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**OPERATIONS, SAFETY, AND CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE**
**JUNE 18, 2025**

**SUBJECT: ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS TO METRO'S SERVICE COUNCILS**

**ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATION**

## RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE nominees for membership on Metro's San Fernando Valley, San Gabriel Valley, South Bay Cities, and Westside Central Service Councils (Attachment A).

## ISSUE

Each Metro Service Council (MSC) is comprised of nine Representatives who serve 3-year terms. The terms of three of the five Council's nine seats expire annually on June 30; incumbent Representatives can serve additional terms if re-nominated by the nominating authority, or new nominees may be forwarded. All nominations are confirmed by the Metro Board.

## BACKGROUND

MSCs were created in 2002 as community-based bodies that improve bus service and promote service coordination with municipal and local transit providers. The MSC bylaws specify that representatives who live, work, or represent the region should have a basic working knowledge of public transit service within their area and understand passenger transit needs. To do so, each Representative is expected to ride at least one transit service per month.

The MSCs are responsible for convening public hearings to receive community input on proposed service modifications, rendering decisions for proposed bus route changes, and considering staff recommendations/public comments. All route and major service changes approved by the MSCs will be brought to the Metro Board of Directors as an information item. If the Metro Board moves an MSC -approved service change to an action item, the MSCs will be notified of this change before the next Service Council monthly meeting.

## DISCUSSION

The individuals listed below have been nominated by each of the Councils' nominating authorities. If approved by the Board, they will serve for the three-year terms specified below. A brief listing of qualifications for new nominees and the nomination letters are provided in Attachments A and B.

For reference, should these nominees be appointed, the 2023 American Community Survey demographics and 2023 Metro Ridership Survey demographics for the region are compared to each Council's composition. The sex/gender composition for Los Angeles County is taken from 2022 Census Quick Facts; Census data includes a question that intends to capture current sex; there are no questions about gender, sexual orientation, or sex at birth. This is denoted by an asterisk in the "non-binary/non-conforming" and "prefer to self-describe/decline to state" fields within the tables below.

Lastly, the attendance record over the July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025 term is provided for all incumbent candidates; the June Service Council meetings had not yet been held at the time this report was prepared.

Gateway Cities Service Council

A. Martin Fuentes, New Appointment
   Nominated by: Gateway Cities Council of Governments
   Term: July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028

B. Juan Muñoz Guevara, Reappointment
   Nominated by: Gateway Cities Council of Governments
   Term: July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028
   Attendance: Of the 19 meetings held during Councilmember Muñoz Guevara's tenure, he has attended 17 (89%).

With the appointment of these nominees, the Gateway Cities (GWC) Service Council membership will compare to the region's demographics and ridership as follows:

| GWC Race/Ethnicity | Hispanic or Latino | White | Asian | Pac Isl | Black | Native Amer/ Amer Ind | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| GWC Region | 65.8% | 14.0% | 9.3% | 0.3% | 7.8% | 0.2 | 2.6% |
| GWC Ridership | 51% | 16% | 10% | 1% | 18% | 1% | 4% |
| GWC Membership (No.) | 88% (8) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) | 11% (1) |

The gender makeup of the GWC Service Council will be as follows:

| GWC Sex/Gender | Male/Man | Female/Woman | Non-binary/ Non-conforming | Prefer to self-describe/ Decline to respond |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Los Angeles County | 49.6% | 50.4% | * | * |
| GWC Ridership | 51% | 46% | 2% | 1% |
| GWC Membership (No.) | 66% (6) | 33% (3) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) |

San Fernando Valley Service Council

C. Antoinette Scully, Reappointment
   Nominated by: Third District Supervisor Lindsey Horvath

Term: July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028
Attendance: Of the 20 meetings held during Councilmember Scully's tenure, they have attended 15 (80%).

