



## Board Report

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### OPERATIONS, SAFETY AND CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE JULY 20, 2023

**SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP ON METRO'S REGIONAL SERVICE COUNCILS**

**ACTION: APPROVE NOMINATIONS**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

APPROVE nominees for membership on Metro's Gateway Cities and San Fernando Valley Service Councils.

#### **ISSUE**

Each Metro Service Council (MSC) is comprised of nine Representatives that serve terms 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.

The Gateway Cities and San Fernando Valley Service Councils have vacancies created by Councilmembers who recently resigned or whose seats were not filled at the end of their terms.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Metro Service Councils were created in 2002 as community-based bodies tasked with improving bus service and promoting service coordination with municipal and local transit providers. The MSC bylaws specify that Representatives should live in, work in, or represent the region; have a basic working knowledge of public transit service within their region, and an understanding of passenger transit needs. To do so, each Representative is expected to ride at least one transit service per month.

The MSC are responsible for convening public hearings to receive community input on proposed service modifications and rendering decisions on proposed bus route changes considering staff's recommendations and public comments. All route and major service changes that are approved by the MSC will be brought to the Metro Board of Directors as an information item. Should the Metro Board decide to move an MSC-approved service change to an Action Item, the MSC will be notified of this change prior to the next Service Council monthly meeting.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The individuals listed below have been nominated to serve by the Councils' appointing authorities. If approved by the Board, these appointments will serve for the remainder of the three-year terms specified below. A brief listing of qualifications for the new nominees and the nomination letters from the nominating authorities are provided in Attachments A and B.

For your reference, the 2021 American Community Survey demographics and 2019 Metro Ridership Survey demographics for each region are compared to the membership, should these nominees be appointed, for each region.

### Gateway Cities

#### A. Jose Muñoz Guevara, New Appointment

Nominated by: Gateway Cities Council of Governments

Term: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025

Should this nominee be appointed, the Gateway Cities (GWC) Service Council membership will compare to the region and the region's ridership as follows:

Region Demographics	Hispanic	White	Asian & PI	Black	Native Amer	Other
GWC Council Region	65.6%	14.6%	9.4%	7.9%	0.2%	2.2%
GWC Region Ridership	66%	6%	3%%	21%	0%	4%
GWC Membership/No.	77.7% / 7	11.1% / 1	0% / 0	0% / 0	0% / 0	11% / 1

The gender makeup of the GWC Service Council will be as follows:

Gender	GWC Membership/No.	Los Angeles County
Male	55.5% / 5	49.7%
Female	44.4% / 4	50.3%

### San Fernando Valley

#### B. Antoinette Scully, New Appointment

Nominated by: Third District Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath

Term: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025

Should this nominee be appointed, the San Fernando Valley (SFV) Service Council membership will compare to the region and the region's ridership as follows:

Region Demographics	Hispanic	White	Asian & PI	Black	Native Amer	Other
SFV Council Region	41.3%	40.1%	11.0%	3.7%	0.1%	3.7%
SFV Region Ridership	63%	13%	9%	9%	1%	5%

SFV Membership/No.*	44.4% / 4	37.5% / 3	0% / 0	22.2% / 2	0% / 0	0% / 0
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The gender makeup of the SFV Service Council with the above listed nominee will be as follows:

Gender	SFV Membership/No.*	Los Angeles County
Male	66.6% / 6	49.7%
Female	33.3% / 3	50.3%

### **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.

### **EQUITY PLATFORM**

Metro seeks to appoint Service Council members that represent the diverse needs and priorities reflective of the demographics of each respective region. To encourage nominating authorities to nominate individuals that will closely reflect the region and its ridership, staff shares regional ridership demographics, regional resident demographics and Service Council membership race/ethnicity and gender demographics with each request for a nomination to the Service Councils. This practice has resulted in the Service Councils becoming much more diverse in terms of both race/ethnicity and gender over the last several years. However, approximately half of LA County residents and Metro riders are women; there is work to be done to achieve gender equity on some of the Service Councils. Staff will continue to share demographic information and encourage nominating authorities to give weight to gender equity when considering individuals for nomination.

### **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.

### **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 the Service Councils having a less diverse representation of their respective service areas.

### **NEXT STEPS**

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Two vacant seats on the Westside Central Service Council remain. Staff will continue to work with the nominating authorities to fill the outstanding vacancies.

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.

