental issues as an active member of ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability.

Mayor O'Connor is a member of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) representing 19 cities (approximate population one million). Metro serves as transportation planner and coordinator, designer, builder and operator for one of the country's largest, most populous counties. Metro operates a bus fleet of 2000 coaches and operates 60 miles of rail service.

As a professional planning consultant, Ms O'Connor specializes in historic preservation and has worked on significant historic building projects throughout Southern California including: the Los Angeles City Hall Seismic Rehabilitation; UCLA's Powell Library, Royce and Kerckhoff Halls; USC's Doheny Library, Mudd Hall of Philosophy, and Bovard Hall; and California State University's Channel Islands Campus. She served as Director of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Northridge Earthquake recovery partnership program, as a planner for the City of Pasadena, and as a research associate for the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan.

Mayor O'Connor holds Masters degrees in Planning and in Technology Management from Eastern Michigan University and a B.S. in Communications from Southern Illinois University.

As an enthusiastic urban explorer, she is a regular user of Santa Monica's award-winning Big Blue Bus and a strong advocate for public transit.

Gary Silbiger

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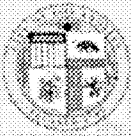


About Gary

Gary Silbiger has been a community activist and leader for over 30 years. After graduating from Fairfax High School, Los Angeles City College, and California State University, Los Angeles, Gary received a law degree from Southwestern University School of Law. Gary has owned and managed his own law firm, the Law Offices of Silbiger & Honig, for over 20 years, with his office currently in Culver City. He specializes in using his law skills to help the needy, focusing on immigration law. In 1972, Gary received the Southwestern University School of Law's Outstanding Student of the Year Award and in 1995 Gary was awarded the Carol King award as the leading immigration attorney in the United States. In addition, Gary has written and published a leading immigration law book, and has taught law at the University of Southern California (USC), Whittier College of Law, and the People's College of Law.

Gary currently resides in the Carlson Park neighborhood of Culver City with his wife, Barbara Honig, his 2 children, Karlo and Tania, and his dogs, Bama and Molly. Gary enjoys hearing from his constituents. Please feel free to contact him with any questions, concerns, and suggestions by telephone at (310) 253-5977 or by e-mail at gary.silbiger@culvercity.org.

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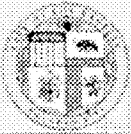
For 38 years, Bernard Parks served his community as a police officer. Beginning his career with the police department at a time when patrol cars were just recently integrated, Bernard Parks rose through the ranks of one of the nations largest municipal law enforcement agencies to become Chief of Police in 1997.

As Police Chief, Bernard Parks implemented some of the most rigorous police reforms ever proposed in the history of the police department including the institution of an officer accountability policy. Parks also made it easier for the community to file complaints against problem officers by streamlining the Citizen Complaint System. Under Chief Parks the City of Los Angeles saw homicides fall by 45%, rape assault drop by nearly 20% and robbery decline by over 45%.

Throughout his career with the police department Bernard Parks kept closely tied to his community. Aside from patrolling the streets of the 8th District as a young officer, Parks dedicated many volunteer years to youth activities in the district. He coached Baldwin Hills Youth Football for ten years and mentored the likes of Warren Moon and many other kids who grew to become successfully community business Leaders. Bernard and his wife, Bobbie, still remain committed to community groups such as the Challengers Boys & Girls Club, the Los Angeles Urban League and the Brotherhood Crusade. Bernard is also a life-time member of the NAACP.

Bernard C. Parks received his bachelor of Science degree from Pepperdine University and his Masters in Public Administration from the University of Southern California. Bernard Parks and his wife, Bobbie, have been married for 35 years and are the proud parents of four children: Felicia, Michelle, Trudy and Bernard Jr. The 8th Council District includes the communities of Baldwin Hills, Crenshaw, Leimert Park, West Adams, Jefferson Park, Chesterfield Square and other areas of South Los Angeles.

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Biography

Councilwoman of the Ninth District

As Councilwoman of the Ninth District, Jan Perry understands the unique needs of her diverse constituency. Greater access to basic city services, expansion of after-school programs for kids, increasing green space in urban communities, and encouraging and fostering economic growth in all parts of the district are among her priorities during her four-year term in office. To this end, she has successfully responded to public works issues throughout the Ninth District, repairing sidewalks; paving streets; trimming trees; and cleaning alleys, lots, and participating in and supporting neighborhood clean-ups. Perry continues to work with the community to bring millions of dollars in capital improvements to parks and recreation centers, to increase public safety in parks and neighborhoods, and to achieve environmental justice for all. And, she works hand-in-hand with the community to bring greater economic development and public safety to all parts of the district.

