

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

May 12, 2014

TO: Steering Committee

FROM: Jacki Bacharach, Executive Director

RE: Bio Submittals by Metro Sector Council Candidates

ADHERENCE TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN:

Guiding Principle: *Represent the interests of the South Bay with other governing bodies and organizations.*

FROM DEVON DEMING:

Ms. Deming has been the Rideshare Program Manager for Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), since 2003. She directs all of LAWA's Employee Transportation Benefits Programs, including mass transit, vanpool, carpool, biking and walking programs at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), Los Angeles/Ontario Airport (LA/ONT) and Van Nuys Airport (VNY). She takes an active role in regional transportation planning and implementation through her involvement on LA Metro Councils and Advisory Groups, and the board of the South Bay / Westside Transportation Management Association (SBW TMA). She has also served as the President of the Southern California Chapter of the Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT), since 2007, is a Certified Member of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE), and is a regular transit rider.

(Rev. 04/29/14 for Metro South Bay Governance Council Application)

FROM ANGIE ENGLISH – BIO ATTACHED

FROM ELAINE JENG

Elaine Jeng holds a Bachelor's degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Ms. Jeng's entire working career has been in the field of civil and transportation engineering. Ms. Jeng has worked for consulting firms URS Corporation, and Kaku Associates (now Fehrs and Peers) relating to highway design, traffic studies, travel demand forecast and transit oriented developments. As an Associate Civil Engineer for the City of Culver City Public Works Department, Ms. Jeng implemented a City wide traffic control system including signal synchronization for Metro and Culver City rapid bus lines using Metro Call for Project grant funding. Ms. Jeng represented the Westside Council of Governments at Metro's Streets & Freeway Subcommittee. Ms. Jeng is serving as the Acting Principal Civil Engineer at the City of Redondo Beach Public Works Engineering Division in charge of the stormwater and wastewater programs as well as Capital Improvement Projects. She is now representing the South Bay Council of Governments at Metro's Streets & Freeway Subcommittee. Ms. Jeng is a resident of Manhattan Beach and enjoys riding transit with her growing family.

QUALIFICATIONS OF SELECTION

To encourage transit use many factors come into play. One important consideration is infrastructure; the ease of pedestrian flow from one station to the next through busy intersections for example. The safety of on-street facilities, adequacy of signage and travel path, and the health of the roadway system to support timely arrivals of buses are all areas of my expertise. I hope to bring to the table my insights on building and maintaining infrastructures coupled with my extensive experience with Metro, to enhance transit services to my community and the South Bay.

FROM BILL MEYERS (BIO ATTACHED):

E-MAIL MESSAGE: Following the instructions in your March 7, 2014 notice regarding the selection for the members of the Metro South Bay Service Council, I would like to self nominate myself for the position on the council vacated by Ms. Hachiya. I have been attending the Council meetings over the last five months and I expect to continue to do so in the future. So, since I will going to the meetings anyway, and I would be honored to serve with the existing members of the Council who I have gotten to know over last several months, I would like to fill this vacancy. I believe that I bring a new perspective of a transit dependent user to the Council. As you have instructed, I have attached a short bio of my experience and what hope to accomplish by taking on this responsibility.

FROM CHRISTOPHER RIDER

E-MAIL MESSAGE: My name is Chris Rider, I work for the Los Angeles Department of Transportation. My boss Crystal Killian is involved with SBCCOG and sent me the notice. I believe I would be interested in this council.

Graduated from the University of Southern California with a BS in Computer Engineering/ Computer Science. I've worked for the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation since 2002 as a Transportation Engineering Associate. I've worked in their Signal Design group, District Operations and have worked with the executive staff as an assistant to the Public Information Officer.

I should be selected as I have experience in the field of Transportation and have been a regular commuter by bus since 2006. I try to promote bus and other metro service when I can, and have recently convinced my friends to commute via the Silver and/or Expo lines to USC Football games each Fall.

2nd E-MAIL: I live in Harbor City (I forgot to mention I've lived in the south bay area all my life, grew up in Lawndale and Gardena). I currently work in the San Pedro office of LADOT

ROBERT PULLEN-MILES & RALPH FRANKLIN

Both sent e-mails that they wanted to be considered for an additional term. That was all that was requested. They were not asked to provide bios.

ANGIE REYES ENGLISH, CITY OF HAWTHORNE



Ms. Reyes English has been a member of the Hawthorne City Council since 2009 previously holding the position of Mayor Pro Tem from 2010- 2014 and City Clerk 2005-2009. Her work history includes serving for the Los Angeles City Council, District Nine from 2001-2007 and office of the Mayor Crisis Response Team, Homeland Security (in a volunteer capacity) from 2003-2007 under Mayor (s) Hahn and Villaraigosa. She serves on various committees and has worked for the California State Assembly (51st) and State Senate (26th) as a Senior District Representative, representing over 250, 000 constituents from 2007-2013 before returning to the Los Angeles City Council, Council District Nine where she first started her public service in 2001. Today, Ms. Reyes English serves as a Senior Field Deputy to Councilmember Price. Her previous duties in the State Senate included METRO liaison where she attended many legislative briefings and worked on matters of transportation and other state related issues.