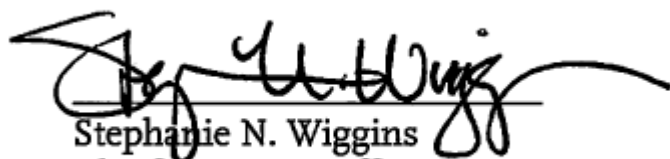
### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A - New Appointee Biography Qualifications

Attachment B - Appointing Authority Nomination Letters

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Stephanie N. Wiggins  
Chief Executive Officer

## NEW APPOINTEE BIOGRAPHY AND QUALIFICATIONS

### **Juan Muñoz Guevara, Nominee to Gateway Cities Service Council**



Juan Muñoz-Guevara was born and raised in Lynwood, and was elected to the Lynwood City Council in November 2022. He was appointed to serve on the Policy & Budget/State Audit Committee and to represent Lynwood on the COG I-710 EIR/EIS Committee. He was also appointed as an alternate to SCAG, League of California Cities, and the National League of Cities. He is currently employed as a labor organizer/researcher for UNITE HERE Local 11. He previously served as a Commissioner on the Public Safety, Traffic, and Parking Commission for the City of Lynwood from June 2018-December 2020. Juan graduated from UCLA summa cum laude with a BA in political science and government in 2019.

### **Antoinette Scully, Nominee to San Fernando Valley Service Council**




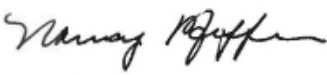
Antoinette Scully is currently a National Organizer for the Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation, a faith-based nonprofit that centers the justice needs of women and femmes where role includes program creation, educational webinars, and fostering relationships throughout the country.

Outside of her day job, Ms. Scully is a writer, activist, and educator who speaks publicly on social justice, race, and literary activism, all rooted in her Unitarian Universalist faith. She is the founder of Black & Bookish Literary Collective, an expansive website dedicated to celebrating Black literature launched in 2016. From there, she grew her small business into a literary editing collective, specializing in sensitivity reading consultations. In 2017, she launched *In Conversation: with Antoinette Scully Podcast* where she interviews Black authors about their process, progress, and prose. In 2021, she was nominated for a AAMBC Literary Award in the category of Literary Activist of the Year.

Ms. Scully also co-founded the Valley Justice Coalition, an organization that creates justice projects centered in the San Fernando Valley and a co-founder of the comprehensive sexual health education nonprofit, More Than Sex-Ed. She also serves as the Social Justice Chairperson at the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles. Antoinette earned her M.A. from the University of Southern California and a dual B.A from Stetson University in DeLand, FL.

## APPOINTING AUTHORITY NOMINATION LETTERS

## Gateway Cities Service Council

SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES COUNTY	
	 <p><b>GATEWAY CITIES</b> COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS</p> <p>June 8, 2022</p>
Artesia	Ms. Stephanie Wiggins, CEO
Avalon	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Bell	One Gateway Plaza
Bellflower	Los Angeles, CA 90012
Bell Gardens	
Cerritos	Dear Ms. Wiggins:
Commerce	
Compton	
Cudahy	
Dawsey	
Hawaiian Gardens	<b>Nominee for the Metro Gateway Cities Service Council</b>
Huntington Park	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 community member to fill 1 seat expiring June 30, 2025, replacing Denise Diaz beginning July 1, 2023.
Industry	
La Mirada	At its regularly scheduled meeting of June 8, 2023, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments Board of Directors nominated the following applicant:
Lakewood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Juan Munoz-Guevara, a community member and new applicant from the city of Lynwood. Juan will complete Denise Diaz's term expiring June 30, 2025</li> </ul>
Long Beach	
Lynwood	
Maywood	A copy of the nominee's applications is enclosed.
Montebello	
Norwalk	We would appreciate your assistance in agendaizing the nominations for confirmation by the MTA Board of Directors at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
Paramount	
Pico Rivera	Sincerely,
Santa Fe Springs	
Signal Hill	Nancy Pfeffer
South Gate	Executive Director
Vernon	
Whittier	Enclosure
County of Los Angeles	Cc: Ms. Dolores Ramos, Sr. Administrative Analyst, Regional Service Councils
Port of Long Beach	
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## San Fernando Valley Service Council



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**LINDSEY P. HORVATH**  
SUPERVISOR, THIRD DISTRICT

May 31, 2023

Collette Langston, Board Secretary  
Metropolitan Transportation Authority  
One Gateway Plaza  
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**Re: Appointment of Ms. Antoinette Scully to San Fernando Valley Service Council**

Dear Ms. Langston:

It is my understanding that as a member of the Metro Board of Directors, I may appoint a member of the San Fernando Valley Service Council. I would like to take this opportunity to appoint Ms. Antoinette Scully as my representative. Ms. Scully is an active user of Metro bus and rail services and is highly knowledgeable on a wide range of transportation issues.

Ms. Scully may be contacted at [amariescully@gmail.com](mailto:amariescully@gmail.com) or (407) 405-8891. Should you need any additional information or assistance with this matter, please do not hesitate to contact my Transportation Deputy, Justin Orenstein. He can be reached at (213) 974-3333.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Horvath", is written over a horizontal line.

Lindsey P. Horvath  
Los Angeles County Supervisor, Third District  
Member, Metro Board of Director

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