Perry currently chairs the Environmental Quality and Waste Management Committee; is vice-chair of the Conventions, Tourism, Entertainment Industry and Business Enterprise Committee; is a member of the Public Works Committee, Ad-Hoc River Committee, and Ad-Hoc Stadium Committee. She was appointed by the Mayor to represent the City of Los Angeles as a Governing Board Member of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) and is a Board Member of the California Film Commission.

Public Works

Perry has worked diligently with the Department of Public Works to secure major infrastructure improvements throughout the Ninth District. To date, there are 427 trash capture devices installed in the district and 220 more are in the process of being installed. With the combined efforts of the Perry's office, the Bureau of Public Works, DWP's "Cool Schools" program, and Trees for a green LA, Los Angeles Conservation Corp, and Treepeople, 646 additional trees have been planted. More than 34 miles of streets have been resurfaced throughout the district. Additionally, 670 streets have been paved and 420 blocks worth of sidewalk have been repaired. 1064 street lights have been installed. From July 2001 to March 2004, 3622 tons of Bulky Items have been collected from neighborhoods throughout the district.

The Targeted Neighborhood Improvement (TNI) program has brought much-needed face lift to business districts in the Ninth District. The Old Bank District and Central Avenue have both received drastic façade improvements and infrastructure improvements. As part of the Central Avenue TNI, Perry collaborated with the Bureau of Street services, CRA, and Mayor's office to remove dead trees, plant new trees, enhance and repair street lighting, repair sidewalks and bring street print and intersection improvements inspired by the jazz era to the avenue. The result was the addition of an access ramp, reconstruction of 18,700 sq. ft of sidewalk, 495 sq. ft. of curbs, 113 sq. ft. of gutters, 177 sq. ft. of driveways, addition of 16,000 sq. ft. of street print, 64 tree wells enlarged, 39 dead trees removed, and 100 Magnolia and Jacarda tress planted.

Environmental Justice

Perry is committed to increasing green space and the clean-up of brownfields in the Ninth District. During her time in office, she has successfully "greened" eight parks, reducing blighted property on these essential community gathering places. She also worked with Nike and the US Soccer Foundation to bring a state-of-the-art soccer field made of recycled materials to South Los Angeles, resulting in a environmentally-friendly place to play for the thousands of children who call the Ninth District their home. Additionally, she took the lead in transforming a DWP pipe-yard into a beautiful park in the heart of South Los Angeles, converting yet another blighted area into an environmentally-friendly gathering place.

As the Chair of the Environmental Quality and Waste Management Committee, Perry continues to ensure that the needs of her constituents are met. In fact, Perry co-authored and is credited with the passage of Proposition O. The funds created by Proposition O will be used to stop dangerous pollutants and bacteria from flowing from neighborhoods throughout Los Angeles into our rivers and onto our beaches. Additionally, the measure benefits every neighborhood in Los Angeles by upgrading storm-drain systems, eliminating flooding at key intersections, creating new community parks, and improving water quality.

Perry continues to work with Environmental Affairs and other environmental agencies to develop innovative solutions to the brownfields issue. She is in the process of designing two visionary wetland projects in her district that will take existing brownfields and reintroduce them as centers for wildlife and environmental renewal. The wetlands also help to control polluted storm water run-off as they include state-of-the art water treatment facilities that will treat run-off in the wet season and contaminated groundwater during the dry season, creating a proper ecological and water-quality balance.

During her time in office, Perry has developed, introduced, and passed council motions designed to support her environmental justice goals in parks and recreation centers

throughout the Ninth District. In December of 2002, a motion authored by Perry passed unanimously, resulting in smoke-free zones around picnic and play areas in all city parks. Additionally, she took the lead in developing nutritional guidelines for all Recreation and Parks programs for children in order to improve children's health and teach healthier eating habits. Perry continued her work by spearheading efforts to start the Central Avenue Farmers' Market in early 2003. The market is the first of its kind in this highly urban portion of the city and successfully brings fresh produce, baked goods, and artisans to the Southern portion of the Ninth District.

Perry also takes pride in her involvement in "Cool Schools" and "Trees for a Green LA", two LADWP programs of great environmental value to the city. Additionally, she understands the importance of these programs when it comes to protecting the public from harmful particulate contaminants and the importance of reducing emissions from both industry and exhaust producing vehicles. To this end, Perry supports replacing public fleets with alternative fuel vehicles like hybrid and electric running cars. She also is continually working with developers to get them involved in the LEEDS certificate program in order make buildings environmentally-friendly.