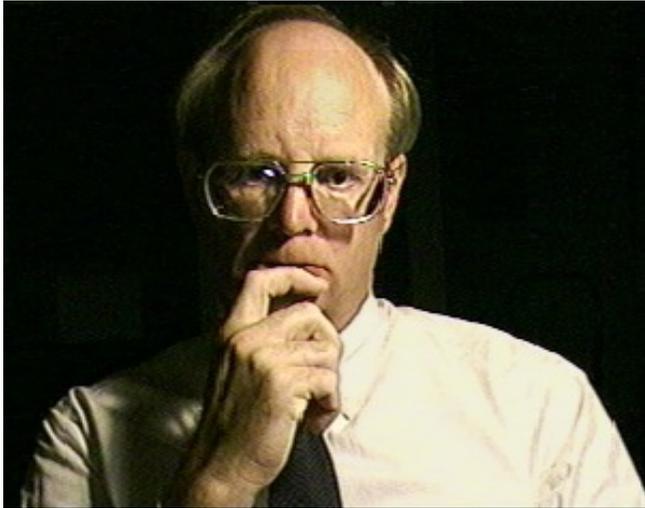
She served as president of the Leuzinger High School Parent, Teacher and Student Association where she was successful in obtaining grant funding and as governing oversight board member on various bond initiatives with Centinela Valley Union School District. Ms. Reyes English was born and raised in Idaho, has 10 siblings and is the mother of three adult daughters; Adrian, Natasha and Nicola English and the grandmother of Reina Angilene. She attended USC Riverside where she obtained her City Clerk certificate. She enjoys traveling, attending sporting events, camping and advocating on behalf of many.

NOMINATION STATEMENT

Having learned of the call for nominations for the Metro South Bay Service Council, I am writing today to endorse a highly suitable individual, Angie Reyes English. Ms. Reyes English has been a member of the Hawthorne City Council since 2009. As Councilmember, Ms. Reyes English has worked tirelessly to strengthen neighborhood safety, create quality local jobs and improve the health and welfare of local families.

Ms. Reyes English would serve as a valuable asset to the Metro South Bay Service Council since her work includes serving as a State Senate Metro Liaison where she attended many legislative briefings and worked on matters of transportation and other state related issues. She was dedicated to working with Metro staff to make changes in service to improve efficiency and coordination of transit services. Ms. Reyes English is also a current Policy Committee Representative on the Southern California Rapid Transit District.

Her experience at the local, State and Senate levels have allowed Ms. Reyes English to develop a broad understanding of the key principals in transit service and especially the needs of the South Bay.



I am **William J. Meyers**, a retired aerospace industry accountant and project manager. For the last two years I have also been “transit dependent” person because my 23 year-old car finally developed a mechanical problem, which could not be economically repaired. In those two years, I have been using a combination of special and fixed route transit throughout the South Bay region. My travels have ranged from Torrance to Pasadena and Santa Monica to Long Beach and have involved the use of both municipal bus lines as well as the METRO bus and rail lines. Just as challenge, I even dragged a car loving friend of mine, across the county from the West end of the San Fernando Valley to the San Gabriel Valley using Orange bus way and the rail lines to show him it could be done. Because of my experience, I became aware that transit users—including me, as well

as a number of elected officials—were generally ignorant about how decisions regarding transit services were being made. So I began attending the South Bay Local Service Council as well as other public hearings and other outreach meetings to educate myself. In time I would like to develop a rider advice-column type blog to help my fellow riders develop a more effective use of transit services. I recently decided that I can promote those objectives by filling the vacancy on the Service Council created by the resignation of Ms. Hachiya and I can do so without running against some very competent incumbents. I believe that because I probably use public transit more than all the other members of the Service Council, I can bring a new perspective to the Council’s activities. And besides participation will also give me a chance to represent the community where I have lived for over thirty-five years.

Professional Experience

Volunteer, AARP Tax Service (IRS’s VITA/TCE Tax Program)	2013 to Present
Retired due to Cancer Treatments and Recovery	2008 - 2013
Contract Accountant & Spreadsheet Developer, Raytheon Co.	2002 - 2008
Freelance Accountant, Apartment Manager	1996 - 2002
Management Accountant, Hughes Aircraft Co	1976 – 1996

Memberships and Associations

- American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)
- American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA)
- Rail Passenger Association of California & Nevada (RailPAC)
- Los Angeles Wheelmen Bicycle Club
- Los Angeles Bicycle Coalition

Education

University of Nevada, Las Vegas	B.S. in Business Administration (Major in Accounting)
UCLA Extension, Los Angeles	Certificate in Government Contracts Management
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	Certificate in Multimedia Presentation and Design

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