

SBCAG STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Santa Barbara County Transit Advisory Committee Membership Appointments

MEETING DATE: June 20, 2019 **AGENDA ITEM:** 4H

STAFF CONTACT: Jared Carvalho

RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint Fil Simas, Matt Dobberteen, Ernesto Paredes, Jacob Lesner-Buxton, Kathleen Riel, Oran Viriyincy, and Ed Zoost to SBCTAC to fill vacant and expiring membership positions.

DISCUSSION:

The Transportation Development Act (TDA), Public Utilities Code (PUC) Section 99238 et seq., requires that each county have a Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC). In Santa Barbara County, the Santa Barbara County Transit Advisory Committee (SBCTAC) fills this role. The TDA and the SBCTAC bylaws set forth specific requirements with respect to committee membership and term limits. The Transportation Development Act and the SBCTAC Bylaws both specify requirements for appointments and term limits for SBCTAC members:

Transportation Development Act Public Utilities Code Section 99238

(b) Members of the social services transportation advisory council shall be appointed by the transportation planning agency which shall recruit candidates for appointment from a broad representation of social service and transit providers representing the elderly, persons with disabilities, and persons of limited means. In appointing council members, the transportation planning agency shall strive to attain geographic and minority representation among council members. Of the initial appointments to the council, one-third of them shall be for a one-year term, one-third shall be for a two-year term, and one-third shall be for a three-year term. Subsequent to the initial appointment, the term of appointment shall be for three years, which may be renewed for an additional three year-term. The transportation planning agency may, at its discretion, delegate its responsibilities for appointment pursuant to this subdivision to the board of supervisors.

SBCTAC Bylaws

2.2 Appointment. Pursuant to PUC Section 99238(b), members of SBCTAC shall be appointed by the SBCAG Board, which shall recruit candidates for appointment from a broad representation of social service and transit providers

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representing the elderly, persons with disabilities, and persons of limited means. In appointing council members, the SBCAG Board shall strive to attain geographic and minority representation among council members. Upon resignation of a SBCTAC member, the SBCAG Board may appoint a new member to complete the resigning member's term. The individual appointed must represent the same community of interest as did the resigning member.

2.3 Membership Terms. Of the initial appointments to SBCTAC, one-third of them shall be for a one-year term, one-third shall be for a two-year term, and one-third shall be for a three-year term. Subsequent to the initial appointment, the term of appointment shall be for three years, which may be renewed for an additional three years.

A total of seven SBCTAC positions will be filled by new or existing appointments. Three of these appointments are for new initial terms, and four are renewals of individuals currently serving on SBCTAC. For two of the renewals, (Fil Simas and Ed Zoost) other individuals are not available to represent the respective transit agency/ region. In the case of Polly Bleavins, the member's term is being terminated early subject to SBCTAC Bylaw 2.4 (Attendance), having not attended a meeting in several years. The nominations for these candidates are attached.

Role	Current Member	Expiring Term	New Term Effective	Member Replacement
CTSA – SMOOTH	Fil Simas	Oct. 2016 – Sep. 2019	October, 2019	Fil Simas
The County of Santa Barbara Transit	Matt Dobberteen	Oct. 2016 – Sep. 2019	October, 2019	Matt Dobberteen
CTSA - Easylift	Ernesto Paredes	Oct. 2016 – Sep. 2019	October, 2019	Ernesto Paredes
Social Service Provider for Persons w/ Disabilities	Polly Bleavins	Oct. 2017 – June 30, 2019	July 1, 2019	Jacob Lesner-Buxton
Transit User w/ Disability	Barry Stotts	Oct. 2016 – June 30, 2019	July 1, 2019	Kathleen Riel
South County Transit Rider	Howard Kraus	Apr. 2016 – June 30, 2019	July 1, 2019	Oran Viriyincy
North County Transit Rider	Ed Zoost	Apr. 2015 – Apr. 2018	July 1, 2019	Ed Zoost

Staff is still recruiting for one other vacant SBCTAC position, an Agricultural Worker Representative.

Staff recommends the Board appoint Fil Simas, Matt Dobberteen, Ernesto Paredes, Jacob Lesner-Buxton, Kathleen Riel, Oran Viriyincy, and Ed Zoost to three-year SBCTAC terms.

The recommended action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Attachments:

- A. SBCTAC Nominations

ATTACHMENT A



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April 15, 2019

SBCAG
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Good day SBCAG Board,

I am submitting this request in Fil Simas' absence.

As I am sure you have been made aware, members of our TDA required advisory committee, SBCTAC, are terming out soon and the positions need to be filled. SMOOTH's Director of Operations, Fil Simas, holds one such expiring committee position as the SBCTAC representative for SMOOTH - CTSA.

As part of SMOOTH's commitment to our region's transit operations, SMOOTH also devotes the time and energies of myself as a second member on the committee representing the City of Guadalupe Transit.

Regrettably, SMOOTH does not have any other staff to take my expiring position. I am therefore asking that the SBCAG Board approve the reinstatement of Fil Simas on SBCTAC representing SMOOTH - CTSA.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Talbott", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jim Talbott
Executive Director – SMOOTH, Inc.
Member SBCTAC

From: [Jacob Lesner-Buxton](#)
To: [Jared Carvalho](#)
Subject: Interested in the SBCATC board
Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 3:59:20 PM

Good Afternoon,

My name is Jacob Lesner-Buxton and I am a person with a disability who lives in south county and works at a disability non profit. I am interested in serving on the SBCATC board

Thanks

Jacob

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Jacob Lesner-Buxton
System Change Advocate

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From: [Ed Zoost](#)
To: [Jared Carvalho](#)
Subject: Re: SBCTAC Membership
Date: Friday, May 24, 2019 1:03:14 PM

I am interested in continuing to volunteer to SBCTAC.

Due to the fact that I do not drive, and must rely on Jim Talbott or someone else to get to the meetings,

I can continue to participate until the person I am reliant upon is also "termed out".

As SBCTAC continues to apply its term limits to all its members, no telling when all of its members are "termed out",
(like a circular firing squad).

If our area had a higher population upon which it could draw upon to satisfy applying term limits, "term limits" might make sense.

Plus the fact that these are **voluntary** positions, NOT PAID. "Term Limit" does not seem appropriate or make sense.

Please advise

Ed Zoost

On Wed, May 22, 2019 at 2:21 PM Jared Carvalho <JCarvalho@sbcag.org> wrote:

From: [Kathleen Riel](#)
To: [Jared Carvalho](#)
Subject: Re: SBCTAC Membership
Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2019 5:32:06 PM

Dear Jared,

Thank you for the offer and I accept the position of Transit User with a Disability. I look forward to serving on the SBCTAC.

My Address and Phone are as follows:

Best Regards,
Kathleen

From: [Oran Viriyincy](#)
To: [Jared Carvalho](#)
Subject: Re: SBCTAC Membership
Date: Thursday, May 23, 2019 7:43:12 AM

Hi Jared,
I accept the position. My home mailing address is:

I do not know if you are already aware but in the interest of full disclosure, my employer is a contractor with MTD for transit map and information design services. However, in this capacity I do not represent them in any way. Please let me know if you have concerns.

Thank you for the offer and I look forward to contributing to the discussion on transit issues in Santa Barbara County.

Regards,
Oran Viriyincy