With the appointment of this nominee, the San Fernando Valley (SFV) Service Council membership will compare to the region's demographics and ridership as follows:

| SFV Race/Ethnicity | Hispanic or Latino | White | Asian | Pac Isl | Black | Native Amer | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SFV Council Region | 41.3% | 39.6% | 11.2% | 0.2% | 3.7% | 0.2% | 2.2% |
| SFV Region Ridership | 73% | 9% | 8% | 1% | 8% | 1% | 1% |
| SFV Membership (No.) | 22% (2) | 22% (2) | 11% (1) | 0% (0) | 11% (1) | 0% (0) | 11% (1) |

The gender makeup of the SFV Service Council will be as follows:

| SFV Sex/Gender | Male/Man | Female/Woman | Non-binary/ Non-conforming | Prefer to self-describe/ Decline to respond |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Los Angeles County | 49.6% | 50.4% | * | * |
| SFV Region Ridership | 49% | 48%% | 2% | 1% |
| SFV Membership (No.) | 44% (4) | 11% (1) | 22% (2) | 0% (0) |

The percentages reflect the nine seats on the Council; there will be two vacancies remaining on this Council as two nominating authorities, City of The Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass and Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments, did not forward nominations for the seats.

San Gabriel Valley Service Council

D. Jose Sanchez, New Appointment
Nominated by: Cities of Montebello, Monterey Park, and Rosemead
Term: July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028

E. Elena Garza, New Appointment
Nominated by: San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments
Term: July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028

F. Roberto Álvarez, Reappointment
Nominated by: Fifth District Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Attendance record: Of the 14 meetings held during Councilmember Álvarez's tenure, he has attended 7 (50%).
Term: July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028

With the appointment of these nominees, the San Gabriel Valley (SGV) Service Council membership will compare to the region's demographics and ridership as follows:

| SGV Race/Ethnicity | Hispanic or Latino | White | Asian | Pac Isl | Black | Native Amer | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SGV Council Region | 49.4% | 15.9% | 28.5% | 0.2% | 2.9% | 0.2% | 2.9% |
| SGV Region Ridership | 78% | 5% | 9% | 1% | 6% | 1% | 0% |
| SGV Membership (No.) | 44% (4) | 22% (2) | 33% (3) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) |

The gender makeup of the SGV Service Council will be as follows:

| SGV Sex/Gender | Male/Man | Female/Woman | Non-binary/ Non-conforming | Prefer to self-describe/ Decline to respond |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Los Angeles County | 49.6% | 50.4% | * | * |
| SGV Region Ridership | 50% | 47% | 2% | 1% |
| SGV Membership (No.) | 77% (7) | 22% (2) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) |

South Bay Cities Service Council

G. Andrea Reilly, New Appointment
Nominated by: South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Term: July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028

H. Roye Love, Reappointment
Nominated by: South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Term: July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028
Attendance record: Councilmember Love has served on the Council since February 2011. Of the 29 meetings held during his most recent three-year term, he has attended 26 (90%).

I. Courtney Alicia Miles, Reappointment
Nominated by: South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Term: July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028
Attendance record: Of the 7 meetings held since Councilmember Miles was appointed, she has attended 7 (100%).

With the appointment of these nominees, the South Bay Cities (SBC) Service Council membership will compare to the region's demographics and ridership as follows:

| SBC Race/Ethnicity | Hispanic or Latino | White | Asian | Pac Isl | Black | Native Amer | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SBC Council Region | 45.2% | 20.8% | 13.7% | 0.3% | 15.3% | 0.2% | 4.6% |
| SBC Region Ridership | 66% | 6% | 7% | 1% | 18% | 1% | 0% |
| SBC Membership (No.) | 11% (1) | 33% (3) | 11% (1) | 11% (1) | 33% (3) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) |

The gender makeup of the SBC Service Council will be as follows:

| SBC Sex/Gender | Male/Man | Female/Woman | Non-binary/ Non-conforming | Prefer to self-describe/ Decline to respond |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Los Angeles County | 49.6% | 50.4% | * | * |
| SBC Region Ridership | 51% | 47% | 2% | 1% |
| SBC Membership (No.) | 66% (6) | 33% (3) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) |

Westside Central Service Council

J. Steven King, Reappointment
Nominated by: City of Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass
Term: July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028
Attendance record: Of the 7 meetings held since Councilmember King was appointed, he has attended 6 (85%).