Homelessness

The Ninth District encompasses Central City East, which faces the unique and challenging problems that accompany homelessness. Since her election, Perry has worked aggressively to begin rebuilding the Central City East Community, to earmark funds to establish a year round Emergency Homeless Shelter Program and to promote regional solutions to address homelessness.

Perry was an early advocate for leveraging Housing Trust Fund dollars with Prop 46 to create housing for the very poor who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless. This includes permanent, supportive housing for persons with special needs. She has seen first-hand the success that people have found through this type of assistance. In the Ninth District, there is over 3,000 housing units for this population with more coming on line. Perry will continue to fight for the development of more housing with supportive services, and for more work force housing, senior housing and for affordable family housing in her council district.

In 2003, Councilwoman Perry effectively lobbied both the members of the Los Angeles City Council and County Board of Supervisors to provide more funding to keep the 2,000 bed, emergency shelter system that currently operates from December to mid March open year-round. This unprecedented effort has allowed for an additional 250,000 bed nights with services for the homeless. She has established a goal to create a permanent source of funding for the homeless that will bring the City and County of Los Angeles closer than ever to meeting the need for

homeless services and to advocate for a regional model of service provision for Los Angeles County.

Public Safety

Perry aggressively continues to tackle the tough issue of public safety in the Ninth District. To this end, she developed and passed a motion that would confiscate vehicles used in drug transactions in an effort to arm police officers with another tool to fight crime. Additionally, she has taken the lead in addressing issues of violence and violent crime in the district. In 2003, Perry stood strong in her support of a motion to fund additional police officers. She emphasized the need for a stronger deployment of LAPD personnel and resources to areas like the Ninth District where violent crime statistics spoke of a greater need. Perry continues to remain vocal about this need, fighting for greater resources and support in South Los Angeles.

Increased community involvement in fighting crime remains a pivotal part of Perry's strategy. Hand-in-hand with Community Police Advisory Boards, community police stations, other elected officials, and the community at large, Perry has hosted and participated in number of community forums, empowerment meetings, and community marches in a group effort to stop the violence. Through the use of reward motions and public information, she continues to work in a collaborative effort with the community and the LAPD to bring justice to the victims of violent crime.

Understanding that revitalization of our community requires more than just economic development, Councilwoman Perry has undertaken the important task of abating nuisance in the Ninth District. Through a strategy of utilizing existing policies at the local and state level, Councilwoman Perry has systematically used the City's nuisance ordinance to close hotels and bar like the Ross Hotel, the Oakwood Hotel, and Chalinis Bar, and numerous recycling centers and illegal used car lots throughout the district.

In November of 2004, Perry introduced a groundbreaking measure known as a "Summary Closure Ordinance" that would give the Department of Building and Safety the authority to order businesses vacated, secured and fenced when the Office of Zoning Administration has either revoked or discontinued use of the commercial entity. In January 2005, she intends to continue her efforts to improve and streamline the nuisance abatement process, by introducing a companion motion known as a "Padlock Ordinance" that would give the Department of Building and Safety the power to vacate, close and secure an illegal business that operates without the proper City permits. Both proposed ordinances will allow LAPD to arrest any person who either obstructs a City employee from executing their duties, or is found to be trespassing on the closed property, improving public safety and the quality of life for residents negatively effected by these properties.

Additionally, Perry has taken the lead on limiting the number of liquor licenses issued and/or transferred in the Ninth District. Based on the type of licenses, the type of business and crimes associated with the commercial establishment, Councilwoman Perry has opposed the issuing or transfer of licenses, leading to fewer licenses for alcohol being issued in the Ninth District during her administration.

Economic Development

Economic development in all parts of the Ninth District continues to be an important issue for Perry. Increased mix-use and affordable income housing, job opportunities, and business development are part of her vision for the Ninth District. Perry took the lead in supporting two new community redevelopment plans in Downtown Los Angeles while ensuring that they both included a significant percentage of affordable housing. Additionally, she created the Furniture and Decorative Arts District, Gallery Row, and helped sponsor economic development workshops like youth job fairs and housing seminars for the district. Currently, she is working with the Electrical Workers Union to link them with area youth in an apprenticeship program.

Perry continues to support the development and maintenance of quality jobs throughout the Ninth District. In the past year, she has stood side-by-side union leaders and security workers demanding better training and benefits for security workers in the major buildings throughout downtown. In July of 2003, Perry took the initiative to ensure that the jobs and rights of local hotel workers at the Downtown Hyatt were protected under the City's Service Contractor Worker Retention Ordinance when the property was sold. She continues to be supportive of the rights and benefits of workers, encouraging the use of local workforce and workforce development in her district.

