



Board Report

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OPERATIONS, SAFETY AND CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE  
JULY 19, 2018

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP ON METRO SERVICE COUNCILS

ACTION: APPROVE NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT TO METRO SERVICE COUNCILS

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE nominees for membership on Metro’s 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
San Gabriel Valley	50.0%	19.9%	24.9%	3.3%	2.0%	100.0%
San Fernando Valley	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 to serve by the Councils’ 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 the new nominees is provided along with the nomination letters from the nominating authorities:

Gateway Cities

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The demographic makeup of the Gateway Cities Service Council with the appointment of these nominees will consist of four (4) White members and five (5) Hispanic members 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.

- A. Al Rios, Gateway Cities Service Council, New Appointment  
Nominated by: Gateway Cities Council of Governments  
Term Ending: June 30, 2019

#### San Gabriel Valley

The demographic makeup of the San Gabriel Valley Service Council with the appointment of these nominees will consist of four (4) White members, three (3) Hispanic members, one (1) Native American member, and one (1) Asian 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 one (8) woman.

- B. David Diaz, San Gabriel Valley Service Council, New Appointment  
Nominated by: First District Supervisor Hilda L. Solis  
Term Ending: June 30, 2021

#### **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.

#### **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

The alternative to approving this appointment 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 the Service Councils having less diverse representation of their respective service area.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

Staff will continue to monitor the major contributors to the quality of bus service from the customer's perspective, and share that information with the Service Councils for use in their work to plan and to implement and improve bus service in their areas and the customer experience using our bus service.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

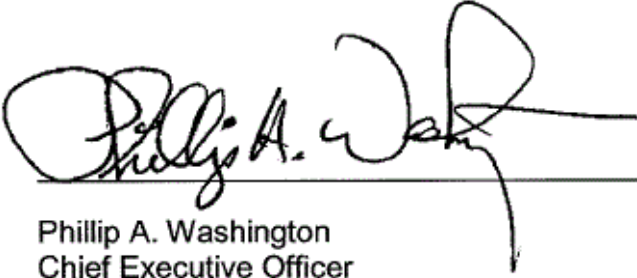
Attachment A - New Nominees' Listing of Qualifications  
Attachment B - Nomination Letters

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Phillip A. Washington  
Chief Executive Officer

**NEW APPOINTEES BIOGRAPHIES AND QUALIFICATIONS**

**Al Rios, Nominee for Gateway Cities Service Council**



A 20 year resident of South Gate and the surrounding communities, Al Rios was sworn in to a four-year terms as a South Gate City Council Member on April 11, 2017. Council Member Rios has been an educational leader who has promoted higher education in South Gate and surrounding communities in his role as Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor of Political Science at East Los Angeles College's South Gate Educational Center. Prior to his career at the local community college, Council Member Rios has worked with several non-profit organizations in various leadership capacities.

Councilmember Rios holds a Bachelor degree from the University of Southern California and a Master of Public Administration from City University of New York, Baruch College.

**David Diaz, Nominee for San Gabriel Valley Service Council**



David Diaz is a Program Director for Bike San Gabriel Valley, a local nonprofit organization, focusing on youth development, active transportation, renewable energy, urban greening and creating change in underrepresented communities. Over the last few years, he has worked on the development of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Bicycle Master Plan, the Puente Hills Landfill Park Master Plan, an Urban Greening Toolkit and multiple healthy community related policies/initiative aimed at creating healthier environments in the San Gabriel Valley. Mr. Diaz is also a Community Building Consultant, Investing in Place Board Member, South El Monte Planning

Commissioner, El Monte Coalition of Latino Professionals Member, and an el Monte Union High School District Trustee. Mr. Diaz obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Social Behavior from Arizona State University, and holds a Masters of Public Health degree from Claremont Graduate University. Mr. Diaz resides in South El Monte with his wife Anais Medina.

APPOINTING AUTHORITY NOMINATION LETTERS

SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES COUNTY



GATEWAY CITIES  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

- Artesia
- Avalon
- Bell
- Bellflower
- Bell Gardens
- Cerritos
- Commerce
- Compton
- Cudahy
- Downey
- Hawaiian Gardens
- Huntington Park
- Industry
- La Mirada
- Lakewood
- Long Beach
- Lynwood
- Maywood
- Montebello
- Norwalk
- Paramount
- Pico Rivera
- Santa Fe Springs
- Signal Hill
- South Gate
- Vernon
- Whittier
- County of Los Angeles
- Port of Long Beach

June 14, 2018

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 one Service Council member to fill a seat expiring on June 30, 2019.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of June 6, 2018, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments Board of Directors nominated Council Member Al Rios, to fill the seats expiring June 30, 2019. A copy of the nominee's application is enclosed.

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

Sincerely,

Nancy Pfeffer  
Executive Director

Enclosure

Cc: Ms. Dolores Ramos, Sr. Administrative Analyst, Regional Service Councils



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**HILDA L. SOLIS**  
SUPERVISOR, FIRST DISTRICT

June 22, 2018

Gary Spivack  
Deputy Executive Officer, Metro Service Councils  
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: San Gabriel Valley Service Council Appointment**

Dear Mr. Spivack,

As the Supervisor for the First District of Los Angeles County, I would like to appoint David Diaz to the San Gabriel Valley Service Council. You may contact him directly to request all necessary documentation.

David Diaz  
ddiazave7@gmail.com  
(626) 602-5064

Given his experience in the San Gabriel Valley, Mr. Diaz offers a balanced approach to achieve regional transportation goals. I have full confidence in his ability to represent the First District of Los Angeles County. Thank you in advance.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hilda L. Solis".

**HILDA L. SOLIS**  
Supervisor, First District