



July 8, 2019

To: Members of the Board of Directors 
From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Taxpayer Oversight Committee New Member Recruitment and Lottery

Overview

Measure M2 calls for a committee to help ensure voter mandates are met. Each year, new committee members are recruited and selected to fill vacancies left by expired terms. The recruitment process for the Measure M2 Taxpayer Oversight Committee has been completed for 2019, and a lottery must take place in public session to fill vacancies in the First, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Supervisorial Districts.

Recommendation

Pursuant to the Measure M2 Ordinance, conduct the lottery for final selection of new Measure M2 Taxpayer Oversight Committee members by drawing one name, each representing the First, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Supervisorial Districts, from the list of recommended finalists provided by the Grand Jurors Association of Orange County.

Background

The Measure M2 Taxpayer Oversight Committee (TOC) is required by the Measure M2 (M2) Ordinance No. 3. The TOC is an independent committee representing all five supervisorial districts in the County and is responsible for ensuring voter mandates are met and the transportation projects in M2 are implemented according to the M2 Investment Plan. The 11-member committee has a balanced representation of all supervisorial districts, with ten private citizens, plus the Orange County Auditor-Controller. The TOC meets bi-monthly to review progress on the implementation of the M2 program.

Each year, as terms of appointed members on the TOC come to an end, a recruitment process is conducted to fill vacancies. As outlined in the M2 Ordinance, the recruitment process is conducted by the Grand Jurors Association of Orange County (GJAOC). The GJAOC acts as an independent body serving in the interest

of Orange County citizens. In its role, the GJAOC appoints a five-member Selection Panel (Panel) to conduct the recruitment process.

The Panel has conducted the application/recruitment program since the beginning of Measure M in 1990. The first lottery took place on November 15, 1990, and the individuals chosen began meeting in January 1991, serving staggered one-year, two-year, or three-year terms. Following the same recruitment process, new members serving three-year terms have joined the committee each year, replacing outgoing members whose terms have expired.

Discussion

On June 30, 2019, the terms of four members of the TOC will expire. The current membership roster is attached (Attachment A). The schedule for the recruitment process for this year began in late January to fill vacancies in the First, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Supervisorial Districts (Attachment B).

The Panel concluded the recruitment process to fill the four vacant positions in mid-May (Attachment C). A fact sheet/application form was used for recruitment purposes (Attachment D). Announcements were distributed via On the Move, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) corporate blog, to a database of 7,316 subscribers. Advertisements were also placed in the Los Angeles Times and the Orange County Register, and on their websites. In addition, postings were made on OCTA's Facebook page, and targeted Facebook advertisements were used to notify residents in the First, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Supervisorial Districts; announcements were sent to the media and cities; and information was sent to local organizations and professional associations to include in their newsletters and social media accounts.

The members of the Panel screened 57 applications from interested citizens, looking closely at each applicant's community service record, as well as experience in community and transportation issues. The Panel considered each individual's ability to assess and analyze facts, desire to make the TOC a priority, their involvement in community organizations, any special skills or experience, and their degree of knowledge of government. In addition, the M2 Ordinance prohibits elected or appointed officials from serving on the TOC. Based on a previous amendment to the M2 Ordinance, the Panel also included more specific questions on the application regarding conflicts of interest. Any appointed and elected officials were required to fill out an intent to resign form to indicate they would resign from their position.

Following the initial screening process, 49 personal interviews were conducted by the Panel in an effort to gain as much insight as possible into the most qualified candidates.

The Panel is recommending 19 candidates for possible membership on the committee: four from the First Supervisorial District, five from the Third Supervisorial District, five from the Fourth Supervisorial District, and five from the Fifth Supervisorial District (Attachment E). One of these recommended candidates submitted an intent to resign form, agreeing that, if selected for TOC membership, the candidate will resign from the current public elected or appointed position.

At the July 8, 2019, meeting, the OCTA Board of Directors will select four persons by lottery to fill the vacant positions. The four new members will begin serving their terms in July 2019. Each representative will serve a three-year term.

During the lottery process, the first name drawn from each supervisorial district will be the selected committee member. The remaining names will be drawn from each supervisorial district to establish a contingency list. Should a vacancy occur, finalists would be called upon to serve on the committee in the order in which the names were drawn.

Resolutions for Outgoing Members

Participation on the TOC requires dedication, time, and commitment. The volunteers who serve on the TOC provide expertise and insight, resulting in thoughtful discussions regarding the implementation and oversight of Measure M2. In recognition of this contribution to the citizens of Orange County, Resolutions of Appreciation will be given to the following TOC members who have completed their terms: Richie Kerwin Lim – First Supervisorial District, Eugene Fields – Third Supervisorial District, Stanley F. Counts – Fourth Supervisorial District, and Matt McGuinness – Fifth Supervisorial District.

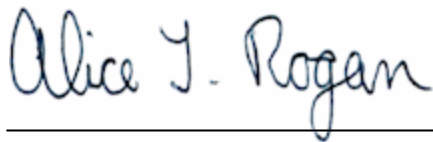
Summary

The Panel has completed its recruitment for four open positions on the TOC for the First, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Supervisorial Districts and submitted the names of eligible candidates for the 2019 lottery to fill the four positions. Outgoing members will receive Resolutions of Appreciation.

Attachments

- A. Measure M Taxpayer Oversight Committee Members Fiscal Year 2018-19
- B. Measure M Taxpayer Oversight Committee 2019 Recruitment Schedule, Supervisorial Districts One, Three, Four, and Five
- C. Grand Jurors Association of Orange County Oversight Committee Selection Panel 2019
- D. Taxpayer Oversight Committee 2019 Membership Application
- E. Measure M Taxpayer Oversight Committee 2019 Finalists

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