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GATEWAY CITIES
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

April 18, 2006

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

Dear Mr. Snoble:

Gateway Cities Service Sector Governance Council Nominee

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 selected a nominee to fill the unexpired term of office of Ms. Jackie Rynerson on the Sector Governance Council. Ms. Rynerson's letter of resignation is enclosed.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments on April 5, 2006, Mr. George Bass, a transit consumer from Bell, was nominated to fill the vacancy. Mr. Bass' term of office run from the date of swearing in through June 30, 2008, i.e. the balance of the unexpired term. Additional information about Mr. Bass is also enclosed.

We would appreciate your assistance in agendizing this nomination for confirmation by the MTA Board of Directors as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Richard Powers
Executive Director

cc: Alex Clifford

Enclosures

George Francis (Smokey) Bass, PE

Born and raised in East Los Angeles, George (a long time fire buff and rail fan) moved to the Southeast area in 1950, joining the Vernon Fire Department in 1953. After serving in all of the ranks in the Department, he became Fire Chief and Fire Marshal in 1978 and served in that capacity for ten years, also becoming a registered Fire Protection Engineer. After a colorful thirty-five year career, retirement came in 1988.

In 1990, he was elected to the Bell City Council, serving twice as Mayor. In this capacity, he worked diligently to improve fiscal management, budget reform and the super structure of the City, as well as many other needed maintenance and improvement projects in the City. He was elected to the Regional Council of SCAG, serving on the Transportation and Communications Committee for thirteen years. During the formation years of the Gateway Cog, he represented the cities of Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Maywood and Vernon. Transportation has always been a top priority. He retired from the Bell City Council in 2003.

Additionally, he has served on several Boards of Directors, including the Southeast YMCA, Salvation Army Huntington Park Corps, Friends of Bell and the Boy Scouts of America, where he also served as the District Commissioner for the San Antonio District.