


Date: March 25, 2021

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.

Vice Mayor Rex Richardson serves as the current appointee to the Region 29 Council seat, and per SCAG rules, the seat requires an election or reappointment every two years.

Long Beach Representation

Long Beach City Councilmembers 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.

Since the Region 29 seat represents two Gateway Council of Government (COG) member cities, the COG administers this election. The Region 29 seat is currently up for election, as the two-year term currently filled by Vice Mayor Richardson will expire May 2021 immediately following the SCAG General Assembly.

All Long Beach City Councilmembers are eligible for the Region 29 seat, including Vice Mayor Richardson who has expressed interest in continuing to serve. 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, with the exception of the Vice Mayor and the Long Beach City Council representative to the Gateway COG; and the five Avalon City Councilmembers: Mayor, Ann Marshall; Mayor Pro-Tem, Cinde MacGugan-Cassidy; Councilmember, Yesenia De La Rosa; Councilmember, Lisa Lavelle; and Councilmember, Michel Ponce.

Call for Nominations

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 March 31, 2021. The City's nominee for the Region 29 seat will be submitted to the COG, and if only one

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nomination is submitted, then no election will be needed. If there are multiple nominations, then the COG will administer an election on April 7, 2021.

Additional Information

For more information on the SCAG elections, please contact Tyler Bonanno-Curley, Manager of Government Affairs, at Tyler.Curley@longbeach.gov.

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