Perry is committed to bringing more capital projects to the Ninth District. Currently, she is spearheading plans to build a Constituent Service Center in the Ninth District at the corner of 42nd Street and Central Avenue. The Center will bring direct access to City services and departments to the community and ease in the development of new projects throughout the district. To date, Perry has assembled four parcels of land with the help of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and has secured \$500,000 in funding to begin the design and construction process. Perry also helped to obtain HUD funding to move the Slauson Central Shopping Center forward. Thanks to her efforts, construction on this new retail center will begin 2005, bringing more job opportunities and tax increment dollars to the area.

A renewed interest in downtown Los Angeles has brought major economic development to the region. Perry has worked closely with the Mayors office through the adaptive reuse ordinance to support the renovation and

development of more housing. In downtown Los Angeles, these projects range from for-sale, million dollar lofts to affordable housing units coming on line. 1,380 units of housing have been completed using adaptive reuse in the Ninth District with more than 3,000 units in the pipeline. Additionally, Perry is playing an instrumental role in two major projects in downtown—the development of the Entertainment District around Staples Center and the Grand Avenue Plan. In her role as Councilwoman, Perry is helping to successfully negotiate the MOU between AEG and the City. She is also a member of the Joint Powers Authority which is working with the community to develop housing, public park space, and retail/entertainment venues for Grand Avenue.

Community Building

Perry also has taken the lead in planning issues throughout her community, working with communities to rediscover their historic and cultural roots. The result has been an increase in community pride and a resurgence of neighborhood names. Perry funded the design and creation of historical signs delineating neighborhoods throughout the Ninth District. And, in 2003, she responded to community leaders and introduced a motion that would officially change “South-Central” Los Angeles to “South Los Angeles” in a move to foster community pride and actively remove the stigma that is associated with this labeling.

Creating opportunities for students, their families, and our seniors to participate in cultural and learning activities in throughout the city has remained a top priority during Perry’s four-year term. To this end, over 57 public and private schools, 4 adult learning centers, 9 recreation centers, and over 48 non-profits have benefited from this relationship which has connected them with a variety of performances, exhibits, and cultural/educational opportunities. Over 10,000 children & their families and 1,500 seniors have been connected to these opportunities.

Additionally, Perry continues to develop and support fun, free programs for Ninth District residents of all ages to enjoy throughout the year, which include the annual Seniors Celebrating Life Luncheon, The Central Avenue Jazz Festival, and the Environmental Service Fair. This year, Perry helped make possible the First Annual South Los Angeles Bolero Festival, a celebration of music, dance, and romance of this internationally popular Latino genre of music. The event took place in September, during Latino Heritage Month, and attracted over 4,000 people throughout the day who enjoyed free live entertainment from local acts and headliners Suzanna Guzman and Jose Luis Rodriguez, “El Puma.” Perry is committed to supporting and developing this and other free community events throughout the district that celebrate the diversity and spirit of the Ninth District.

Awards and Affiliations

For Perry, public service extends beyond the walls of City Hall. She has served on the boards of many community and business organizations including: the Community Financial Resources Center, Los Angeles Education Partnership, and at the Metro Region of the National Women's Political Caucus, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom, the Jennessee Center Vocational Education Committee, League of Women Voters, Angels Flight Railway Foundation, and the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation Council, Challengers Boys and Girls Club, and A Place Called Home. Additionally, she has held leadership positions on the boards of the African-American/Jewish Leadership Connection (1997), Coro Foundation (1997), Hollywood Community Housing Corporation (1990-1993), the Japanese American National Museum (Currently), and the Black-Korean Alliance (1992). In 2004, she was honored by Shelter Partnership for her work with the homeless, Unity II for her commitment to fighting violent crime, and by Para Los Niños for her dedication to helping children and their families in the Ninth District.

Previous Experience

The Ninth District became an integral part of Perry's life even before her election to the City Council. During the five years she spent as Chief of Staff for the Ninth District, she became intimately involved with the concerns of the community. Determined to address the lack of open space for children to run and play, Perry, along with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, developed an indigenous outdoor park with outdoor classrooms where children and their families could learn and appreciate California's environment, native plants, and species. Perry's additional council experience includes working as a Legislative Deputy for the 10th District and Senior Planning Deputy for the 13th District.

