



**Board Report**

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**SYSTEM SAFETY, SECURITY AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
JULY 16, 2015**

**SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP ON METRO SERVICE COUNCILS**

**ACTION: APPROVE NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT TO METRO SERVICE COUNCILS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

SYSTEM SAFETY, SECURITY AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED (5-0) approving nominees for **membership on Metro’s Gateway Cities, San Fernando Valley, and San Gabriel Valley Service Councils.**

**ISSUE**

Each Metro Service Council is comprised of nine Representatives that serve a term of three years; terms are staggered so that the terms of three of each Council’s nine members expire annually on June 30. Incumbent Representatives can serve additional terms if re-nominated by the nominating authority and confirmed by the Metro Board.

**DISCUSSION**

Metro seeks to appoint Service Council members reflective of the demographics of each respective region. The 2010 Census demographics of each of the Service Council regions are as follows:

% Sector Total	Hispanic	White	Asian	Black	Other	Total Pop
SGV	50.0%	19.9%	24.9%	3.3%	2.0%	100.0%
SFV	41.0%	42.0%	10.7%	3.4%	2.9%	100.0%
South Bay	42.5%	23.8%	12.0%	18.3%	3.4%	100.0%
Westside/Central	43.5%	30.7%	13.0%	10.0%	2.8%	100.0%
Gateway Cities	63.9%	16.7%	8.5%	8.6%	2.3%	100.0%
Service Area Total	48.5%	26.8%	14.0%	8.2%	2.6%	100.0%

The individuals listed below have been nominated or re-nominated to serve by their respective Council’s appointing authorities. If approved by the Board, these appointments will serve a three-year term or the remainder of the seat’s three-year term as indicated. A brief listing of qualifications for new nominees is provided along with the nomination letter(s) from the nominating authorities for all nominees:

A. Jo Ann Eros Delgado, Gateway Cities Service Council, Re-Appointment  
Nominated by: Gateway Cities Council of Governments  
Term Ending: June 30, 2018

B. Richard Burnett, Gateway Cities Service Council, Re-Appointment  
Nominated by: Gateway Cities Council of Governments  
Term Ending: June 30, 2018

C. Wally Shidler, Gateway Cities Service Council, Re-Appointment  
Nominated by: Gateway Cities Council of Governments  
Term Ending: June 30, 2018

The demographic makeup of the Gateway Cities Service Council with the appointment of these nominees will consist of five (5) Hispanic members, three (3) White members, and one (1) Black member as self-identified by the members in terms of racial/ethnic identity. The gender breakdown of the Council will be six (6) men and three (3) women.

D. Jess Talamontes, San Fernando Valley Service Council, New Appointment  
Nominated by: City of Burbank  
Term Ending: June 30, 2018

The demographic makeup of the San Fernando Valley Service Council with the appointment of these nominees will consist of six (6) Hispanic members and two (2) White members as self-identified by the members in terms of racial/ethnic identity. The gender breakdown of the Council will be seven (7) men and one (1) woman.

E. Bruce Heard, San Gabriel Valley Service Council, Re-Appointment  
Nominated by: San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments  
Term Ending: June 30, 2018

The demographic makeup of the San Gabriel Valley Service Council with the appointment of these nominees will consist of five (5) White members, one (1) Hispanic member, one (1) Asian member, and one (1) Native/Other member as self-identified by the members in terms of racial/ethnic identity. The gender breakdown of the Council will be eight (8) men and zero (0) women.

### **DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT**

Maintaining the full complement of representatives on each Service Council to represent each service area is important. As each representative is to be a regular user of public transit, and each Council is composed of people from diverse areas and backgrounds, this enables each Council to better understand the needs of transit consumers including the need for safe operation of transit service and safe location of bus stops.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no financial impact imparted by approving the recommended action.

### **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

The alternative to approving these appointments would be for these nominees to not be approved for appointment. To do so would result in reduced effectiveness of the Service Councils, as it would increase the difficulty of obtaining the quorum necessary to allow the Service Councils to formulate and submit their recommendations to the Board. It would also result in each of the Service Councils having less diverse representation of their respective service areas.

### **NEXT STEPS**

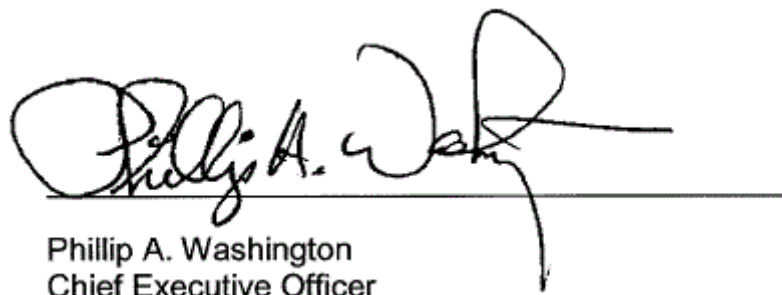
There are five (5) vacant Service Council seats for which no nomination to reappoint or replace has been received. Staff will continue to work closely with the nominating authorities to identify candidates for these vacant positions. When the Board of Directors approves the nominating authority's candidate(s), those appointees will then be eligible to vote at their Service Council meeting(s).

