

January 29, 2025

Chair Doug Chaffee  
Orange County Transportation Authority  
550 S. Main Street  
Orange, CA 92868

Dear Chair Chaffee,

I am writing to express my sincere interest in being reappointed to serve another term as a Public Member on the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors. It has been an honor to serve OCTA and the residents of Orange County, and I look forward to continuing to contribute to achieving the agency's goals and delivering on our mission of keeping Orange County moving.

During my time on the Board, I have actively supported initiatives that align with OCTA's vision for sustainable and efficient transportation. I have prioritized fostering collaboration and ensuring that OCTA's projects and services address the diverse needs of our communities.

During my tenure as the Chair of the OCTA Board of Directors last year in working collaboratively with my board colleagues, the CEO and many others, I'm honored to help deliver these transportation solutions for Orange County's taxpayers and other stakeholders:

**Delivering a balanced, sustainable and equitable transportation system**

- OC Bus ridership surpassed pre-pandemic levels, thanks in part to programs like the Youth Ride Free and college passes
- We expanded city trolleys and shuttles through our local sales tax, providing even more transit solutions that meet community needs
- And the 405 Improvement Project, which celebrated its one-year anniversary in December, successfully delivered time savings for drivers between Costa Mesa and the L.A. County line

**Safeguarding our future through fiscal responsibility and environmental sustainability**

- We made progress on our coastal rail resiliency efforts to protect the south Orange County rail line
- We awarded \$10.6 million in Measure M funding to cities and the county for projects that protect Orange County's water quality
- We approved the purchase of 50 additional zero-emission buses, moving us closer to our goal of a 100% zero-emission fleet by 2040

**Focusing on organizational excellence, collaboration and diversity**

- We secured a permanent headquarters building a few blocks down the street in Santa Ana, projected to save taxpayers \$50 million over the next 30 years
- I'm especially proud of OCTA's incredible work to provide opportunities for diverse businesses through workshops and diverse outreach events, strengthening partnerships

and supporting local communities with 53 diverse business events reaching more than 11,000 small business owners and 93 diverse community events reaching more than 97,000 people in Orange County

Looking ahead, I am eager to build upon OCTA's successes by supporting the 2025 Board and CEO Initiatives of:

- Providing the public with a balanced, sustainable and equitable transportation system
- Ensuring organization resiliency through fiscal and environmental responsibility
- Upholding organizational excellence, diversity and collaboration

I remain dedicated to collaborating with my fellow Board members, OCTA staff, and stakeholders to deliver meaningful, forward-thinking solutions for Orange County residents, workers and visitors.

Serving on the OCTA Board is a significant responsibility, and I remain committed to upholding the highest standards of integrity, transparency, and accountability. If reappointed, I will continue to champion innovative policies and initiatives that serve the best interests of our community and ensure the agency's long-term success.

Thank you for considering my reappointment. It would be a privilege to continue serving OCTA in this capacity, and I am excited to contribute further to the organization's critical work.

Sincerely,

Tam T. Nguyen

cc: Darrell Johnson (CEO), Jennifer Bergener (Deputy CEO)

