



Item #08-9-4
Consent

SACOG Board of Directors

September 10, 2008

Appointment of SACOG's Representative to the Paratransit, Inc. Board of Directors

Issue: SACOG has solicited applications to fill a vacancy in the SACOG appointment to the Paratransit, Inc. Board of Directors as specified under the terms of the Four-Party Agreement. One application was received.

Recommendation: The Transportation Committee unanimously recommends that the SACOG Board appoint Frances Gracechild to the Paratransit, Inc. Board of Directors for a three-year term (January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2011), including the remainder of the current term, which ends December 31, 2008.

Committee Action/Discussion: A Four-Party Agreement between the City of Sacramento, the County of Sacramento, Sacramento Regional Transit District, and SACOG provides city, county, and Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds to Paratransit, Inc. (PI). The funds are used to provide transportation services to elderly and disabled residents in Sacramento County. The Four Party Agreement specifies that SACOG has one appointed position to the nine-member Paratransit, Inc. Board of Directors.

SACOG staff administered the advertising and solicitation process as directed by the Board in compliance with the requirements of the Maddy Act. Notice of the recruitment and the application form was posted on SACOG's website. In addition, notices of the recruitment were posted in the lobby of the SACOG offices and at the main library on I Street. Paratransit, Inc. was notified of the recruitment process and copies of the notice and application forms were made available to Paratransit, Inc. SACOG staff also contacted local business organizations including Sacramento Area Commerce and Trade Organization (SACTO) and the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce. The appointment notice was also announced at the Transit Coordinating Committee meetings.

We have received one application from Frances Gracechild, Executive Director of Resources for Independent Living (RIL). Ms. Gracechild is a very well-qualified applicant with years of executive experience at RIL and a long resume of work and community involvement. Between 2000 and 2008, Ms. Gracechild was a Congressional Appointee to the National Advisory Panel: Ticket To Work and Work Incentives Program Act of 1999, a program developed to modernize the employment services system for people with disabilities. Resources for Independent Living was also a partner with SACOG in assisting people with disabilities to participate in the Blueprint and MTP planning process.

Representatives of SACOG staff and Linda Deavens, Paratransit, Inc. Executive Director, met with Ms. Gracechild on September 9, 2009, to go over the details of the appointment process and anticipated Board action at the September 18, 2008, SACOG Board meeting. The staffs of SACOG and Paratransit, Inc. endorse and recommend the appointment of Ms. Gracechild as the SACOG representative on the Paratransit, Inc. Board of Directors.

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