Perry developed programs to meet the immediate needs of the community. She created a city program to help liquor store owners convert their stores for better uses, helped restore dilapidated housing, and led a consortium of Asian-American and African-American bankers, encouraging investments after the 1992 civil unrest.

In July 1998, Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan appointed Perry to be the Executive Director of the Census 2000 Outreach Project for the City of Los Angeles. Perry directed the census effort in the nation's most complex and culturally diverse city. The mission of the Census 2000 Outreach Project was to maximize the population count in Los Angeles, ensuring that the City of Los Angeles received its fair share of state and federal funding for social services for the next ten years.

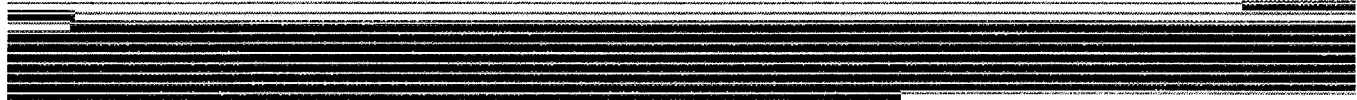
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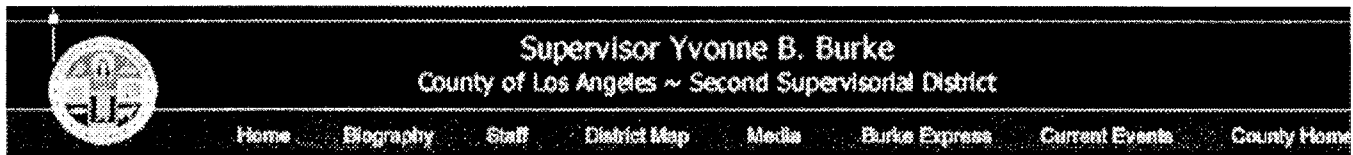
Jan Perry has a long history in public service. Raised in the

Midwest, she learned the importance of public service from her parents. Both her mother and father served as council members, and then mayors of their township. Following in their footsteps, Perry was elected to the Los Angeles City Council on July 5, 2001 with one of the largest margins of victory—57% to 43%.

Perry made Los Angeles her home in 1974 and attended the University of Southern California earning a Bachelors Degree in Journalism, Cum Laude. She received her B.A. in 1977, followed by a Masters in Public Administration in 1981. In addition, she earned a Certificate in Litigation from the University of California, Los Angeles Extension in 1979.

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The Honorable Yvonne B. Burke

Supervisor, Second District
County of Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR, SECOND DISTRICT (1992-PRESENT)
CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (2002-2003, 1997-1998, AND 1993-1994)
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR, FOURTH DISTRICT (1979-1980)
U.S. CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE, 28th DISTRICT (1972-1978)
CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLYWOMAN (1966-1972)

Yvonne B. Burke was re-elected unopposed to her third four-year term as Los Angeles County Supervisor for the Second District. She brings to the Board of Supervisors more than 30 years experience in a distinguished public service career at the national and state as well as local government levels.

As a member of the Board of Supervisors, she has focused on the needs and education of children, especially those who must be cared for in the County's foster child programs. Most recently she has been a prime mover in bringing about the Department of Children and Family Services new Family to Family program, promoting the placement of foster children in homes near their original neighborhoods. She has also established numerous child care centers that in addition to supervision also provide learning enrichment programs and nutritious meals.

She has actively advanced economic development in the Second District by promoting the establishment of businesses in areas that have been under served, and by providing services to small businesses. The Athens-Westmont business incubator is a state-of-the-art small business center. Supervisor Burke has also been in the forefront of establishing the County website that lists County contracts available for small businesses. She also actively promotes computer ownership and the availability of cyber technology to under served communities in her district, encouraging private businesses and organizations to make computer laboratories available in areas such as public housing, and by encouraging her constituents to make use of computer research facilities in the County library system.

The La Brea Green Belt has beautified a major transportation artery in the Second District, as well as providing fire, flood and landslide abatement. Other major parkland developments include the expansion of Kenneth Hahn Park to include Little League baseball, golf and other amenities, with large roadside tracts of La Cienega Boulevard slated for development once oil drilling ceases. A major concern of Supervisor Burke's is the establishment of a multi-modal public transportation system for the Los Angeles area. As a member of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Board of Directors, she continues to push for development of the Crenshaw Corridor, and for a light and heavy rail system in addition to buses, believing that in the long run the bus service alone cannot hope to provide the public transportation services so desperately needed in Southern California.

