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**SYSTEMS SAFETY, SECURITY AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**
**JUNE 15, 2017**

**SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP ON METRO SERVICE COUNCILS**

**ACTION: APPROVE NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT TO METRO SERVICE COUNCILS**

## RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE nominees for membership on Metro's Service Council as listed in the board report.

## ISSUE

Each Metro Service Council is comprised of nine Representatives that serve a term of three years; terms are staggered so that the terms of three of each Council's nine members expire annually on June 30. Incumbent Representatives can serve additional terms if re-nominated by the nominating authority and confirmed by the Metro Board.

## DISCUSSION

Metro seeks to appoint Service Council members reflective of the demographics of each respective region. The 2010 Census demographics of each of the Service Council regions are as follows:

| % Sector Total | Hispanic | White | Asian | Black | Other | Total Pop |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Gabriel Valley | 50.0% | 19.9% | 24.9% | 3.3% | 2.0% | 100.0% |
| San Fernando Valley | 41.0% | 42.0% | 10.7% | 3.4% | 2.9% | 100.0% |
| South Bay | 42.5% | 23.8% | 12.0% | 18.3% | 3.4% | 100.0% |
| Westside/Central | 43.5% | 30.7% | 13.0% | 10.0% | 2.8% | 100.0% |
| Gateway Cities | 63.9% | 16.7% | 8.5% | 8.6% | 2.3% | 100.0% |
| Service Area Total | 48.5% | 26.8% | 14.0% | 8.2% | 2.6% | 100.0% |

The individuals listed below have been nominated to serve by the Councils' appointing authorities. If approved by the Board, these appointments will serve a three-year term or the remainder of the seat's three-year term as indicated. A brief listing of qualifications for the new nominees is provided along with the nomination letters from the nominating authorities:

Gateway Cities

The demographic makeup of the Gateway Cities Service Council with the appointment of these nominees will consist of five (5) White members and four (4) Hispanic members as self-identified by the members in terms of racial/ethnic identity. The gender breakdown of the Council will be six (6) men and three (3) women.

A. David Armenta, Gateway Cities Service Council, Re-Appointment
Nominated by: Gateway Cities Council of Governments
Term Ending: June 30, 2020

B. Samuel Peña, Gateway Cities Service Council, Re-Appointment
Nominated by: Gateway Cities Council of Governments
Term Ending: June 30, 2020

C. Joseph Strapac, Gateway Cities Service Council, Re-Appointment
Nominated by: Gateway Cities Council of Governments
Term Ending: June 30, 2020

San Fernando Valley

The demographic makeup of the San Fernando Valley Service Council with the appointment of these nominees will consist of three (3) White members, five (5) Hispanic members, and one (1) Asian member as self-identified by the members in terms of racial/ethnic identity. The gender breakdown of the Council will be seven (7) men and two (2) women.

D. Yvette Lopez-Ledesma, San Fernando Valley Service Council, Re-Appointment
Nominated by: Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti
Term Ending: June 30, 2020

E. Max Reyes, San Fernando Valley Service Council, Re-Appointment
Nominated by: Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti
Term Ending: June 30, 2020

F. Robert Gonzales, San Fernando Valley Service Council, New Appointment
Nominated by: The City of Burbank
Term Ending: June 30, 2020

San Gabriel Valley

The demographic makeup of the San Gabriel Valley Service Council with the appointment of these nominees will consist of four(4) White members, one (1) Hispanic member, one (1) Native American member, and one (1) Asian member as self-identified by the members in terms of racial/ethnic identity. The gender breakdown of the Council will be six (6) men and one (1) woman.

G. John Harrington, San Gabriel Valley Service Council, Re-Appointment
Nominated by: The City of San Marino
Term Ending: June 30, 2020

H. John Harabedian, San Gabriel Valley Service Council, Re-Appointment
Nominated by: The City of La Cañada Flintridge
Term Ending: June 30, 2020

Note: There is one Service Council representative whose current term of service has not yet been renewed and whose term will expire on July 1, 2017; this representative may continue to sit with their Service Council and participate in discussions but will not be eligible to vote on any matter before their Service Council. There is also one other remaining vacancy due to the sudden passing of the Councilmember. The appointing authority for these seats has requested additional time to submit both nominations. Staff will continue to work with the nominating authority to fill these positions.

