

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

October 22, 2020

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee

SUBJECT: SBCCOG Representation on SCAG Energy and Environment Committee

Adherence to Strategic Plan:

Goal B: Regional Advocacy. Advocate for the interests of the South Bay.

Background

The SCAG Energy and Environment Committee considers environmental and energy issues of regional significance, including but not limited to air quality, water quality, solid and hazardous waste habitat preservation, environmental justice, and environmental impact analysis.

Lawndale Councilman Jim Osborne has been representing the SBCCOG on SCAG's Energy and Environment Committee for the last several years. He is not running for re-election and resigned from this appointment.

Nominations were opened on September 14 with a deadline of September 30. 2 nominations were received by the deadline for Redondo Beach Councilman Christian Horvath and El Segundo Councilman Chris Pimentel. On October 2, Rolling Hills Estates Councilmember Britt Huff sent in a nomination saying that she found the notice in her spam folder.

The Steering Committee heard from all of the candidates at their meeting on October 12 and selected Britt Huff as their recommendation to the Board for the SBCCOG representative to the SCAG EEC Committee. Her bio is included in the packet for your information

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Steering Committee's recommendation that Rolling Hills Estates Councilmember Britt Huff will represent the SBCCOG on SCAG's Energy and Environment Committee for the next two years and notify SCAG.

Britt Huff, Councilmember
City of Rolling Hills Estates

I would like to be considered for the SBCCOG appointment to the SCAG Energy and Environmental Committee due to my longtime interest in environmental issues, supported by my service on regional and city environmental committees and my experience as a former regional manager for the U.S. Department of Energy. Thank you for your consideration.

Britt Huff, Bio

Former SBCCOG Chair, Britt Huff, was elected to the City Council of Rolling Hills Estates in 2013 and re-elected for another 4-year term in June 2018. She served as city Mayor in 2018. Prior to her election she served on the city Planning Commission for 5 years and as Chair in 2012. She had also served on the city Environmental Advisory Committee. She has represented her city on the Palos Verdes Peninsula Regional Law Enforcement Committee, the LA County Sanitation District Board of Directors, the Palos Verdes Peninsula Transit Authority, the Promenade Redevelopment Committee, Economic Development/PV Chamber Liaison, and as Chair, Neighborhood Leadership Group.

Britt currently also serves as the SBCCOG's elected representative to the California Council of Governments (CALCOG) and chairs the SBCCOG's Senior Working Group. Britt has served on the Environmental Quality Committee of the California League of Cities, the Legislative Committee of the California Contract Cities, and on numerous committees in her city, including Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee. Britt also works fulltime as Executive Director of a non-profit organization in Old Torrance. She holds a Ph. D. in Government Management from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and a B.A. in political science from UCLA.

Britt began her career in Washington, D.C. working on Capitol Hill as a legislative aide to the House Minority Leader. She subsequently was accepted into the diplomatic corps as a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Dept. of State. She later served as a District office Deputy Director for the U.S. Commerce Dept., and as a Regional Manager for the U.S. Energy Department, overseeing environmental programs. She has also served as a political science professor on the adjunct faculties of USC, Westmont College in Santa Barbara, and Marymount California University in Palos Verdes.