

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

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TO: SBCCOG Steering Committee

FROM: Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director

RE: Metro South Bay Service Sector Governance Council Nomination

The SBCCOG opened nominations in March to fill the terms expiring this June for the following members: Inglewood Councilman and Service Council Board Chair Ralph Franklin; Lawndale Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles and Devon Deming, Los Angeles World Airports Rideshare Coordinator. Additionally, there is a vacancy for another seat whose term expires in 2015 which was held by a transit rider representative.

Seven nominations have come in. All three incumbents - Ralph Franklin, Robert Pullen-Miles and Devon Deming – have asked to be considered for another term. Four new applicants are also asking for your consideration. Christopher Rider, Angie English, Bill Meyers and Elaine Jeng.

CONSIDERATIONS

Nominations have come from the three elected officials: Ralph Franklin, Robert Pullen-Miles & Angie English. There can be no more than two elected officials appointed in order to maintain our policy of the elected officials not being a majority of the Board members.

We try to keep diverse interests on the Board for the remainder of the seats.

- Incumbent Devon Deming is a rideshare coordinator for LAWA.
- The other candidates have the following backgrounds:
- Bill Meyers: - Transit dependent. Attends Sector Council meetings regularly. He resides in the City of Hawthorne.
- Elaine Jeng - Principal Civil Engineer, Redondo Beach. Represents SBCCOG on Metro Streets & Freeway Subcommittee. Interest is infrastructure interface with transit. She is a resident of Manhattan Beach.
- Christopher Rider - Regular bus commuter and works on street projects. He lives in Harbor City and works in LADOT's San Pedro office.

They all appear to be strong candidates who are interested in the work of the Council.

Considering geography, the current members represent the following areas:

Palos Verdes Peninsula – Goodhart & Addleman

Redondo Beach – Szerlip

Carson – Love

Gardena – Gabig

We have always tried to have someone from Los Angeles – That would be Christopher Rider. He can also represent the infrastructure interface perspective.

Bill Meyers appears to be completely dependent on transit. That is a plus – but he comes to Board meetings so you would know more about his ability to serve effectively.

Looking at our criteria below and the current council members this is what I see:

TERMS EXPIRING FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Ralph Franklin
 - Inglewood Councilman
 - Chair since 2009
- Devon Deming
 - Los Angeles World Airports Rideshare Coordinator
- Robert Pullen-Miles
 - Lawndale Mayor
 - Member of staff of State Senator Ted Lieu
 - Representative of Municipal Operators

CURRENT MEMBERS ON THE COUNCIL

- James Goodhart
 - Palos Verdes Estates Councilmember
 - Member of the PV Transit Board of Directors
- Roye Love
 - Carson resident & senior
 - Member of several community organizations
 - Transit user
- Jack Gabig
 - Gardena Transit Manager
- John Addleman – submitted by PV Transit, S.B. Community Operator
 - Rolling Hills Estates Councilmember
 - Member of the PV Transit Board of Directors
- Don Szerlip
 - Redondo Beach businessman

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend to the Board that they re-nominate the 3 incumbent members and recommend Rena Kambura and Kim Turner be nominated to fill a seat for a transit user and for a municipal operator respectively.

For your information, members remaining on the Council are:

CURRENT MEMBERS ON THE COUNCIL

- Ralph Franklin
 - Inglewood Councilman
 - Represents city with high transit use
- John Addleman – submitted by PV Transit, S.B. Community Operator
 - Rolling Hills Estates Councilmember
 - Member of the PV Transit Board of Directors
- Robert Pullen-Miles
 - Lawndale Councilman
 - Member of staff of State Senator Jenny Oropeza
- Lou Mitchell – originally submitted by Councilmember Janice Hahn
 - President, Watts ACORN – a non-profit community group

- Co-Chair, L.A. Neighborhood Council for the area
- Transit user
- Devon Deming
 - Submitted by Transportation management associations –
 - Rideshare Coordinator, Los Angeles World Airports
- Rena Kambara
 - Submitted by Pat Hachiya with L.A. County
 - Planner, County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning - Land Use Regulation Division assigned to work within the Second Supervisorial District.
 - Avid consumer of transit service in Los Angeles for the past seventeen years.
- Kim Turner
 - Submitted by Gardena Bus Lines & Los Angeles Department of Transportation to represent municipal operators
 - Transit Director for the City of Torrance
 - Chair, Transit General Manager's group & L. A. County Municipal Operator's Association (LACMOA)
- Don Szerlip
 - Redondo Beach resident & businessman
 - Transit advocate