South Bay

The demographic makeup of the South Bay Service Council with the appointment of these nominees will consist of three (3) ~~two (2)~~ Hispanic members, three (3) White members, one (1) Asian member, and two (2) Black members as self-identified by the members in terms of racial/ethnic identity. The gender breakdown of the Council will be seven (7) ~~six (6)~~ men and two (2) women.

I.~~J.~~ Ralph Franklin, South Bay Service Council, Re-Appointment
Nominated by: South Bay Council of Governments
Term Ending: June 30, 2020

J.~~K.~~ Luis Duran, South Bay Service Council, New Appointment
Nominated by: South Bay Council of Governments
Term Ending: June 30, 2020

K.~~L.~~ Meighan Langlois, South Bay Valley Service Council, New Appointment
Nominated by: South Bay Council of Governments
Term Ending: June 30, 2020

L. Dan Medina, South Bay Valley Service Council, New Appointment
Nominated by: South Bay Council of Governments
Term Ending: June 30, 2018

~~Note: a member of the South Bay Service Council recently resigned, leaving one (1) vacancy on this Council. The appointing authority is currently recruiting and reviewing candidates and will submit their nomination for approval in the near future.~~

Westside Central

The demographic makeup of the Westside Central Service Council with the appointment of this nominee will consist of three (3) White members, four (4) Hispanic members, and two (2) Black members as self-identified by the members in terms of racial/ethnic identity. The gender breakdown of the Council will be six (6) men and three (3) women.

M. Malcolm Harris, Westside Central Service Council, New Appointment
Nominated by: Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti
Term Ending: June 30, 2020

N. Jeremiah LaRose, Westside Central Service Council, Re-Appointment
Nominated by: Third District Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
Term Ending: June 30, 2020

O. David Feinberg, Westside Central Service Council, Re-Appointment
Nominated by: Westside Cities Council of Governments
Term Ending: June 30, 2020

## DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

Maintaining the full complement of representatives on each Service Council to represent each service area is important. As each representative is to be a regular user of public transit, and each Council is composed of people from diverse areas and backgrounds, this enables each Council to better understand the needs of transit consumers including the need for safe operation of transit service and safe location of bus stops.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact imparted by approving the recommended action.

## ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The alternative to approving this appointment would be for these nominees to not be approved for appointment. To do so would result in reduced effectiveness of the Service Council, as it would increase the difficulty of obtaining the quorum necessary to allow the Service Council to formulate and submit their recommendations to the Board. It would also result in the Service Council having less diverse representation of their service area.

## NEXT STEPS

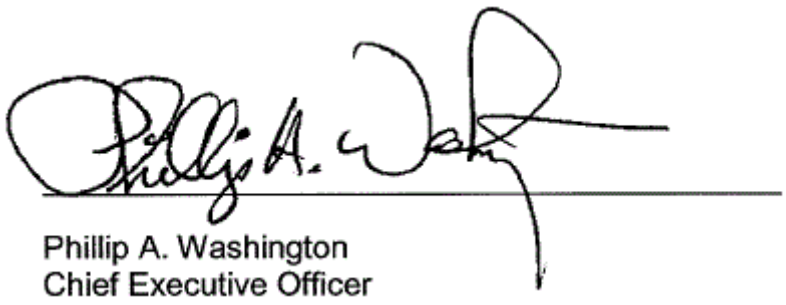
Staff will continue to monitor the major contributors to the quality of bus service from the customer's perspective, and share that information with the Service Councils for use in their work to plan, implement, and improve bus service in their areas and the customer experience using our bus service.

## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - New Appointee Biographies and Listing of Qualifications
Attachment B - Appointing Authority Nomination Letters

Prepared by: Conan Cheung, Executive Officer of Transit Operations, (213) 418-3034

Reviewed by: James T. Gallagher, Chief Operations Officer, (213) 418-3108



Phillip A. Washington
Chief Executive Officer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**ATTACHMENT A**

## NEW APPOINTEES BIOGRAPHIES AND QUALIFICATIONS

### Robert Gonzales, Nominee for San Fernando Valley Service Council

Mayor Robert Gonzales was first elected to the San Fernando City Council in November 2012, and was recently elected to his third term in March 2017. A longtime resident of the Valley, Mr. Gonzales is a graduate of Sylmar High School. He was the first in his family to attend and successfully complete college, and holds an Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Mission College, Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from California State University of Los Angeles, and a Master of Science in Leadership and Management from the University of La Verne, College of Business and Public Management. In addition to dedicating his time to the San Fernando City Council, Robert represents San Fernando while serving with other agencies including the President-elect of the Independent Cities Association's Executive Board of Directors and the Los Angeles County Library Commission.

### Luis Duran, Nominee for South Bay Service Council

Luis Duran was born, raised and attended school in Hawthorne and currently lives in Hermosa Beach. Mr. Duran is currently employed at the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning as a land use planner. In that role, he has worked with Metro on multiple land use projects, including two Transit Oriented District (TOD) Specific Plans. Prior to working for the County, he worked as an environmental consultant for a small environmental firm in Santa Fe Springs, CA. Mr. Duran holds a B.A. in Environmental Studies from the University of California, Santa Barbara and an M.S. in Environmental Studies from California State University, Fullerton. He is a member of the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA). A committed transit user, Luis rides the LADOT Commuter Express to work and frequently uses Metro for work-related meetings and to destinations such as Dodger Stadium.

**Meighan Langlois, Nominee for South Bay Service Council**

Meighan Langlois has served in a variety of leadership positions within the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) organization where she has contributed to airport operations, contracts and administration, risk management, and ground transportation management. Her current management role as LAWA's Rideshare Program Administrator promotes transportation solutions for LAWA employees promoting environmentally focused alternatives including transit, vanpool, carpool and cycling at one of the busiest airports in the world. Prior to joining LAWA, Ms. Langlois worked in marketing of LADWP's Conservation Programs. Ms. Langlois holds an MBA from California State University; she was recently awarded a Certificate in Sustainability "earned with distinction" from UCLA Extension. Meighan is a lifelong South Bay native and lives with her husband and children near LAX.

**Dan Medina, Nominee for South Bay Service Council**

Dan Medina is a long-time resident of Gardena and was first elected to the City Council in November 2008. He is currently serving his third term and is currently serving as Mayor Pro Tem. Mr. Medina has also held numerous other leadership positions in numerous local service organizations, including the Gardena Valley Lions Club; the Carson-Gardena-Dominguez Rotary Club; the Kiwanis Club of Gardena Valley; the Gardena Valley Democratic Club and the Gardena-based Mexican-American Democratic Club. Mayor Pro Tem Medina serves as the City of Gardena's delegate to the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, and serves as the District 28 representative representing the cities of Hawthorne, Inglewood, and Gardena on the Southern California Association of Governments. He also serves on the South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority; the West Basin Water Association; and the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District Board of Trustees.

**Malcolm Harris, Nominee for Westside Central Service Council**

Malcolm Harris was born in Oakland and graduated from Santa Monica High School. He is a resident of the City of Los Angeles and has worked as the Director of Programs & Organizing for T.R.U.S.T. South LA in 2014. Prior to joining T.R.U.S.T. South LA, he worked as an organizer with the Service Employee's International Union International, where he ran strategic union organizing campaigns throughout the US and Canada, Program Coordinator for the AmASSI Center of South Los Angeles, and as Education Coordinator with the Community Coalition's South Central Youth Empowered thru Action. Mr. Harris holds a Bachelor's degree in Sociology with an emphasis in African-Area Studies from UCLA, and serves as a National Coordinator for National Black Men's Xchange, a human rights, educational, anti-oppression and advocacy organization.

