



ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA
MAYOR

February 20, 2007

Honorable Member of the Los Angeles City Council
c/o City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall

Re: Appointments and Reappointments of Members of the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) – New Appointments for Terms Through June 30, 2009 and Reappointments for Terms Through June 30, 2008.

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I transmit my appointments and reappointments to the Workforce Investment Board with terms ending June 30, 2008 for reappointments and June 30, 2009 for new appointments. The names and resumes of these individuals are attached.

New appointment nominations:

Henry D. Alcon
Richard Benbow
Elise Buik
Diane Factor
David G. Flores
Joseph Garciarros
Dwayne A. Gathers
Jacquelyn Honoré
Dong-Woo Lee
Art Lopez
Frank Miramontes
Patricia Mitchell
Jackie Mizell-Burt
Kevin Norton
Ruth Lopez Novodor

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Katherine Perez
Carol Sanchez
Robert M. Sausedo
Myung-Soo Seok
Ruth Simeon
Daniel Tellalian
Frank Velasco
Linda J. Wong


Reappointment nominations:

Bruce Ackerman
Vicky Bittle
John Byrnes
John Clerx
David Crippens
William Dahlman
Michael Dolphin
John Donner
Ahmed Enany
John Grant
John Hughes
Santiago Jackson
Benetta Johnson
Don Jue
Alcyone Moore
Patricia Pérez
Diana Peterson-More
Nona Randois
David Rattray
Edward Rendon
Helen Romero Shaw
Norman Ross
Teresa Sanchez
Roger Snoble
Paula Starr
Laura Trejo
Charles Woo

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I look forward to your favorable consideration of these appointments.

Very truly yours,



ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA
Mayor

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Enclosures

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HENRY D. ALCON

Henry formed American Contractor Services, Inc. (ACS) in the mid 1990's following his partnership in Corporate Build-Outs, Inc. He began his career as an apprentice union electrician in 1973 and worked his way up to managing large construction projects. He has been actively working on community boards such as the Latin Business Association (LBA) and Southern California Regional Purchasing Council, and the Boyle Heights College Institutes.

RICHARD BENBOW

Richard is General Manager of the Community Development Department (CDD) of the City of Los Angeles. He was previously the chief operating officer for the Los Angeles City Community Redevelopment Agency where he served for 30 years. He earned his Masters degree in Urban Affairs at St. Louis University following his Bachelor degree from Elmhurst College in Missouri. He has been very active in minority business programs and played a key role in the Mayor's Minority Business Opportunity Program under Mayor Riordan.

ELISE BUIK

Elise was named President and Chief Executive Officer of the United Way of Greater Los Angeles in 2005. She has been with the United Way since 1990. She worked for seven years prior to the United Way with a medical software company as a marketing manager. She serves on the Board of Southern California Grant Makers. She managed the production of several United Way social reports: Tale of Two Cities, Latino Scorecard, and The State of Black in Los Angeles. She is a senior fellow at UCLA School of Public Affairs and is on the board for the USC School of Planning and Development. She also served on Mayor Villaragosa's transition team.

DIANE FACTOR

Diane is Director of the HealthCare Workforce Development Program (HCWDP), a partnership between the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services and International Union Local 660. She has 30 years experience in labor and health education as an industrial hygienist and community development adjunct professor. She previously worked at the UCLA Labor Occupational Safety and Health program. She also has worked as a compliance officer for Cal/OSHA. She got her start in the labor movement as a school bus driver and member of the Teamsters. She has a Master of Science degree in Occupational and Environmental Health.

DAVID G. FLORES

David, who is currently Director of the Division of Alternative Education, joined the Los Angeles County Office of Education after completing his Bachelor of Arts. He has risen through the ranks as teacher, counselor, principal, and more recently as Director, Division of Alternative Education, and Interim Assistant Superintendent, Educational Programs. His Bachelors degree was earned at Cal State LA and his Masters of Science in Counselor Education at USC.

JOE GARCIAROS

For the last four years Joe has been Area Director of Human Resources overseeing two large Sheraton properties with over 700 employees. Starting in February 2007, he will become Vice President of Corporate Human Resources for his current employer, the KOR Hotel Group. Prior to joining KOR, he held positions with Cardinal Health, Farmers Insurance in their IT Division, and Kaiser Permanente National Facilities Division. He attended Julliard School in New York City and USC.

DWAYNE A. GATHERS

Dwayne serves as Regional Manager for the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC). Prior to joining the LAEDC, Dwayne developed an extensive background in international business development, trade and investment facilitation, and foreign affairs. He managed his own international trade development consulting practice, based in San Francisco. Dwayne began his professional career in finance, having completed the Management Training Program with Chemical Bank in New York City before going on to become a Corporate Banking Officer in the bank's Energy and Minerals Division.

He graduated from Dartmouth College (1984) with a degree in Government and Economics. He has been an active participant in a variety of community organizations, and currently serves as a member of the 9th Council District's Community Advisory Committee of the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles.

JACQUELYN HONORÉ

Jacquelyn is the Deputy Center Director, Career Development Division, at the Los Angeles Job Corps Center. She is responsible for the performance of five major program areas: Career Preparation, Career Management, Academic Education, Vocational Training, and Career Transition. During her 27-year tenure she has gained first hand knowledge in all of the Center's direct services program areas, and has served on numerous Job Corps National Office work groups and task forces. She most recently was honored by the YWCA of Greater Los Angeles for Superior Performance. Jacquelyn was born in Los Angeles and attended California State University, Los Angeles, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology.