K. Chelsea Byers, Reappointment
Nominated by: Westside Cities Council of Governments
Term: July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028
Attendance record: Of the 8 meetings held since Councilmember Byers was appointed, she has attended 6 (75%)

With the appointment of these nominees, the Westside Central (WSC) Service Council membership will compare to the region's demographics and ridership as follows:

| WSC Race/Ethnicity | Hispanic or Latino | White | Asian | Pac Isl | Black | Native Amer | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| WSC Council Region | 41.0% | 31.1% | 13.8% | 0.1% | 9.0% | 0.1% | 4.8% |
| WSC Region Ridership | 67% | 8% | 6% | 1% | 17% | 1% | 1% |
| WSC Membership (No.)* | 22% (2) | 55% (5) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) | 11% (1) | 11% (1) | 0% (0) |

*Table does not add to the exact number of Councilmembers as it incorporates each race that Councilmembers self-identified with; some current Councilmembers identify as multi-racial.*

The gender makeup of the WSC Service Council will be as follows:

| WSC Sex/Gender | Male/Man | Female/ Woman | Non-binary/ Non-conforming | Prefer to self-describe/ Decline to respond |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Los Angeles County | 49.6% | 50.4% | ** | ** |
| WSC Region Ridership | 48% | 49% | 2% | 1% |
| WSC Membership (No.) | 44% (4) | 33% (3) | 0% (0) | 11% (1) |

The percentages reflect the nine seats on the Council; there will be one vacancy remaining on this Council as the nominating authority, City of Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass, did not forward a nomination for the seat.

## EQUITY PLATFORM

Metro recommends appointing Service Council members who represent the diverse needs and priorities of the respective region's demographics. To further encourage nominating authorities to nominate individuals who closely reflect the region and its ridership, Metro staff shares Service Council membership race/ethnicity and gender demographic makeup compared to that of the residents with each nomination request. This practice resulted in greater diversity of race/ethnicity and gender over the last several years of the Service Councils. However, approximately half of LA County residents and Metro riders are women, and work is still required to achieve gender equity in some of the Service Councils. Staff will continue to share demographic information and encourage nominating authorities to consider gender equity when considering individuals for nomination.

## VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED OUTCOME

VMT and VMT per capita in Los Angeles County are lower than national averages, the lowest in the SCAG region, and on the lower end of VMT per capita statewide, with these declining VMT trends due in part to Metro's significant investment in rail and bus transit.* Metro's Board-adopted VMT reduction targets align with California's statewide climate goals, including achieving carbon neutrality by 2045. To ensure continued progress, all Board items are assessed for their potential impact on VMT.

This item supports Metro's systemwide strategy to reduce VMT through operational activities that will improve and further encourage transit ridership, ridesharing, and active transportation. Metro's Board-adopted VMT reduction targets were designed to build on the success of existing investments, and this item aligns with those objectives.

*Based on population estimates from the United States Census and VMT estimates from Caltrans' Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) data between 2001-2019.

## IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Approval of this recommendation supports the following Metro Strategic Plan Goal: 30 Enhance communities and lives through mobility and access to opportunity.

## ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The alternative to the recommendation would be for the nominees not to be approved for appointment. This would reduce the effectiveness of the Service Councils, as it would increase the challenges of obtaining a necessary quorum for this Service Council to formulate and submit its recommendations to the Board. It would also result in the Service Council having a less diverse representation of its service area.

## NEXT STEPS

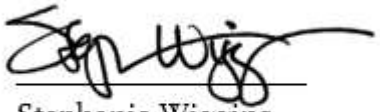
Staff will continue to monitor the major contributors to the quality of bus service from the customer's perspective and share that information with the Service Councils for use in their work to plan, implement, and improve bus service as well as the customer experience in their areas. Staff will also continue to work with the nominating authorities to obtain nominations for the remaining vacant seats.

## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - New Appointee Nomination Letters
Attachment B - New Appointee Biography and Qualifications

Prepared by: Dolores Ramos, Senior Manager, Regional Service Councils, (213) 922-1210

Reviewed by: Conan Cheung, Chief Operations Officer, (213) 418-3034



Stephanie Wiggins
Chief Executive Officer

**ATTACHMENT A**

## Metro Service Council Nomination Letters

### Gateway Cities Service Council

SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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Lynwood
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Paramount
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Santa Fe Springs
Signal Hill
South Gate
Vernon
Whittier
County of Los Angeles
Port of Long Beach

GATEWAY CITIES
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

June 5, 2025

Ms. Stephanie Wiggins, CEO
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Wiggins:

**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 two elected officials to fill 2 seats expiring on June 30, 2025.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of June 4, 2025, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments Board of Directors nominated the following applicants:

- Council Member Juan Munoz-Guevara, City of Lynwood, a current member of the Council; and
- Council Member Martin U. Fuentes, City of Cudahy

A copy of the nominee's applications 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,

Hector De La Torre
Executive Director

Enclosure

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

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## San Fernando Valley Service Council


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**LINDSEY P. HORVATH**
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
THIRD DISTRICT


April 30, 2025

Collette Langston, Board Secretary
Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Appointment of Ms. Antoinette Scully to San Fernando Valley Service Council**

Dear Ms. Langston:

It is my understanding that as a member of the Metro Board of Directors, I may appoint a member of the San Fernando Valley Service Council. I would like to take this opportunity to appoint Ms. Antoinette Scully as my representative for the July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028 term. Ms. Scully is an active user of Metro bus and rail services and is highly knowledgeable on a wide range of transportation issues.

Ms. Scully may be contacted at amariescully@gmail.com or (407) 405-8891. Should you need any additional information or assistance with this matter, please do not hesitate to contact my Transportation Deputy, Justin Orenstein. He can be reached at (213) 974-3333.

Sincerely,

Lindsey P. Horvath
Los Angeles County Supervisor, Third District
Member, Metro Board of Directors


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Van Nuys, CA 91405

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**METRO/WEST HOLLYWOOD DISTRICT OFFICE**
6464 Sunset Boulevard, Suite 710
Los Angeles, CA 90025

## San Gabriel Valley Service Council


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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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**KATHRYN BARGER**
SUPERVISOR, FIFTH DISTRICT
CHAIR OF THE BOARD


February 12, 2025

Ms. Dolores Ramos
Senior Manager, Transportation Planning
Regional Service Councils
1 Gateway Plaza, MS 99-7-2
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Re-Appointment of Roberto Alvarez to the San Gabriel Valley Service Council**

Dear Ms. Ramos:

This letter serves as my recommendation to re-appoint Roberto Alvarez as my representative to the Los Angeles County Metro San Gabriel Valley Service Council for the term beginning July 1, 2025.

Roberto is a veteran and lifelong resident of the San Gabriel Valley and has accumulated years of experience in myriad public policy areas, including but not limited to transportation, land use, veterans' affairs, sanitation, and zero emission vehicles technology. He has served the San Gabriel Valley well since his appointment in January 2024 and will continue to do so in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

KATHYRN BARGER
Chair of the Board
Supervisor, Fifth District

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April 23, 2025

Dolores Ramos
Senior Manager, Metro Service Councils
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Email: ramosd@metro.net

Subject: Nomination of Councilmember Jose Sanchez to the Metro San Gabriel Valley Service Council

Dear Ms. Ramos,

On behalf of the City of Monterey Park, I am pleased to submit the nomination of Councilmember Jose Sanchez to serve as the San Gabriel Valley Cities appointee to the Metro San Gabriel Valley Service Council for the term beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028.

Councilmember Sanchez is committed to improving public transportation and ensuring that transit services in our region meet the needs of all residents. The City of Monterey Park and our partners in Montebello and Rosemead have agreed to the nomination of Council Member Sanchez and we are confident his knowledge and experience will serve the San Gabriel Valley Service Council well. As a dedicated public servant, he is well-positioned to contribute meaningfully to the Service Council's mission.