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**ATTACHMENT B**

## APPOINTING AUTHORITY NOMINATION LETTERS

SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES COUNTY

GATEWAY CITIES
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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Cudahy
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Pico Rivera
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South Gate
Vernon
Whittier
County of Los Angeles
Port of Long Beach

April 12, 2017

Mr. Phillip A. Washington, CEO
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Washington:

**Nominees for the Metro Gateway Cities Service Council**

Acting in its capacity as the convening coalition of the Metro Gateway Cities Service Council, the Board of Directors of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments has nominated three Service Council members to fill seats expiring on June 30, 2016.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of April 5, 2017, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments Board of Directors nominated Council Member David Armenta, and Community Members Sam Pena and Joseph Strapac, to fill the seats expiring June 30, 2017. A copy of the nominee's application is enclosed.

We would appreciate your assistance in agendizing the nominations for confirmation by the MTA Board of Directors at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Sincerely,

Richard Powers
Executive Director

Enclosure

Cc: Ms. Dolores Ramos, Sr. Administrative Analyst, Regional Service Councils

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CITY OF BURBANK

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

March 14, 2017

Mr. Gary Spivack
Deputy Executive Officer
Metro San Fernando Valley Service Council
One Gateway Plaza, MS-99-7-2
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Nomination of San Fernando Mayor Robert Gonzales to the Metro San Fernando Valley Service Council**

Dear Mr. Spivack:

In your letter dated February 29, 2016, you indicated that San Fernando Councilmember Lopez submitted his resignation creating an immediate vacancy. In order to maintain representation to this important oversight group, the three East Cluster cities of Burbank, Glendale, and San Fernando respectfully request that Mayor Robert Gonzales be nominated to serve as a member of the Service Council to complete the remainder of Councilmember Lopez's July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2017 term and the July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2020 term. This nomination has been discussed with officials from the three East Cluster cities, who agree that Mayor Gonzales is the appropriate person to join Burbank Mayor Jess Talamantes in representing the East Cluster cities on the Service Council.

Thank you for considering our request to nominate Mayor Gonzales to the San Fernando Valley Service Council. Should you require any further information, please feel free to contact David Kriske in our Community Development Department at 818.238.5269 or via email at dkriske@burbankca.gov.

Sincerely,

Ron Davis
City Manager
City of Burbank

Cc: Scott Ochoa, City Manager – City of Glendale
Nick Kimball, Interim City Manager – City of San Fernando

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ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

May 25, 2017

Mr. Gary Spivack
Deputy Executive Officer
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Mr. Spivack,

I hereby reappoint Ms. Yvette Lopez-Ledesma to serve as a representative on the San Fernando Valley Council, for a three year term ending on June 30, 2020.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Yvette Lopez-Ledesma is qualified for the work that will devolve upon her, and that I make this appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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City of Los Angeles

ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

May 25, 2017

Mr. Gary Spivack
Deputy Executive Officer
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Mr. Spivack,

I hereby reappoint Mr. Max Reyes to serve as a representative on the San Fernando Valley Council, for a three year term ending on June 30, 2020.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Reyes is qualified for the work that will devolve upon him, and that I make this appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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# City of San Marino

March 26, 2014

Jon Hillmer
Regional Services Councils Director
Los Angeles County Metro
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, California 90012-2952

Dear Mr. Hillmer:

The City of San Marino would like to nominate Mayor John Harrington for an additional term as the San Gabriel Valley Cities Metro's Service appointee to Metro's Service Council.

Mayor Harrignton has expressed his willingness to serve, he lives in the area and he has represented us well. It is my belief that the appointment of Mayor Harrington to the Service Council will provide valuable contininuty that will benefit San Marino, the San Gabriel Valley and L.A. Metro.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Dennis Kneier
Mayor

cc: Sergio Gonzalez, City Manager, City of South Pasadena
Steve Preston, City Manager, City of San Gabriel
Mary Swink, City Manager, City of Alhambra

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May 19, 2017

Mr. Gary Spivak
Deputy Executive Officer, Metro Service Councils
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

***Sent via email to: spivakg@metro.net***

Dear Mr. Spivak:

The City of La Cañada Flintridge nominates Sierra Madre Council Member John Harabedian to be re-appointed as the San Gabriel Valley Service Sector Representative for a three-year term, from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Alexander
City Manager

c: City Council
The Honorable John Capoccia, Mayor, City of Sierra Madre
Steve Mermell, City Manager, City of Pasadena
The Honorable Terry Tornek, Mayor, City of Pasadena
Elaine Aguilar, Interim City Manager, City of Sierra Madre
Phillip A Washington, Chief Executive Officer
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April 28, 2017

The Honorable John Fasana, Chair
& Members of the Board
Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority
1 Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: Nominations for the Members of the South Bay Service Council

The South Bay Service Council has been extremely successful since its inception. The dedicated people on our council have worked with Metro staff to make changes in service to improve efficiency and coordination of the transit services provided by the Metro in our sector.

