



City of Long Beach


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Office of Roberto Uranga
Councilmember, Seventh District

Date: September 16, 2014

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Councilmember Roberto Uranga, 7th District 

Subject: South Coast Air Quality Management District Western Region Representative

RECOMMENDATION

Confirm the nomination of Councilmember Roberto Uranga as the City of Long Beach appointee to the South Coast Air Quality Management District Governing Board (SCAQMD), Western Region.

BACKGROUND

The City of Long Beach is a leader in environmental stewardship as demonstrated by the formation of the Office of Sustainability and the Harbor Department's Green Port Policy. Furthermore, the Mayoral Transition Team recently recommended that, "We need to reaffirm this goal [of making the Port the greenest port in the world] and continue this partnership with our residents, especially Westside residents." This is a commendable goal as the Westside residents of the 7th District are impacted by air quality and environmental justice issues by virtue of its proximity to the Port of Long Beach, I-710 and I-405 freeways, airport flight path and oil refineries on the western boundary of the City of Long Beach. It is with the goal of furthering the City's commitment to sustainability throughout the region that I seek the City Council's support to represent the Western Region on the SCAQMD Governing Board.

The SCAQMD is the air pollution control agency for all of Orange County and the urban portions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. The SCAQMD is responsible for controlling emissions primarily from stationary (e.g. large power plants and refineries to the corner gas station) and mobile (e.g. cars, trucks and buses, construction equipment, ships, trains and airplanes) sources of air pollution.

TIMING CONSIDERATION

This action is requested in anticipation of the City Selection Committee's scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 24 to elect the SCAQMD Governing Board, Western Region Representative.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no significant fiscal impact associated with this City Council action.

Attachments: Two (2) City Manager Memorandums to the Mayor and City Council Members
June 17, 2013: Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Board of Directors (4 pgs)
Feb. 6, 2014: Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Governing Board Election (2 pgs)



Date: June 17, 2013

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Patrick H. West, City Manager

Subject: Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Board of Directors

Background

The Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Governing Board consists of 13 members representing the counties of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside County, and Orange. A fact sheet is attached for more information on the AQMD Governing Board. We expect a board vacancy on the AQMD board shortly and this memo provides further information on the election process.

Long Beach Representation

The City's is represented by the AQMD "western region of Los Angeles County" seat. This seat is held by a mayor or council member from one of the cities located in the western region of Los Angeles County. AQMD defines this region as consisting of the following cities:

Agoura Hills, Artesia, Avalon, Bell, Bellflower, Bell Gardens, Beverly Hills, Calabasas, Carson, Cerritos, Commerce, Compton, Cudahy, Culver City, Downey, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawaiian Gardens, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Hidden Hills, Huntington Park, Inglewood, La Habra Heights, La Mirada, Lakewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Long Beach, Lynwood, Malibu, Manhattan Beach, Maywood, Montebello, Norwalk, Palos Verdes Estates, Paramount, Pico Rivera, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Santa Fe Springs, Santa Monica, Signal Hill, South Gate, Torrance, Vernon, West Hollywood, Westlake Village, and Whittier.

Judy Mitchell was appointed to the "western region of Los Angeles County" seat in 2010. She currently holds this position, but was recently nominated to the California Air Resources Board (CARB). With her move to CARB, the AQMD "western region of Los Angeles County" seat will be vacant, and nominations will open.

Board Appointments

Per state law, cities represented by the "western region of Los Angeles County" shall organize as a City Selection Committee for the purposes of appointing a member to this AQMD seat. The Mayor of each city is the authorized voting delegate for this procedure. The City Selection Committee will provide more information about when the vote will be scheduled. Thus far, no meeting date for nominations and approval of a candidate has been scheduled. State law requires this seat to be selected by a majority of the cities and a majority of weighted votes based on population. Thus, as the largest city in the Western Region, Long Beach will have a large percent of the weighted votes.

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State law stipulates all AQMD members shall be appointed on the basis of their demonstrated interest and proven ability in the field of air pollution control, as well as their understanding of the needs of the general public in connection with air pollution problems of the South Coast Air Basin. Appointees must be a Mayor or City Councilmember.

If you have questions or for more information, please contact Tom Modica, Director of Government Affairs and Strategic Initiatives at 8-5091.

cc Suzanne Frick, Assistant City Manager
Reginald Harrison, Deputy City Manager
Larry Herrera, City Clerk
Tom Modica, Director of Government Affairs and Strategic Initiatives
Jyl Marden, Assistant to the City Manager

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SCAQMD BOARD MEMBER ELECTION PROCESS

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Organizational Overview

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), formed in 1976, is the air pollution agency responsible mainly for regulating stationary sources of air pollution for most of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside County, and all of Orange County. The main office of the SCAQMD is located in the city of Diamond Bar, California. The area encompassed by the SCAQMD amounts to about 10,750 square miles and is the second most populated area in the United States.

Governance Structure and Membership

The Board has 13 members. Ten are elected officials. Of these, four are county supervisors representing Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, elected to AQMD's Board by their Boards of Supervisors. Six are City Council members representing the cities in each county (because of its size, Los Angeles County has two representatives, elected by respective city selection committees, and the City of Los Angeles has one representative, selected by the Mayor of Los Angeles). The remaining three Board members are appointed by state elected officials one by the Governor of California, one by the Speaker of the State Assembly and one by the State Senate Rules Committee.