We appreciate your consideration of this nomination and look forward to hearing back following the Metro Board of Directors meeting on June 26, 2025, when all nominations will be reviewed for appointment. Please do not hesitate to contact us if any additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

Mayor Vinh Ngo
City of Monterey Park

*The mission of the City of Monterey Park is to provide excellent service, foster growth and opportunity, and create a joyous and collaborative environment*

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*South Pasadena*
*Temple City*
*Walnut*
*West Covina*
*First District, LA County*
*Unincorporated Communities*
*Fifth District, LA County*
*Unincorporated Communities*
*SGV Water Districts*

April 21, 2025

Ms. Dolores Ramos
Metro Service Council
One Gateway Plaza
Los Ángeles, CA 90012

**RE: Metro's San Gabriel Valley Service Council Representative**

Dear Ms. Ramos:

At their April 17, 2025 meeting, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments' Governing Board appointed Elena Garza to serve on the San Gabriel Valley Metro Service Council. The effective term will be July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at mcreter@sgvcog.org.

Sincerely,

Marisa Creter

Marisa Creter
Executive Director
San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

cc: Elena Garza

San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments
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## South Bay Cities Service Council

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April 25, 2025

Ms. Dolores Ramos
Chief Administrative Analyst
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One Gateway Plaza MS 99-7-1
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Ramos:

This letter serves as the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) recommendation to nominate representatives to serve on the South Bay Metro Service Council.

At their April 25 Board of Directors meeting, the SBCCOG Board approved the following nominees:

- Re-appointments
  - Courtney Miles, Gardena resident, Field Organizer for Abundant LA, transit rider
  - Roye Love, Carson resident, senior, transit rider
- Appointment
  - Andrea Reilly, Torrance resident, retired, physical challenges, transit rider

We respectfully request that the Metro Board appoint these nominees at the June Metro Board meeting so that they can be seated in July 2025.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Rodney Tanaka, SBCCOG Chair
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Gardena

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN ACTION

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Rolling Hills Estates Torrance Los Angeles District #15 Los Angeles County

## Westside Central Service Council

City of Los Angeles

KAREN BASS
MAYOR

June 11, 2025

Ms. Dolores Ramos
Senior Manager, Transportation Planning
Metro Regional Service Councils
One Gateway Plaza MS 99-7-1
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Ramos:

I hereby reappoint Mr. Steven King to serve as a representative on the Westside/Central Service Council, for the term ending on June 30, 2028. Mr. King's current term will expire on June 30, 2025. His resume is attached.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. King is especially qualified by reason of training and experience for the work which shall 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,

KAREN BASS
Mayor

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Attachment

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MAYOR.LACITY.ORG

WESTSIDE CITIES
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

**Date:** June 12, 2025

**To:** Dolores Ramos, Chief Administrative Analyst, Metro

**From:** Cecilia Estolano, WSCCOG Executive Director
Riley O'Brien, WSCCOG Project Director

**CC:** Chelsea Byers, Mayor, City of West Hollywood

**Subject:** **Westside Cities COG Nomination to the Metro Westside/Central Service Council**

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On April 10, 2025, the Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG) Board voted unanimously to appoint Chelsea Byers, Mayor (City of West Hollywood) to continue serving as the WSCCOG representative to the Metro Westside/Central Service Council for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028. Attached is her letter of interest.

Please accept the WSCCOG's nomination on behalf of the WSCCOG Board. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the WSCCOG Project Director Riley O'Brien at riley@estolanoadvisors.com or at (213) 612-4545.

**ATTACHMENT B**

## Service Council Nominee Qualifications

### Martin Fuentes, Nominee to Gateway Cities Service Council

Martin U. Fuentes has been proud to be a Cudahy resident for over forty years. Councilmember Fuentes joined the City of Cudahy City Council in December 2022. After completing his undergraduate studies at California State University Sacramento, he returned to the Southeast and worked in government. Councilmember Fuentes worked with Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard as her field deputy on issues dealing with school overcrowding, school construction, the environment, and building park space. He later worked with State Senator Gloria Romero, assisting with legislation protecting workers and their wages. He was also Political Director for SEIU, Local 1877, supporting the Justice for Janitors organizing campaigns. Councilmember Fuentes works as an insurance professional since 2004.

### Jose Sanchez, Nominee to San Gabriel Valley Service Council

Monterey Park City Councilmember Jose Sanchez's family has been living in Monterey Park since the 1970s. He and his wife Natalie are both teachers and are raising their three daughters in Monterey Park. Councilmember Sanchez is the son of Mexican immigrants who migrated to the United States for better jobs and educational opportunities.