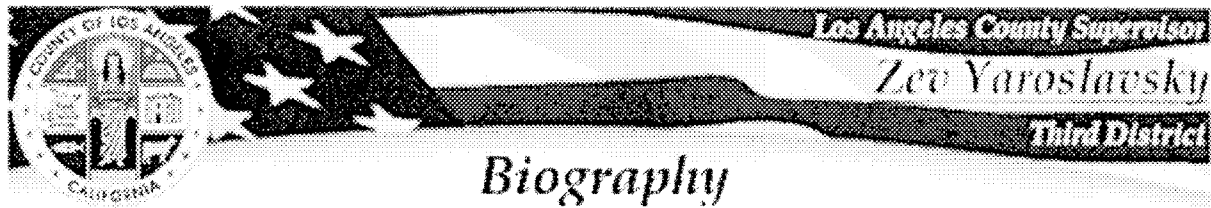
Supervisor Burke's departmental assignments are for the following: Department of Affirmative Action Compliance, Community Development Commission, Department of Human Resources, Museum of Natural History, Department of Parks and Recreation, the County Public Library and the Department of Public Social Services. She has also taken the lead in moving to establish a

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Formation Commission (C.F.C.). In addition, she is a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration.

In the course of her long public service career, Supervisor Burke has amassed numerous "first and innumerable awards and honors. She became the first African American woman elected to the U.S. Congress from California in 1972, and the first to serve as Chair of the L.A. County Board of Supervisors in 1993. She served as Vice Chair of the 1972 Democratic National Convention. She is also a past Chair of the L.A. Federal Reserve Bank, was Vice Chairman of the 1984 U.S. Olympics Organizing Committee, and has set on boards of numerous prestigious organizations and corporations, including Nestle. Time Magazine named her one of "America's 200 Future Leaders", and she was selected as "Woman of the Year" by the Los Angeles Times and Alumni of the Year by UCLA in 1996. Having run for office unopposed in 2000, Supervisor Burke has used campaign funds to establish the Second District Education and Policy Foundation, which has already provided \$180,000 in scholarships to students in the Second District.

Supervisor Burke is married to William A. Burke, a Los Angeles businessman, and has a daughter, Autumn, and a step-daughter, Christine Burke.



Biografía En Español

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky represents the Third Supervisorial District, comprising much of the City of Los Angeles, including the San Fernando Valley, Hollywood and Los Feliz, the Wilshire corridor, and West Los Angeles; the cities of Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, Santa Monica, Malibu, Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Westlake Village and San Fernando; and unincorporated areas including Topanga and the Santa Monica Mountains.



He formerly served on the Los Angeles City Council, first elected in 1975 and subsequently re-elected in 1977, 1981, 1985, 1989 and 1993. Yaroslavsky was elected to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in June 1994, assuming office on December 5, 1994, and was subsequently reelected twice, most recently on March 5, 2002. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, as a member of the Local Agency Formation Commission, the Los Angeles Coliseum Commission, and as a governor's appointee to the state Board of Corrections.

When he was sworn into County office on December 5, 1994, against the backdrop of the Orange County bankruptcy announced earlier that day, Yaroslavsky laid out his priorities in his swearing-in speech, vowing to help change County government, to tear down the "Berlin Wall" of isolation from the taxpaying public, and to work together with his colleagues to resolve the many serious issues facing County government.

Since joining the Board, he has firmly established his leadership in budget matters, repeatedly challenging an entrenched "business-as-usual" mentality that has severely compromised the County's ability to provide critically needed health, welfare and justice services in a fiscally prudent manner.

Among his major accomplishments as Supervisor:

- Working closely with County Department of Health Services officials and Service Employees International Union Local 660 (representing some 40,000 County employees, nearly half of them in the Health Department), Yaroslavsky spearheaded successful passage of Measure B, a parcel-tax increase approved by an overwhelming 73% of County voters to yield \$168 million annually to fund trauma care, emergency services and bioterrorism preparedness efforts. (11/02)
- Helping to engineer the rescue and restructuring of the County's Department of Health Services when it was facing collapse in 1995 (9/95)
- Winning voter approval for the first Los Angeles County campaign reform package (11/96)
- Winning voter approval for a \$319 million park and open-space preservation and acquisition measure (11/96)
- Winning voter approval for an initiative to conclude subway construction and invest instead in other public transit projects (11/98)
- Initiating a County lawsuit against the tobacco industry, yielding a settlement which returns to Los Angeles County more than \$100 million annually for health programs (12/98)

- Won Board approval for a package of open-meeting reforms to increase access to, information about, and public participation in County government decision-making (4/02)
- As President of the Los Angeles County Prop. 10 "Children and Families First" Commission, spearheaded allocation of \$100 million in state tobacco-tax funding over five years to ensure health care coverage for virtually all children from birth to age 5 in the County of Los Angeles (7/02)

Born on December 21, 1948, Supervisor Yaroslavsky is a lifelong resident of the district he represents. A graduate of UCLA (Master's, History, 1972; Bachelor's, History and Economics, 1971). He is married with two children.

