




June 26, 2023

To: Members of the Board of Directors

From: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer 

Subject: Measure M2 Taxpayer Oversight Committee New Member Recruitment and Lottery

Overview

The Renewed Measure M2 Ordinance No. 3 calls for a committee to oversee implementation of the program of transportation improvements. 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 2023, and a lottery must take place in public session to fill vacancies in the Second and Third Supervisorial Districts.

Recommendation

Pursuant to the Renewed Measure M2 Ordinance No. 3, conduct the lottery for final selection of new Measure M2 Taxpayer Oversight Committee members by drawing one name each representing the Second and Third Supervisorial Districts from the list of recommended finalists from the Grand Jurors Association of Orange County.

Background

The Measure M2 (M2) Taxpayer Oversight Committee (TOC) is required by the Renewed M2 Ordinance No. 3 (M2 Ordinance). The TOC is an independent committee representing all five supervisorial districts in the County and is responsible for ensuring the transportation projects in M2 are implemented according to the M2 Investment Plan, approved by the voters. 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 bimonthly to review progress on the implementation of the M2 program.

Each year, as terms of appointed members on the TOC 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, 2023, the terms of two 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 Second and Third Supervisorial Districts (Attachment B).

The Panel concluded the recruitment process to fill the two vacant positions in early May (Attachment C). A fact sheet/application form was used for recruitment purposes (Attachment D). Announcements were distributed to more than 7,000 persons by sending an email to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) database. Advertisements were placed in the Los Angeles Times and the Orange County Register, and digital banners were placed on their websites, and an article was included in the American Automobile Association Westways magazine. In addition, postings were made on OCTA's social media pages and targeted Facebook and mobile application advertisements were used to notify residents in the Second and Third Supervisorial Districts; announcements were sent to the media, cities, and elected offices; information was sent to local civic organizations and professional associations (Orange County Business Council, Orange County Taxpayers Association, Chambers of Commerce, etc.) to include in their newsletters and social media accounts. Also, information was sent to Orange County universities and colleges (University of California, Irvine, Chapman University, and California State University, Fullerton, and Santiago Canyon College) to share with graduate students, alumni, and veterans' services centers.

The members of the Panel screened 28 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 officers of any public entity 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 officers of any public entity were required to fill out an “intent to resign” form in order to have their TOC application considered.

Following the initial screening process, 22 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 ten candidates for possible membership on the committee: five from the Second Supervisorial District and five from the Third Supervisorial District (Attachment E).

At the June 26, 2023, OCTA Board of Directors meeting, the Chairman will select two persons by lottery to fill the vacant positions. The two new members will begin serving their terms in July 2023, for 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 in 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 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: Harry Sloan – Second Supervisorial District and Joseph McCarthy – Third Supervisorial District.

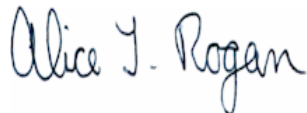
Summary

The Panel has completed its recruitment for two open positions on the TOC for the Second and Third Supervisorial Districts and submitted the names of eligible candidates for the 2023 lottery to fill the two positions. Outgoing members will receive resolutions of appreciation.

Attachments

- A. Measure M2 Taxpayer Oversight Committee Members Fiscal Year 2022-23
- B. Measure M2 Taxpayer Oversight Committee, 2023 Recruitment Schedule, Supervisorial Districts Two and Three
- C. 2023 Grand Jurors Association of Orange County Oversight Committee Selection Panel
- D. 2023-24 Taxpayer Oversight Committee Application
- E. Measure M2 Taxpayer Oversight Committee 2023 Finalists

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