For the past 18 years, Councilmember Sanchez has served as a civics teacher in Alhambra, serving over 4,000 students and their families in the Alhambra and Monterey Park areas. He has been recognized for his work as a civics educator by local elected officials such as Congresswoman Judy Chu, who named Jose "Educator of the Year" in 2018, and former Assemblymember Ed Chau as a community member "Making a Difference" in 2019. He was also recognized by the California Department of Education (CDE) and the California Supreme Court as a "Champion of Civics" in 2021, and the California Council for Social Studies named Jose "Civics Educator of the Year" in 2022.

Councilmember Sanchez also volunteers his time with local organizations serving on the boards of the Alhambra Historical Society and the Alhambra Latino Association and as a teacher advisor to the Los Angeles County museums. Councilmember Sanchez received his Bachelor's degree from Occidental College in Diplomacy & World Affairs and Spanish/French Literary and Cultural Studies and his Master's degree from Claremont Graduate University in Education.

**ATTACHMENT B**

## Elena Garza, Nominee to San Gabriel Valley Service Council

Elena Garza was born and raised in New York. She currently resides in West Covina.

Ms. Garza also serves on Metro Community Advisory Council as an appointee of Board Director

## Andrea Reilly, Nominee to South Bay Cities Service Council

Andrea Reilly retired 2024 after a 46-year career in the aerospace industry. Since retiring, she has increased her use of public transportation and has recently added use of an e-bike to her transportation options. She also has experience using public transportation in New York, Europe, and Asia.

Prior to her retirement, she participated in Metro's community outreach process for the NextGen Bus Plan, sharing information with her company's employees, reviewing the data provided by metro, and providing feedback on the proposed bus system redesign.

A resident of Torrance, Ms. Reilly's experience using Metro's bus system has provided her with an understanding of on-board safety, cleanliness, driver safety changes and interactions of driver and passengers. More recently, she has begun riding an e-bike and has experienced the challenges that come from riding along with autos, trucks and buses.

REGIONAL SERVICE COUNCILS

# APPOINTMENTS TO METRO SERVICE COUNCILS

Metro

Operations, Safety, & Customer Experience Committee Meeting
June 18, 2025

# RECOMMENDATION

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Metro

# ISSUE & DISCUSSION

## ISSUE

Each Metro Service Council (MSC) is comprised of nine Representatives who serve terms 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

If approved by the Board, the nominees will each serve a three-year term (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028) on the Council they have been nominated to.

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# Nominating Authorities

The nominating authorities for each of the seats that have terms set to expire on June 30, 2025 highlighted below.

| Region | Nominating Authorities |
|---|---|
| **Gateway Cities** | ***Gateway Cities Council of Governments (9)*** |
| **San Fernando Valley** | Cities of Burbank, Glendale, San Fernando (2)<br>***City of Los Angeles Mayor (4)***<br>***LA County 3rd District Supervisor (1)***<br>LA County 5th District Supervisor (1)<br>***Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments (1)*** |
| **San Gabriel Valley** | LA County 1st District Supervisor (1)<br>***LA County 5th District Supervisor (1)***<br>Cities of Alhambra, South Pasadena, San Gabriel, San Marino (1)<br>Cities of Arcadia, El Monte, Temple City (1)<br>***Cities of Montebello, Monterey Park, Rosemead (1)***<br>Cities of Pasadena, Sierra Madre, La Canada Flintridge (1)<br>***San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (3)*** |
| **South Bay Cities** | ***South Bay Cities Council of Governments (9)*** |
| **Westside Central** | ***City of Los Angeles Mayor (4)***<br>LA County 2nd District Supervisor (1)<br>LA County 3rd District Supervisor (1)<br>***Westside Cities Council of Governments (3)*** |

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# Race/Ethnicity Demographics

