




February 3, 2025

To: Executive Committee 
From: Doug Chaffee, Chair of the Board of Directors
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 term of current public member, Director Tam T. Nguyen, expires on April 12, 2025. Board of Directors' action is necessary to consider the forthcoming expiration and appointment.

Recommendation

Direct the Chief Executive Officer to return to the next Executive Committee meeting to consider the reappointment of Director Tam T. Nguyen for a four-year term as a public member to the Board of Directors to commence on April 12, 2025.

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 Chair'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 January 29, 2025, the Clerk of the Board's office received a letter of interest and request to be reappointed to the Board from Director Tam T. Nguyen (Director Nguyen). As noted in the letter (Attachment A), Director Nguyen has served as a public member on the Board since 2021. He has served in various committee and Board leadership positions, and in 2024, he served as the Chair of the Board and has served as a member of the Southern California Regional Rail Authority.

Summary

The term of current public member, Director Tam T. Nguyen, expires on April 12, 2025. Board of Directors' action is necessary to consider the forthcoming expiration and appointment.

Attachment

- A. Letter from Director Nguyen to Chair Chaffee, re: Request for Reappointment, dated January 29, 2025

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