

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

April 12, 2021

TO: SBCCOG Steering Committee

FROM: Jacki Bacharach, Executive Director

RE: Metro South Bay Service Sector Governance Council Nominations

ADHERENCE TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN:

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

The SBCCOG opened nominations in February to fill the three year terms expiring this June for the following members:

- Don Szerlip, Redondo Beach businessman – Appointed 2008
- Charles Michel Deemer, Torrance Environmental Commissioner and transit rider – Appointed 2015
- Rochelle Mackabee, resident of South Central LA and transit rider – Appointed 2020 to fill an unexpired seat.

7 nominations came in by the deadline of March 25. The 3 incumbents all re-applied. The new applicants are: Angie English, Richard Montgomery, Bob Wolfe, and Anna Yeuter.

An additional nomination was received on April 1 from Kiyana Asemanfar.

Considerations

1. The SBCCOG Board of Directors has previously stated a strong preference that transit users or those familiar with the South Bay transit services be Service Council members and in no case shall elected officials represent a majority of the Board. Since other Service Councils have elected officials on their boards, it was felt that the South Bay Service Council should include at least some elected officials in order to have the same “status” before the Metro Board as the other Service Councils. Since 2020, there have been no elected officials on the Board for the first time since the Service Council was created in 2003.
2. A mix of tenures on the Council at any given time has also served to preserve the historic or institutional memory of the Council.
3. Metro Board wants to ensure that the following are considered:
 - a. How representative the candidates are in terms of the region’s race/ethnicity, ridership, and geographic diversity.
 - b. The Service Councils are also used as a tool for community engagement – what networks can the candidates access to help Metro reach its constituents, particularly underserved communities?
4. Re: geography, the remaining members represent the following areas:
 - Carson – Love
 - Gardena – Crespo (transit operators rep)
 - Manhattan Beach – Jeng (also Rolling Hills City Manager)
 - Hermosa Beach - Duran
 - Torrance – Mach
 - LAWA – Silva

5. Re: ethnicity: the 2019 American Community Survey demographics and 2019 Metro Ridership Survey demographics for the South Bay Cities region are compared to the current membership below:

% Region Total	Hispanic	White	Asian/ Pac Isl	Black	Native Amer	Other
South Bay Cities (SBC) Region	44.6%	21.6%	13%	17%	0.2%	3.7%
South Bay Cities Ridership	64%	5%	6%	22%	1%	3.7%
SBC Current Membership/No.	33% (3)	22% (2)	22% (2)	22% (2)	0%	0%

6. The gender makeup of the Council is six (6) men and three (3) women. This equates to 66.6% male and 33.3% female whereas Los Angeles County is 49.7% male and 50.3% female.

REMAINING MEMBERS ON THE COUNCIL

- Roye Love – Appointed 1/27/2011
 - Senior
 - Transit Rider
 - Member of community groups in Carson
- Ernie Crespo – 6/23/2016
 - Gardena Transit Manager representing Municipal Transit Operators
- Elaine Jeng – Appointed 6/23/2016, previously served 6/26/2014-6/12/2015
 - Manhattan Beach resident & rider
 - Civil Engineer
 - Rolling Hills City Manager
- David Mach – 6/25/20
 - Torrance Transit employee and rider
- Luis Duran – July 2017
 - Hermosa Beach resident
 - LA County land use planner
 - Rides transit daily
- Glenda Silva – July 2020
 - LAWA Employee Transportation Coordinator (someone has been on the Service Council from LAWA since 2005)

PROPOSED NEXT STEPS

Nominees have all submitted a statement and/or bio and they will all be invited to participate in a video interview at either the May Steering Committee meeting or before a sub-committee that would meet before the May Steering Committee meeting. Nominees to be recommended to Metro will be recommended by the Steering Committee to the Board of Directors at the May meeting. Their names will then be sent to Metro for approval in June and they will be seated in July.

RECOMMENDATION

Review materials and decide how to proceed.