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September 15, 2005

Mr. Roger Snoble, CEO  
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
One Gateway Plaza  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Snoble:

Acting in its capacity as the convening coalition of the Gateway Cities Service Sector, the Board of Directors of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments has voted on nominations to fill the unexpired term of office of Ms. Bonnie Lowenthal on the Sector Governance Council. In accordance with MTA's guidelines on this matter, Ms. Lowenthal vacated her position upon her election to the MTA Board of Directors.

In addition, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments has elected to exercise its option to expand Sector Governance Council membership from seven to nine. Of the two new seats, only one may be held by an elected official.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments on September 7, 2005, nominations were made for two of these three positions.

Our nominee for the newly created seat is Ms. Cheri Kelley, Councilmember, City of Norwalk. Our nominee for the newly created seat is Mr. Owen Newcomer, Councilmember, City of Whittier. Both Ms. Kelley and Mr. Newcomer are users of Metro transit services and are familiar with municipal transit operations in the Sector.

Candidates for the final seat, which cannot be held by an elected official, are still under consideration and the nominee will be forwarded to you when selected.

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We hereby request that you agendaize this matter for confirmation by the MTA Board of Directors. Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

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Richard Powers,  
Executive Director

cc: Alex Clifford

## **COUNCIL MEMBER CHERI KELLEY**

Councilmember Cheri Kelley was elected to the City of Norwalk City Council in March 1997 and re-elected in March 2001 and 2005. She served as Mayor from March 2000-2001 and 2004-2005.

Ms. Kelley was appointed by Councilmember Robert "Bob" White as a commissioner to the Consumer/Rental Mediation Board in 1991. She served as Chairman of this commission from 1995-1997. Appointed by Councilmember Judith Brennan, she also served as Chairman of the Blue Ribbon Commission from 1993-1997. During this time, the commission prepared a report to the City Council on "Factors Effecting Residential Property Values in Norwalk."

Councilmember Kelley is the immediate past president of the California Contract Cities Association and serves on the Executive Board. Additionally she represents Norwalk as Director for the Southeast Animal Control Authority (SEAACA), Trustee for the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District, and League of California Cities Member of the Revenue & Tax Policy Committee.

Ms. Kelley remains active with several community-based organizations, serving on the Board of Directors for Soroptimist International of Norwalk, the Norwalk Community Coordinating Council and the Norwalk Arts & Sports Foundation. She is a member of the Norwalk Woman's Club, Rotary Club of Norwalk, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Council #2043, Norwalk Chamber of Commerce, Friends of the Library and Friends of Hargitt House.

Ms. Kelley has been a member of the Little Lake City School District Strategic Planning Committee since 1994. This committee had a major role in helping the district obtain the Annenberg Grant. The committee continues to set goals that will improve achievement for all the students of the district.

On March 27, 2000, Assemblymember Thomas Calderon selected Ms. Kelley as the 2000 Woman of the Year for the 58th Assembly District.

In addition to her community service, Mayor Kelley has been a State Director of the California Association of Realtors since 1991. She has served on numerous committees, lending her expertise to shape legislation for the protection of private property rights. Most recently, she was Vice-Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee. She was elected President of the Norwalk-La Mirada Board of Realtors in 1994 and was selected REALTOR of the Year. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Pacific West Association of Realtors.

Mayor Kelley along with her colleagues has placed public safety and the infrastructure as top priorities for the City of Norwalk. Economic development plays an important role to ensure the ability to provide essential services to the residents of Norwalk. Mayor Kelley is proud of the variety of recreational and educational programming for all ages offered

by the City of Norwalk. Expanding and improving these programs is an ongoing effort. The overall beautification of the City of Norwalk will increase property values for all homeowners and bring a real sense of pride to every resident.

Councilmember Kelley and her husband, Del Lindgren, are Broker/Owners of Home Town Realtors. Home Town Realtors has served the community of Norwalk in the same location for over 50 years. Ms. Kelley is a native Californian and has lived in Norwalk since 1972. She has two grown daughters, Tami and Treena, two grandsons, Brandon and Tyler and a granddaughter, Kailey.

## **Council Member Owen Newcomer**

Owen was reelected for a second term on the Whittier City Council in April 2004. He previously served as a trustee to the Whittier City School District for eleven years.

Owen is presently a Political Science Professor at Rio Hondo College where he has been teaching since 1975. He earned his undergraduate and Master's Degree from California State University, Northridge in Political Science, and his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Southern California. He is the author of *Governing California and Los Angeles*.

Supervisor Don Knabe appointed Owen to the Los Angeles County Homeless Services Authority Commission, where Owen serves as Vice-Chair of the Commission.

### **City Council Appointed Organizations:**

- Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority, Alternate
- Rio Hondo Temporary Home, Delegate & Board Treasurer
- Southeast Area Social Services Funding Authority, Past Chairman
- LA County Division of the League of California Cities, Delegate
- Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District, Delegate
- City Selection Committee, Delegate
- Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Commission, Delegate
- Hillside Open Space Education Committee, Alternate

### **City Council Committees**

- Greenway Trail Construction