

# **Board Report**

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority One Gateway Plaza 3rd Floor Board Room Los Angeles, CA

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# OPERATIONS, SAFETY AND CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE MAY 21, 2020

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP ON METRO'S SAN FERNANDO VALLEY SERVICE COUNCIL

ACTION: APPROVE NOMINATION

### RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE Leslie Aguirre for membership on Metro's San Fernando Valley Service Council.

#### **ISSUE**

A member of the San Fernando Valley Service Council submitted her resignation effective December 11, 2020. The terms of this now-vacant seat is July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021.

### DISCUSSION

Metro seeks to appoint Service Council members reflective of the demographics of each respective region. The 2016 American Community Survey demographics of the San Fernando Valley Service Council region where this appointment is to be made as compared to the demographics of the membership of the Council with this appointment is as follows:

Race	Hispanic	White	Asian	Black	Other
Membership	55.5%	44.4%	0%	0%	0%
Region Actual	41.7%	40.9%	11.0%	3.5%	3.0%

The following individual has been nominated to serve by the nominating authority of the vacant seat. If approved by the Board, this appointment will serve the remainder of the July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021 term. A brief listing of the nominee's qualifications and the nomination letter are provided.

## San Fernando Valley

Α. Leslie Aquirre, San Fernando Valley Service Council, New Appointment

Nominated by: Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti

Term Ending: June 30, 2021

The demographic makeup of the San Fernando Valley Service Council with the appointment of this nominee will consist of five (5) Hispanic members and four (4) White members as self-identified by

the members in terms of racial/ethnic identity. The gender breakdown of the Council will be five (5) men and four (4) 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.

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Approval of this recommendation supports the following Metro Strategic Plan Goal: 30 Enhance communities and lives through mobility and access to opportunity.

#### **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 - Nominees Listing of Qualifications

Attachment B - Nomination Letters

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#### NEW APPOINTEE BIOGRAPHY AND LISTING OF QUALIFICATIONS

Leslie Elizabeth Aguirre, Nominee for San Fernando Valley Service Council



Leslie Elizabeth Aguirre is a student at California State University Northridge (CSUN), where she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in sustainability. The Van Nuys resident has been involved in local politics since she was in high school. She volunteered for the Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley in 2016 and has also served as a board member for the San Fernando Valley Young Democrats. She has also been an active member of CSUN's Political Science Student Association since September 2017. Ms. Aguirre is currently employed with the office of

Assembly Member Jesse Gabriel

### **APPOINTING AUTHORITY NOMINATION LETTER**



April 22, 2020

Ms. Dolores Ramos Chief Administrative Analyst One Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90012

Ms. Ramos,

I hereby submit the nomination of Ms. Leslie Aguirre to be appointed as a representative on the San Fernando Valley Service Council, for term ending on June 30, 2021.

I certify that in my opinion Ms. Aguirre is qualified for the work that will devolve upon her, and that I make this appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

**ERIC GARCETTI** 

Mayor

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