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Martha Welborne, FAIA

Managing Director

Grand Avenue Committee, Inc.

Martha Lampkin Welborne is the Managing Director of the Grand Avenue Committee, a public/private partnership focused on revitalizing the cultural and civic districts of downtown Los Angeles. The project is funded by the County of Los Angeles, the City of Los Angeles, and the Broad Foundation. The project is a fund of the California Community Foundation.

Previous to undertaking this non-profit effort, Ms. Welborne initiated the Surface Transit Project, an effort focused on exploring affordable alternatives to serve the rapid transit needs of Los Angeles residents. This work resulted in the creation of the Metro Rapid, a highly successful network of rapid buses operating throughout Los Angeles. Ms. Welborne has also been an Associate Partner, Director of Planning, and the Managing Director of the Los Angeles architectural office of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP (SOM). In these roles she led the design of complex urban projects, including work for public, private, and non-profit sectors, and she was responsible for overseeing all business operations for this 50-person office. Prior to her arrival in Los Angeles in 1994, she was with the Boston and Chicago offices of SOM, and she was a Principal at Sasaki Associates, Inc. in the Boston area, a design firm focusing on planning, landscape architecture, architecture, and environmental analysis.

Ms. Welborne's work has ranged from individual building design to large-scale planning projects. She has led the urban design of several transit and transportation projects around the country, and has also completed master plans for many prominent universities in the United States. In addition, she has prepared development plans for urban commercial cores, waterfront districts, and hospital campuses. Her work also encompasses the assessment of the environmental impacts of development.

Ms. Welborne has taught and lectured around the country on urban design and transit issues. In addition, she was recently the President of the Architectural Guild of the University of Southern California, and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. She is currently an appointed member of the Visiting Committee for the Department of Urban Studies and Planning at MIT, and has served on the Alumni Council of Harvard University's Graduate School of Design.

Ms. Welborne was elected a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects in 1993. She received a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1975, and both a Master of Architecture in Advanced Studies and a Master in City Planning from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1981. In 1991, she was awarded a Loeb Fellowship in Advanced Environmental Studies by Harvard University's Graduate School of Design.



Roger Snoble MTA Chief Executive Officer

Roger Snoble is the Chief Executive Officer of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority of Los Angeles County (MTA), a position he has held since October 1, 2001. He is in charge of the daily operation of the third largest public transportation agency in the United States. MTA is a multimodal transportation agency that is responsible for bus and rail operations, transportation planning and programming and construction in Los Angeles County.

A 1968 graduate of the University of Akron with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Education, majoring in Urban Geography, Snoble earned his Master's of Science Degree in 1970 in Economic Geography (Logistics and Transportation).

Snoble's career in public transportation spans 39 years. Prior to joining MTA, he served as president/executive director of Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) for seven years. Before DART, Snoble served as president and general manager of the San Diego Transit Corporation where he worked 20 years, rising in the ranks from planning and scheduling manager to the top executive post. Snoble began his transportation career in 1965 as a planner for the TriCounty Regional Planning Commission in Akron, Ohio. He also worked as a planner for Akron Metro Transit District from 1971 to 1973.

Snoble has won numerous awards throughout his transportation career. The American Public Transit Association (APTA) named Snoble "Transit Manager of the Year" in 1998. Under Snoble's leadership, DART was cited by APTA as the "Transit Agency of the Year" in 1997.

In Los Angeles, Snoble heads an agency that has a \$2.6 billion budget and 9,000 employees. It operates approximately 200 bus routes serving a 1,433 square mile service area as well as a subway and light rail lines that crisscross Los Angeles County. In addition, MTA is responsible for constructing new busways and other transportation infrastructure as well as funding a vast array of transportation improvement projects ranging from street widening and bikeways to synchronizing

traffic lights to freeway carpool lanes. MTA also is the lead transportation planning agency for Los Angeles County.

