

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

April 27, 2023

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee & Interview Sub-Committee

SUBJECT: Appointments to SCAG Policy Committee and Metro South Bay Service Council

BACKGROUND

The SBCCOG makes appointments to represent the organization on several other agency Boards and Committees. Some of the appointments have their own terms but if they don't, consistent with Board policy, these appointments expire every two years in order to make sure that those who are interested in serving have a chance to do so.

The appointments listed below are due to expire. These appointment opportunities are open for any Mayor or Councilmember in the SBCCOG. The SBCCOG does request that any appointee be prepared to provide regular reports to the SBCCOG Board of Directors.

Nominations which were received as of the March 20 deadline are as follows:

UNCONTESTED

- Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission – Dean Francois, delegate; Eric Alegria, alternate
- CALCOG – Britt Huff

CONTESTED

- SCAG Policy Committee – only one position is currently open
 - Frank Zerunyan re-applied to sit on the Community, Economic Development and Housing Committee. Current SBCCOG members of this committee are: Mark Henderson, Drew Boyles, Frank Zerunyan & Mark Waronek.
 - Bridgette Lewis applied for a seat on the Transportation Committee. Currently, Jim Gazeley represents the SBCCOG on the Transportation Committee.
- Metro Service Council – 7 applicants for 3 positions
 - Incumbents – Bob Wolfe, David Mach, LAWA seat (Melissa Molina will be a new person to fill this seat)
 - 4 other applicants – Halimah Ginyard, Zein Obaji, Bridgette Lewis, Katrina Manning

SUBCOMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS

It was decided at the Steering Committee meeting that a subcommittee would meet and interview the nominees for the contested positions. Volunteers for the subcommittee were John Cruikshank, Rodney Tanaka, Bill Uphoff and Alfonso Ruiz-Delgado. They met for the interviews on April 17.

SCAG Policy Committee

SBCCOG staff was able to get Torrance Councilmember Lewis' name on the list for a Presidential appointment for the SCAG Transportation Policy Committee. Presidential appointments are announced at the SCAG General Assembly in May.

While Rolling Hills Estates Councilmember Frank Zerunyan did not have an interview, his work on the SCAG Community, Economic Development and Housing Committee was recognized. Therefore, it appears that both can serve in the positions that they applied for.

South Bay Metro Service Council

All nominees, except Halimah Ginyard who did not respond to any e-mails, were interviewed.

RECOMMENDATION

The Steering committee recommends that the Board appoint the uncontested representatives for an additional two years for:

- Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission – Dean Francois, delegate; Eric Alegria, alternate
- CALCOG – Britt Huff

The Interview Subcommittee recommends that David Mach, Bob Wolfe and Melissa Molina (representing LAWA) be nominated to Metro to serve on the Metro South Bay Service Council.