Board Member	Appointing Authority
Chair Burke, Dr. William A.	Speaker of the Assembly
Vice Chair Yates, Dennis	Cities of San Bernardino County
Antonovich, Michael D.	Los Angeles County
Benoit, John J.	Riverside County
Cacciotti, Michael	Cities of Los Angeles County, Eastern Region
Gonzales, Josie	San Bernardino County
Benoit, Ben	Cities of Riverside County
Lyou, Dr. Joseph K.	Governor of California
Judith Mitchell	Cities of Los Angeles County, Western Region
Nelson, Shawn	Orange County
Parker Sr, Clark E.	Senate Rules Committee
Perry, Jan	City of Los Angeles
Pulido, Miguel	Cities of Orange County

Appointment Procedure

All cities in the Western region, including Long Beach, are eligible for nominating a member to the Board in the "Cities of Los Angeles County, Western Cities" seat. Per state law, cities represented by the "western region of Los Angeles County" shall organize as a City Selection Committee for the purposes of appointing a member to this AQMD seat. The Mayor of each city is the authorized voting delegate for this procedure. The City Selection Committee will provide more information about when the vote will be scheduled. Thus far, no meeting date for nominations and approval of a candidate has been scheduled. State law requires this seat to be selected by a majority of the cities and a majority of weighted votes based on population. Thus, as the largest city in the Western Region, Long Beach will have a large percent of the weighted votes.

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Compensation

Each member of the south coast district board shall receive \$100 for each day, or portion thereof, but not to exceed \$1,000 per month while attending meetings of the AQMD or any subcommittee of the AQMD. Members are eligible to be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses incurred while performing official duties of the AQMD.

Meetings

Board meetings are typically held on the 1st Friday of each month at 9 00 AM. Meetings are held at the Diamond Bar Headquarters.

Contact Information

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Long Beach, CA 90810
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Date: February 6, 2014
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
From: Patrick H. West, City Manager
Subject: Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Governing Board Elections

The South Coast Air Quality Management District is the regional government agency responsible for air pollution control in Los Angeles and Orange counties and parts of Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

The Governing Board of the South Coast Air Quality Management District is comprised of thirteen representatives consisting of three appointees (one each by the Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, and Senate Rules Committee) and ten elected officials from the Counties and Cities of the South Coast Air Basin.

Seat	Appointing Authority
1	Los Angeles County – Board of Supervisors
2	Orange County – Board of Supervisors
3	Riverside County – Board of Supervisors
4	San Bernardino County – Board of Supervisors
5	City of Los Angeles – Mayoral Appointee
6	Cities of Los Angeles County – Western Region
7	Cities of Los Angeles County – Eastern Region
8	Orange County – City Council Member
9	Riverside County – City Council Member
10	San Bernardino County – City Council Member
11	Appointed by Governor
12	Appointed by Speaker of Assembly
13	Appointed by Senate Rules Committee

Delegates representing the cities in each region elect their Governing Board member. The time has come for the Western Region of the Cities of Los Angeles County to elect a representative to serve on the Governing Board. Long Beach is one of 51 cities in the LA County Western Region. Members of the Governing Board must be city council members or mayors in a city in the region. Judy Mitchell, city council member of Rolling Hills Estates, currently serves as the representative of the Western Region; it appears that she plans to run for re-election to the seat representing Long Beach and the other Western Cities.

Los Angeles County - Western Region Cities		
Agoura Hills	Hawaiian Gardens	Norwalk
Artesia	Hawthorne	Palos Verdes Estates
Avalon	Hermosa Beach	Paramount
Bell	Hidden Hills	Pico Rivera
Bellflower	Huntington Park	Rancho Palos Verdes
Bell Gardens	Inglewood	Redondo Beach
Beverly Hills	La Habra Heights	Rolling Hills
Calabasas	La Mirada	Rolling Hills Estates
Carson	Lakewood	Santa Fe Springs
Cerritos	Lawndale	Santa Monica
Compton	Lomita	Signal Hill
Commerce	Long Beach	South Gate
Cudahy	Lynwood	Torrance
Culver City	Malibu	Vernon
Downey	Manhattan Beach	West Hollywood
El Segundo	Maywood	Westlake Village
Gardena	Montebello	Whittier

The elections are administered by the City Selection Committee, which will provide further information about the election process within the next few weeks. State law determines the process, which requires a candidate to receive both a majority of the vote of the cities as well as a majority of the population of the cities in the region. The Mayor of each city, or their delegate, casts their vote for their preferred candidate. The election may occur as early as March 2014, although that date has not yet been confirmed.

If you have any more questions about the process please contact Tom Modica, Deputy City Manager at (562) 570-5091.

cc: Suzanne Frick, Assistant City Manager
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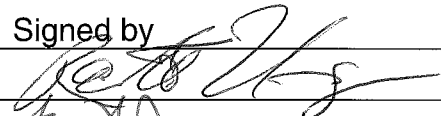


REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: September 12, 2014
To: Larry Herrera, City Clerk
From: Councilmember Roberto Uranga, District Seven
Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of September 16, 2014

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

South Coast Air Quality Management District Western Region Representative

Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
7	Roberto Uranga	
1	Lena Gonzalez	
2	SUSAN LOWENTHAL	

CC: Office of the Mayor