

Date: February 8, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

Subject: **City of Long Beach Nominee for SCAG Regional Council District 29**

As described in a January 30, 2023 [memorandum](#), the City of Long Beach (City) has an opportunity to submit a nomination to the Gateway Cities Council of Government (GCCOG) to fill the Regional Council District 29 seat on the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) governing board. Mayor Rex Richardson resigned as the City appointee to the Region 29 seat, and per SCAG rules, an election is required to fill the vacancy.

The Region 29 seat represents Long Beach and Avalon and is elected in odd-numbered years. Seven Councilmembers from the City of Long Beach and five Councilmembers from 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 GCCOG.

The January 30, 2023, memorandum outlined the process for Councilmembers to submit interest in being considered for the SCAG Region 29 seat. Following a submission period, Councilwoman Suely Saro was the only Councilmember to formally express interest in the seat, and her name will be submitted to the GCCOG as the City's nominee. If the City of Avalon also submits a nominee, the GCCOG will hold an election on March 1, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Tyler Bonanno-Curley, Manager of Government Affairs, at Tyler.Curley@longbeach.gov.

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