With these nominees, the Service Council composition and representation will be:

| Race/Ethnicity | Hispanic or Latino | White | Asian | Pac Isl | Black | Native Amer/ Amer Ind | Other |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| GWC Region | 65.8% | 14.0% | 9.3% | 0.3% | 7.8% | 0.2 | 2.6% |
| GWC Ridership | 51% | 16% | 10% | 1% | 18% | 1% | 4% |
| GWC Membership (No.) | 88% (8) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) | 11% (1) |
| SFV Council Region | 41.3% | 39.6% | 11.2% | 0.2% | 3.7% | 0.2% | 2.2% |
| SFV Region Ridership | 73% | 9% | 8% | 1% | 8% | 1% | 1% |
| SFV Membership (No.) | 22% (2) | 22% (2) | 11% (1) | 0% (0) | 11% (1) | 0% (0) | 11% (1) |
| SGV Council Region | 49.4% | 15.9% | 28.5% | 0.2% | 2.9% | 0.2% | 2.9% |
| SGV Region Ridership | 78% | 5% | 9% | 1% | 6% | 1% | 0% |
| SGV Membership (No.) | 44% (4) | 22% (2) | 33% (3) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) |
| SBC Council Region | 45.2% | 20.8% | 13.7% | 0.3% | 15.3% | 0.2% | 4.6% |
| SBC Region Ridership | 66% | 6% | 7% | 1% | 18% | 1% | 0% |
| SBC Membership (No.) | 11% (1) | 33% (3) | 11% (1) | 11% (1) | 33% (3) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) |
| WSC Council Region | 41.0% | 31.1% | 13.8% | 0.1% | 9.0% | 0.1% | 4.8% |
| WSC Region Ridership | 67% | 8% | 6% | 1% | 17% | 1% | 1% |
| WSC Membership (No.)* | 22% (2) | 55% (5) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) | 11% (1) | 11% (1) | 0% (0) |

*Table does not add to the exact number of Councilmembers as it incorporates each race that Councilmembers self-identified with; some current Councilmembers identify as multi-racial.*

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# Sex/Gender Demographics

With these nominees, the Service Council composition and representation will be:

| Sex/Gender | Male/Man | Female/Woman | Non-binary/ Non-conforming | Prefer to self-describe/ Decline to respond |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Los Angeles County | 49.6% | 50.4% | * | * |
| GWC Ridership | 51% | 46% | 2% | 1% |
| GWC Membership (No.) | 66% (6) | 33% (3) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) |
| SFV Region Ridership | 49% | 48%% | 2% | 1% |
| SFV Membership (No.) | 44% (4) | 11% (1) | 22% (2) | 0% (0) |
| SGV Region Ridership | 50% | 47% | 2% | 1% |
| SGV Membership (No.) | 66% (6) | 33% (3) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) |
| SBC Region Ridership | 51% | 47% | 2% | 1% |
| SBC Membership (No.) | 66% (6) | 33% (3) | 0% (0) | 0% (0) |
| WSC Region Ridership | 48% | 49% | 2% | 1% |
| WSC Membership (No.) | 44% (4) | 33% (3) | 0% (0) | 11% (1) |

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# Incumbent Nominee Attendance

| Council/Member | FY | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SFV Antoinette Scully | FY24 | Dark | X | X | X | X | Dark | | | X | X | X | X |
| SFV Antoinette Scully | FY25 | Dark | X | X | X | | X | Dark | X | X | X | | X |
| SGV Roberto Álvarez | FY24 | Sworn in March 2024 meeting | | | | | | | | X | | X | |
| SGV Roberto Álvarez | FY25 | X | Dark | X | X | | Dark | X | | | X | | |
| SBC Courtney Alicia Miles | FY25 | Sworn in October 2024 | | | X | X | Dark | X | X | X | X | X | |
| SBC Roye Love | FY23 | X | Dark | X | X | X | Dark | | X | X | X | X | X |
| SBC Roye Love | FY24 | X | Dark | X | X | X | Dark | | X | X | X | X | X |
| SBC Roye Love | FY25 | X | Dark | X | X | X | Dark | | X | X | X | X | |
| WSC Steven King | FY25 | Sworn in Nov 2024 | | | | X | Dark | X | X | X | X | X | |
| WSC Chelsea Byers | FY25 | Sworn in Oct 2024 | | | X | X | Dark | X | X | | X | | X |

X = Present

■ = Absent

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