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) takes its responsibility to nominate members to the council very seriously and with this letter we are submitting our nominees to fill the three seats whose terms are expiring. Recommended after receiving the approval of the SBCCOG Board of Directors at the meeting of April 27, 2017 are Ralph Franklin (Inglewood Councilman resident and current member). Meighan Langlois (LA World Airports Rideshare Coordinator) and Luis Duran (Hermosa Beach resident, LA County land use planner & transit rider). These appointments are all for 3 years.

We request that you agendize the appointment of these representatives as soon as possible so they can be seated in July, 2017.

Please notify us when the appointments are confirmed or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jim Osborne
SBCCOG Chair
Councilman, City of Lomita

cc: Phil Washington, CEO

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN ACTION

Carson El Segundo Gardena Hawthorne Hermosa Beach Inglewood Lawndale Lomita
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May 26, 2017

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Office of the CEO

The Honorable John Fasana, Chair
& Members of the Board
Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority
1 Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: Nomination to Fill Vacancy for South Bay Service Council

On May 1, the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) received notice from Metro South Bay Metro Service Council member John Addleman that he was resigning as of May 12, 2017.

At the May 25 SBCCOG Board of Directors' meeting, Gardena Councilman Dan Medina was nominated to fill the vacancy which has one year remaining on the term. Councilman Medina has expressed his interest in serving on the Council for a while and he is a regular transit rider.

We request that you agendize his appointment as soon as possible so he can be seated with our other new members in July, 2017.

Please notify us when his appointment is confirmed or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jim Osborne
SBCCOG Chair
Councilman, City of Lawndale

cc: Phil Washington, CEO

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN ACTION

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City of Los Angeles

ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

April 25, 2017

Mr. Gary Spivack
Deputy Executive Officer
Metro Regionals Service Councils
One Gateway Plaza MS 99-7-2
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Spivack:

I hereby submit the nomination of Mr. Malcolm Harris to serve as a representative on the Westside/Central Service Council. I certify that in my opinion Mr. Harris is qualified for the work that will devolve upon him, and that I make this appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Please let me know if you need any additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor

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**SHEILA KUEHL**
SUPERVISOR, THIRD DISTRICT


April 19, 2017

Mr. Gary Spivack
Deputy Executive Officer
Metro Regional Service Councils
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Spivack,

This letter serves as the recommendation to re-appoint Jeremiah LaRose to serve as the Third District representative on the Westside Central Service Council for the term of July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2020.

I am confident that Mr. LaRose's knowledge and experience will continue to serve the Westside Central Service Council well.

Please let me know if you need any additional information. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

SHEILA KUEHL
Supervisor, Third District

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COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

**Date:** March 30, 2017

**To:** Gary Spivack
Deputy Executive Officer, Metro

**From:** Cecilia Estolano, WSCCOG Executive Director
Winnie Fong, WSCCOG Project Director

**CC:** Eric Geier, Community Relations Manager, Metro
Dolores Ramos, Sr. Administrative Analyst, Metro
David Feinberg, Transit Government Relations Officer, Santa Monica Big Blue Bus

**Subject:** Westside Cities COG Re-Appointment to the Metro Westside/Central Service Council

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On March 30, 2017, the Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG) Board re-appointed David Feinberg to another 3-year term as the WSCCOG representative to the Metro Westside/Central Service Council beginning July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020. The WSCCOG Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Feinberg's reappointment. Attached is his statement of interest.

Please accept this reappointment on behalf of the WSCCOG Board. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the WSCCOG Project Director Winnie Fong at winnie@elpadvisors.com or at (213) 612-4545.