



Metro

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT & AUDIT COMMITTEE
JUNE 19, 2008

SUBJECT: CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE BY-LAWS
ACTION: APPROVE AMENDMENT REGARDING MEMBERSHIP

RECOMMENDATION

Approve an amendment to the Metro Citizens' Advisory Council (CAC) Bylaws restricting the number of members who also serve on one of the Metro Service Sector Governance Councils.

DISCUSSION

On July 26, 2006, the CAC approved an amendment to CAC By-Laws, adding to Article II, Section A, first paragraph:

A maximum of one (1) representative per MTA Sector Governance Council may be appointed as a Citizens' Advisory Council member.

The reason for the amendment was to avoid potential conflicts of interest, since the CAC acts as an advisory body to the Metro Board of Directors and some matters involving bus operations come before both the Board and the Governance Councils.

This has not been shown to be a problem with the two present Governance Council representatives who also hold CAC membership (Wally Shidler of Gateway Cities Sector, and Kymberleigh Richards of San Fernando Valley Sector) but the potential exists for compromising the integrity of the CAC if such dual role holders were allowed to comprise the majority of its membership.

Article VII of the By-Laws states that amendments to it "are subject to MTA Board approval." Through a miscommunication with staff, this protocol was not complied with at the time of the CAC vote. The CAC now requests the required approval.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board could reject the amendment. This is not recommended because it leaves open the possibility that a sector could have several of its members appointed to the CAC and therefore create an unwanted bias or conflicts of interest with those members' dual roles.

The Board could also choose to amend the By-Laws itself with language of its own to accomplish the same result. This would be acceptable to the CAC.

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