

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Elections

MEETING DATE: January 9, 2007

AGENDA ITEM: 3

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive nominations and elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for 2007

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DISCUSSION:

On an annual basis, SBCTAC elects a Chairperson and Vice-Chair. The responsibilities of the Chair include running the meetings, presenting SBCTAC recommendations to the SBCAG board, and working with staff to select items for consideration on the SBCTAC Agenda. Currently Petra Lowen is Chair and Jim Talbott is Vice-Chair. You may recall, Mr. Talbott was elected Vice Chair in September when Joe Rye, the prior SBCTAC Vice-Chair, left SMAT for a new job out of town.

The procedure for election involves committee members proposing and seconding a nomination for a position. A recommendation is then made, and voted on, to close nominations. Then a vote is taken on those nominated for the position of chair, followed by Vice-chair. Staff would recommend a voice vote if only one person is nominated for a position and a written vote if more than one candidate is nominated for a position. While it is not required in the by-laws it has been the tradition that the chair and vice chair are either from south coast and north county to achieve geographical parity in these positions.

Attached is a list of eligible voting members of SBCTAC who can hold office.

| Agency | Voting Representative | Present |
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| Children and Families Commission – (community outreach) | Bleavins, Polly (NC) | |
| LOVARC (social service agency serving disabled) | Hummel, Rick (NC) | |
| SYVT – transit agency (Santa Ynez Valley) | Vidro, Brad (NC) | |
| Community Partners in Caring (serving seniors) | Merwin, Bea (NC) | |
| Transit user – (Lompoc, representing disabled transit users) | Farrar, Cathy (NC) | |
| COLT – transit agency (Lompoc) | Fernbaugh, Richard (NC) | |
| Transit user – South Coast (community outreach) | Kahn, Julie (SC) | |
| R&D Transportation – (social service provider for persons of limited means) | Kraus, Howard (SC) | |
| Indep. Living Resource Center- (social service agency serving disabled) | Löwen, Petra (Chair) (SC) | |
| SBMTD – transit agency (South Coast) | Damiano, David (SC) | |
| Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People – (community outreach) | Palius, Dean (NC) | |
| SMAT – transit agency (Santa Maria) | O'Dell III, Austin (NC) | |
| Community Access Network – (community outreach) | Stotts, Barry (NC) | |
| Transit user – South Coast, (representing senior transit users) | Suhr, Victor (SC) | |
| SMOOTH – CTSA (Santa Maria Valley) | Talbott, Jim (NC) | |
| Easy Lift – CTSA (South Coast) | Davis, Jerry (SC) | |
| Santa Barbara Community Services (community outreach/Hispanic) | Guzman, Julie (NC) | |
| Vocational Training Center (serving disable clients) | Spry, Kirk (NC) | |
| County Transit – transit agency (transit in unincorporated areas) | Dobberteen, Matt (NC) | |
| Santa Maria Area Transit (transit user – North County) | Zoost, Ed (NC) | |
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