

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

May 25, 2017

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee

RE: Metro Service Council Appointment

Adherence to the Strategic Plan

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

On May 1, John Addleman submitted his resignation from the South Bay Metro Service Council to the SBCCOG effective May 12, 2017. He has served for 12 years. There is one year left on Mr. Addleman's term.

Also, on March 31, Ben Gunter, a resident of El Segundo, transit rider and Disabled TAP holder submitted his nomination for the Service Council and it was not transmitted to the Board due to SBCCOG staff error. His resume is attached.

At the May meeting of the Steering Committee, the vacancy was discussed as well as the fact that over the years, the South Bay Metro Service Council has only one elected official as a member – down from a high (and maximum) of four.

Gardena Councilman Dan Medina had previously expressed an interest in serving on the Board as he is a regular transit rider. He once again stated his willingness to serve.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Steering Committee recommends that the Board recommend to Metro that Gardena Councilman Dan Medina be appointed to fill the vacancy for the term expiring June 2018.

Benjamin C. Gunter

EDUCATION

Stanford University , Certificate in Political Psychology	2014
University of California, Los Angeles , Master of Arts in Psychology	2013
York College of Pennsylvania , Bachelor of Science in Psychology	2006

PUBLIC/ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE WORK

- **Member, UCLA Student Health Advisory Committee** (2014-2016)
 - Charged with reviewing costs and coverage of health insurance and reconciling needs of enrollees with quality of care and budget.
 - **Head Steward, UAW Local 2865, UC Graduate Students Union** (2012-2014)
 - Represented students and families during contract negotiations. Organized members and participated in outreach actions
 - **President, UCLA Psychology Graduate Students Association** (2011-2013)
 - Led department-wide meetings and events. Acted as liaison between students and administration. Compiled reports about ongoing and future needs of members.
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EMPLOYMENT & PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

Lead Clerk , Hilgard Management Co., Los Angeles	2016-present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Perform invoicing, accounts receivable, and account maintenance functions.● Interface directly with tenants for hotel and condominium services.	
Teaching Fellow , General Education, University of California, Los Angeles	2015-2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Designed and led new seminar on politics and the brain.● Served as Teaching Associate for interdisciplinary neuroscience courses.	
Teaching Associate , Psychology, University of California, Los Angeles	2014-2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Led laboratory and discussion sections in Psychological Statistics and Research Methods.	
Graduate Research Fellow , Psychology, University of California, Los Angeles	2010-2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Organized and conducted experimental research in social neuroscience.● Co-authored manuscripts and delivered conference presentations.	
Research Specialist , Division of Child Psychiatry, Columbia University	2007-2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Fulfilled experimental design and analysis for numerous collaborative research teams.● Organized data analysis workshops for researchers from interns through faculty.	
Collection Development Associate , Schmidt Library, York College of Pennsylvania	2005-2006
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ordered, received, and prepared new items for collection.● Assisted with processing of interlibrary loans.	