Significant Awards Include:

- Los Angeles Business Journal's List of 25 People Worth Watching Over The Next Few Years (2004)
- Metro Magazine's "Ten Best Transit Managers" (2000)
- Friend of Texas Transit Award by the Texas Department of Transportation in 1999
- The American Public Transit Association's "Transit Manager of the Year" in 1998
- The American Public Transit Association's "Transit Agency of the Year" in 1997
- The Association of General Contractor's S.I.R. (Skill-Integrity-Responsibility) in 1997

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Samantha Bricker, Transportation and Environment Deputy- Responsible for policy recommendations on Los Angeles County transportation issues, including all matters pertaining to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) of which Supervisor Yaroslavsky is a member. She is also responsible for environmental issues such as recycling and solid-waste management, landfills, clean air and water issues such as Santa Monica Bay. Joining the staff of then-Councilmember Yaroslavsky in 1991, she worked on various policy issues including redistricting, waste management and other environmental issues. She holds an M.A. in Political Science from UCLA, and a B.A. in Political Science from Northwestern University.

Biography

RICHARD D. THORPE, P.E.
Chief Capital Management Officer
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Rick is currently Los Angeles County Metro's Chief Capital Management Officer overseeing LA County's bus and rail capital development program. With more than 30 years of design and construction experience, Rick is well known in the transit industry for his successful work on the San Diego, Salt Lake City and Los Angeles transit systems.

Rick's primary duties at Metro include oversight of the \$340 million 14 mile San Fernando Valley Busway, the \$890 million six mile Eastside Light Rail Project, and the \$640 million Exposition Light Rail Project.

Prior to joining Metro, Rick was the Chief Executive Officer for the Pasadena Gold Line Construction Authority, where he was responsible for the completion of a 13.7-mile, \$725 million design-build light rail project running from downtown Los Angeles to East Pasadena as well as the initial planning for a 24-mile, \$1.2 billion extension to the City of Montclair.

Rick has also served as the Program Manager for the initial Salt Lake City Light Rail (TRAX) Project. In his role as Program Manager, he was also responsible for the planning and engineering of the light rail extension to the University of Utah for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games.

Rick began his career with the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board (MTDB), where he built his reputation on delivering projects on time and under budget. As Director of Engineering and Construction, he managed San Diego's bus and rail capital improvement program, which included the design and construction of numerous bus facilities as well as six separate extensions of the light rail system.

A registered professional civil engineer in California and Utah, Rick holds both bachelor and masters degrees in Civil Engineering from San Diego State University. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), and the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA).

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BOBBY SHRIVER

After graduating *cum laude* from Yale College, Robert Sargent Shriver III began a career as a journalist, working for the "Annapolis Evening Capitol" in Maryland. From there, he followed a traditional journalist's odyssey, from a news service in Chicago (The City News Bureau) to "The Chicago Daily News," and to the "Los Angeles Herald Examiner." He left the newspaper business to attend Yale Law School. Upon graduation in 1981, he clerked for the Honorable Stephen R. Reinhardt at the Federal Court of Appeals for the Ninth Judicial Circuit.

In 1982 he moved to New York to work in the venture capital business where, with former United States Defense Secretary, Harold Brown, and James D. Wolfensohn, he participated in the founding of the venture capital division of the Wolfensohn Firm.

Shriver made his television- producing debut in 1987 when he produced the first ever primetime program on the 1987 Special Olympics World Games for ABC. During the same year, he produced the first "*A Very Special Christmas*" record. The success of these two projects led him to form Special Olympic Productions as an on-going entity responsible for raising money through entertainment related projects.

Since 1988, he has produced a two-hour BBC 1 program on the European games in Glasgow, a one-hour Christmas show for ABC, the 1991 two-hour show (also ABC) of the Minneapolis World Games, and, in 1992 a second album, "*A Very Special Christmas 2.*" In 1994 he produced "*Jazz to the World,*" a collection of jazz Christmas songs. In 1995 he produced "*World Christmas*" for Capitol Records, in 1997 "*A Very Special Christmas 3*" for A&M Records, in 1999 "*A Very Special Christmas Live*" and in 2001 "*A Very Special Christmas 5.*" In 2004, Shriver executive produced "*A Very Special Acoustic Christmas*" for Lost Highway Records. These projects have raised more than \$60 million in support of Special Olympic organizations throughout the world.

Shriver's feature film credits include the 1994 box-office hit "*True Lies,*" which he executive produced from a story he found and developed. He produced the 1998 HBO film, "*Black Cat Run.*" from Frank Darabont's script. In 1999, Shriver executive produced the NBC primetime movie, "*Mary, Mother of Jesus.*"

Shriver is a Director of The Crossroads at Antigua Foundation, Chairman of the California State Parks and Recreation system, Chairman of DATA Foundation Inc. and a Santa Monica City Councilman.

He lives in Santa Monica, California