



June 3, 2019

To: Executive Committee
From: Tim Shaw, Chairman 
Subject: Public Member Appointment to the Board of Directors

Overview

In accordance with AB 710 (Chapter 469, Statutes of 2004), Members of the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors representing cities and the County of Orange appoint two public members to the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors. The current term of Director Michael Hennessey expires on September 29, 2019. The Public Member is to be considered and appointed by the Board of Directors.

Recommendation

Approve the reappointment of Director Michael Hennessey for a four-year term as a Public Member to the Board of Directors to commence on September 30, 2019.

Background

The term of office for an Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Public Member is four years. The qualifications for a Public Member are as follows:

- A resident of Orange County, and
- Not serving currently or within the last four years as an elected official of a city, county, any agency, or special district within Orange County.

Unlike the process of selecting the city representatives, the process for selecting the two public members is not specifically outlined in OCTA's enabling legislation. As a result, based on the Chairman's discretion, the procedure regarding the appointment process has varied over the years depending on whether there is a desire for a reappointment by the sitting Public Member or a resignation.

The Public Member appointment requires a majority vote of the 15 voting Board of Directors (Board) representing the County of Orange and the cities in the County.

Discussion

On May 23, 2019, the Clerk of the Board's office received Director Michael Hennessey's letter of interest and request to be reappointed to the Board. By way of background, Director Michael Hennessey has served as a Public Member on the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors since 2011, where he currently serves as the Chairman of the Finance Committee and a member of the Executive and the Legislative and Communications committees. In 2017, he served as the Chairman of the Board and has served as a member of the Southern California Regional Rail Authority.

Director Hennessey has more than 20 years of experience in the Southern California real estate industry, working in housing and development for redevelopment agencies, as well as commercial and residential development companies. He is currently the principal of Hennessey Group, a real estate development and consulting firm. His extensive real estate experience includes the areas of development, real property acquisition, eminent domain, relocation, community outreach, and an intimate understanding of redevelopment law and process.

Director Hennessey holds a bachelor's degree from the University of California, Los Angeles. He has taught real estate and real estate appraisal at Rancho Santiago College and Fullerton College.

Summary

Director Michael Hennessey's letter requesting to be reappointed to the Board is attached for Board consideration. Approval to reappoint Michael Hennessey as the Public Member for the term that commences on September 30, 2019 is recommended.

Attachment

- A. Letter from Michael Hennessey to Chairman Tim Shaw, request for reappointment, dated May 23, 2019

Prepared by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurena Weinert".

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