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. New Appointees Biographies and Listing of Qualifications
- B. Appointing Authority Nomination Letters

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Chief Executive Officer

**NEW APPOINTEE BIOGRAPHY AND LISTING OF QUALIFICATIONS**

**Jess Talamontes, Nominee for San Fernando Valley Service Council**

Jess Talamontes was elected to Burbank City Council 2009, served as Centennial Mayor during the City's Centennial Celebration in 2011 and was named Vice Mayor in 2015. He was re-elected in 2013 and is currently serving his second four year term. Prior to serving as an elected official, Vice Mayor Talamontes had a 32-year career as a Burbank Firefighter working on the frontlines in public safety. Mr. Talamontes has also been involved in a number of boards and commissions, including: League of California Cities, San Fernando Valley Council of Governments, Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), Burbank City Federal Credit Union. While serving on Council, he also remains an active community member, dedicating his time to youth programs and civic outreach. A Burbank resident since 1962, Jess is a graduate of John Burroughs High School. He earned his B.S. in Fire Protection Administration and Technology from California State University at Los Angeles.

APPOINTING AUTHORITY NOMINATION LETTERS

SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES COUNTY



GATEWAY CITIES  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

- Artesia
- Avalon
- Bell
- Bellflower
- Redondo Beach
- Cerritos
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- Hawthorne
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- La Habra-Northgate
- La Puente
- Long Beach
- Lynwood
- Maywood
- Westminster
- Norwalk
- Pasadena
- Pico Rivera
- Santa Fe Springs
- Signal Hill
- South Gate
- Vernon
- Wilmington
- County of Los Angeles
- Port of Long Beach

June 18, 2015

Mr. Phillip A. Washington, CEO  
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
One Gateway Plaza  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Washington:

**Nominees for the Metro Gateway Cities Service Council**

Acting in its capacity as the convening coalition of the Metro Gateway Cities Service Council, the Board of Directors of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments has nominated three Service Council members to fill current vacant seats, which expire June 30, 2015.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of June 3, 2015, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments Board of Directors nominated Mr. Wally Shidier, Mr. Richard Bumett, and Ms. Jo Ann Eros Delgado current members of the Service Council. A copy of the nominee's application is enclosed.

We would appreciate your assistance in agendaizing the nominations for confirmation by the MTA Board of Directors at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Sincerely,

Richard Powers  
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Mr. David Hershenson, Metro Community Relations Manager

CITY OF BURBANK  
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

June 16, 2015

Mr. Gary Spivack  
Deputy Executive Officer  
Metro Regional Service Councils  
One Gateway Plaza MS 99-7-2  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Spivack,

On behalf of the Eastern Cluster Cities of Burbank, Glendale and San Fernando, I submit the nomination of Burbank's Vice Mayor Jess Talamantes to serve on the San Fernando Valley Service Council for the term of July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2018.

After consultation with the City Managers of the Cities of Burbank, Glendale and San Fernando, I believe there is agreement regarding the nomination of Vice Mayor Talamantes to fill the vacancy left by the end of former Burbank Council Member Gary Bric's term.

Please let me know if you need any additional information. I can be reached at (818) 238-5800.

Respectfully,



Mark Scott  
City of Burbank



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*Unincorporated Communities*

*Fourth District, LA County*

*Unincorporated Communities*

*Fifth District, LA County*

*Unincorporated Communities*

*SGV Water Districts*

**June 9, 2015**

**Lilian De Loza-Gutierrez**  
**Community Relations Manager**  
**San Gabriel Valley Area Deputy**  
**Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority**  
**One Gateway Plaza**  
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**RE: MTA SERVICE SECTOR APPOINTMENT**

Dear Ms. De Loza-Gutierrez:

This letter is to confirm that at its April 16, 2015 meeting, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's (SGVCOG) Governing Board recommended Bruce Heard to continue serving as one of the SGVCOG on the MTA San Gabriel Valley Service Sector Board of Directors. Attached are a copy of the minutes from that meeting.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (626) 457-1800 or [sgv@sgvcog.org](mailto:sgv@sgvcog.org).

Sincerely,

**SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**Francis M. Delach**

**ATTACHMENT:**

**April 16, 2015 Governing Board Minutes**

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