

Date: January 30, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager

Subject: Nominations for SCAG Regional Council District 29

Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is a metropolitan planning organization representing six counties, 191 cities, and more than 19 million residents. SCAG's 86-member governing board is known as the Regional Council. Each Regional Council member serves for a term of two years commencing at the end of the annual Regional Conference and General Assembly. The Regional Council is comprised of 67 Districts. Mayor Rex Richardson resigned as the City of Long Beach (City) appointee to the Region 29 Council seat, and per SCAG rules, an election is required to fill the vacancy.

## **Long Beach Representation**

The Long Beach City Council may hold up to two seats on the SCAG Regional Council, representing the City in Region 29 and Region 30. The Region 29 seat represents Long Beach and Avalon and is elected in odd-number years. The Region 30 seat represents Long Beach only and is elected in even-number years.

The Region 29 seat, formerly held by Mayor Richardson, is currently up for election. Since the Region 29 seat represents two Gateway Council of Government (COG) member cities, the COG administers this election. Seven Councilmembers from the City of Long Beach and five Councilmembers of the City of Avalon elect the Region 29 representative. The voting Long Beach members include all members of the City Council, except for the Vice Mayor and the Long Beach City Council representative to the Gateway COG. Individuals who wish to declare their candidacy for the Region 29 seat must notify the COG by Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m., and the election will take place on March 1, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. The election notice is attached for further details.

## **Call for Nominations**

All Long Beach City Councilmembers are eligible for the Region 29 seat. Councilmembers who are interested in serving as the Region 29 representative on the SCAG Regional Council may submit a letter of interest to the Mayor by Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. If only one nomination is submitted, then no City election is required; however, if there are multiple nominations, then the City Council will decide the City's nominee at an upcoming City Council meeting. The City's nominee for the Region 29 seat will then be submitted to the COG before February 20<sup>th</sup>.

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For more information on the SCAG elections, please contact Tyler Bonanno-Curley, Manager of Government Affairs, at <a href="mailto:Tyler.Curley@longbeach.gov">Tyler.Curley@longbeach.gov</a>.

## **ATTACHMENT**

CC: DAWN MCINTOSH, CITY ATTORNEY

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## ELECTION NOTICE FOR SCAG DISTRICT 29 REGIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

January 19, 2023

Cities of Avalon and Long Beach Attention Mayor and Council Members

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

The term of appointment for Council Member Rex Richardson to represent Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) District 29, on the SCAG Regional Council, expires May 2023, immediately following the SCAG General Assembly. Gateway Cities Council of Governments (Gateway Cities COG), in cooperation with SCAG, is soliciting candidates for election to the SCAG District 29 seat, which represents the cities of <u>Avalon and Long Beach</u>. The election for District 29 SCAG Regional Council Representative will be held on March 1, 2023, 5:00 P.M.

Individuals who wish to declare their candidacy for the SCAG District 29 Representative should notify the Gateway Cities COG offices, in writing, by 4:00 P.M., on Monday, February 20, 2023. Following the February 20<sup>th</sup> deadline, Gateway Cities COG will provide notification of declared candidates to all Mayors and Council Members in the District. Should you have any questions regarding the election procedures, please contact Genny Cisneros at (562) 663-6850 or email gcisneros@gatewaycog.org.

Cc: City Managers



January 19, 2023

All City Clerks
Cities of Avalon and Long Beach

Dear City Clerk:

Please find attached the Election Notice for SCAG <u>District 29</u> Regional Council Representative.

Candidates must file letters of interest with the Gateway Cities Council of Governments office by 4:00 P.M. Monday, February 20, 2023.

Please post the attached notice and distribute to your Mayor and Council Members. SCAG election procedures require the election to be conducted in connection with the next Gateway Cities Council of Governments Board meeting. Council Members can only vote by being present. If only one candidate files, no election is held, and the post is awarded automatically.

Thank you for your assistance.

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Administrative Director

Attachment: Notice of Election