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Dear Mr. Chairman,

I wanted to contact you first to directly share my sincere interest in remaining on the OCTA Board of Directors. As you may know, my term concludes in September 2019.

During my time serving on the OCTA Board, I believe my voice and support as the Public Member has not only benefitted the Authority, but residents and commuters throughout Orange County. I understand the unique and important role of the Public Member to represent and protect the transportation and commuting interests of *all* Orange County.

While I've had the privilege of being a part of many important issues at OCTA, I am most proud of the work in the following areas:

- **Metrolink** – During my time as the OCTA member on the Metrolink Board, I served as Vice Chair of the board and represented Metrolink in testimony before a State Senate Select Committee on Passenger Rail. I helped advance, and at times led, the charge to assure transparency in regard to Metrolink financial stewardship. I believe, while there are still many issues to address, these efforts have brought a great deal of change to the way Metrolink conducts its financial affairs and does business with Orange County and other regional partners.
- **OCTA Headquarters Building** – I served as a member of the board's Ad Hoc committee on the Authority's quest to secure a headquarters building that would serve the long-term needs of employees and, at the same time, be mindful of taxpayer dollars. With the long-term lease and tenant improvement funds we were able to secure, I believe both goals were reached.
- **OCTA Excess Land and Real Property Acquisition** – I have used my 25-plus years' experience in the Southern California real estate industry to protect OCTA and the public's interest with excess land and real property acquisition issues throughout the county.
- **TIFIA** – While serving as Chair of the OCTA Board, I lead the effort to obtain a TIFIA loan from the federal government, saving Orange County taxpayers over \$300 million in interest. This effort was critical to starting construction on the 405 freeway improvements.
- **Committee Chair** – I am also proud to have served as the Chair of the Legislative and Communications Committee as well as Chair of the

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Finance Committee, representing and advocating for OCTA in Washington DC and New York.

- **91 Express Lanes Committee** – While Chair of the 91 Express Lanes Committee, I successfully lead the effort to reach a cooperative agreement with the RCTC to allow joint operation of the 91 Express Lanes. This agreement has added to the success of the 91 Express Lanes and improved conditions on the general-purpose lanes.
- **OCCOC** – I also serve as the OCTA representative on the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) Board of Directors, speaking on behalf of OCTA's interest in solving pressing transportation issues.

I have been an active and present OCTA Board member who has added a voice to all discussions on the OCTA Board. I have worked very hard to advance OCTA policies and programs and I assure you I will continue on this path should I be re-appointed as a Public Member of the OCTA Board.

I am hopeful that I can count on your support to remain and will be speaking with other Directors requesting their support as well.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael Hennessey