DONG-WOO LEE, PHD, CPA

Dr. Lee has been associate Dean of the College of Business and Economics at Cal State LA since 2001 and is currently acting Dean during the search of a new Dean. He has been a very active alternate on the WIB for Dr. Timothy Haight, who was recently named President of Menlo College. Dong-Woo has been a member of the Policy and Oversight and Certification Committees for the WIB. He earned his Bachelors and Masters degrees in Korea and his PhD in accounting at the University of Michigan. His most recent assignment was to lead the team preparing for the accreditation for the AACSB for the College of Business and Economics, which was a very successful effort. He is author and co-author of over 20 publications in the area of accounting and business management.

ART LOPEZ

Art is President and CEO of North American Security. Previously he was Chief of Police for the City of Oxnard, and before that a member of the LAPD since 1971. He rose to Deputy Chief in LAPD before becoming Chief in Oxnard. His broad experience includes long experience in training. He was commanding officer of the Training Division. He is a Board Member of the Salvation Army and a number of other community organizations. He received his B.S. from USC in Public Administration and his M.S. in Management at Cal Poly.

FRANK MIRAMONTES

Frank has worked for the last six years as a Labor Administrator for Department of Water and Power (DWP)/ Local 18 Joint Safety and Joint Training Institutes. He is also serving his fifth term as the President of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 18. He retired from DWP after 32 years service and has eight years experience as a trainer and training coordinator in Power Generation and four years as joint Labor/Management Administrator.

PATRICIA MITCHELL

Patricia is Executive Director of the Literacy Network of Greater Los Angeles. She was previously the Chief Operating Officer of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association. She has also held key positions with the LA Opera (executive director), the San Francisco Opera, and Arts Development Associates, Inc. She graduated Magna Cum Laude and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa at Occidental College.

JACKIE MIZELL-BURT

Jackie is Regional Administrator for the Central County GAIN organization. She has been with Los Angeles County DPSS for 32 years. She was previously a manager for the GAIN Program Policy and Controls. She has worked with all the Workforce Investment Boards in the LA Basin, assisting in managing DOL contracts. She has also worked with most of the LA WorkSource Centers in managing DPSS contracts and partnerships with them.

KEVIN NORTON

Kevin is Organizer, Business Development and Political Coordinator for IBEW Local 21. He has worked as an apprentice, journeyman, and foreman in the electrical construction industry. He is a graduate of Vocational High School and the IBEW/NECA apprenticeship program. He has occupational education credits from the University of Massachusetts, Boston, and is working toward his degree at the National Labor College.

RUTH LOPEZ NOVODOR

Ms. Novodor has been CEO for Beverly Oncology and Imaging Medical Group, Inc. since 1980. She held a two-term chairmanship of the Latin Business Association (LBA). She served as a delegate to the White House on Small Business Administration and has served on the Boards of numerous Hispanic and women's business and health organizations in the community. She is currently Vice President of the YWCA of Greater Los Angeles. Her BA and MBA degrees were earned at Pepperdine University.

CAROL SANCHEZ

In her 30 years with the Probation Department for Los Angeles County, Carol has risen through the ranks from Probation Trainee to Bureau Chief over the Placement Services Bureau. She has responsibility for Central Placement, Regional Placement, Emancipation Services, and Quality Assurance. Previously she was acting chief over Residential Services Bureau, which consists of 18 camps. She received her BA in Sociology and MS in Counseling at Cal State Long Beach.

ROBERT M. SAUSEDO

Robert is a Government Solutions Consultant for Johnson Controls, Inc. He was recently Chairman of the board of the Community Development Bank. His marketing and management experiences have included positions as President and CEO of Credentialing On Line, Inc. His community service has included Vice-Chairmanship of the Economic Development Council with Mark Ridley Thomas, board membership in the New Leader. He is currently working with Chrysalis in a fundraising program to assist the homeless. Initial funding is provided by the Robert M. Sausedo and Kathy A. Moore-Sausedo Family Trust.

MYUNG-SOO SEOK

Myung is Development Director at the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO. He is responsible for developing the Federations Workforce Development Policy. He previously has served as the Tenth Council District's senior representative to the labor movement and for many years as a national representative for AFL-CIO. His early experience was in the hotel business after graduating from Oberlin College. He is a board member of the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy and the Korean American Chamber of Commerce in Los Angeles.

RUTH SIMEON

Ruth is Vice President of Programs for Crystal Stairs. Their organization ensures the delivery of childcare and other services to approximately 20,000 children annually. They work closely with 9400 childcare providers to improve the quality of care. She has lobbied Congress to change public policy and legislation in the Childcare Industry. Prior to joining Crystal Stairs she was a manager with Southern California Edison in the Human Resources area. She was a production manager at Hughes Aircraft in the early 90's and worked as an independent organizational consultant for eight years starting in 1981. Her Masters Degree in Psychology is from Pepperdine and her BA was earned at Purdue University.

DANIEL TELLALIAN

Daniel is Director of Emerging Markets, Inc. Their firm assists Financial Institutions in pursuing business opportunities in low-income areas of Los Angeles. He is a real estate attorney and a CPA with significant experience in economic development. He was a Senior Auditor for Arthur Anderson & Co. His Bachelors Degree was earned at Wharton School of Business, his MBA at UC Berkeley, and his Law Degree at Boalt Hall.

FRANK VELASCO, PHD

Dr. Velasco is the District Administrator of the Greater Los Angeles District of the State Department of Rehabilitation in charge of implementing the state plan for services to people with disabilities. He is a licensed Clinical Psychologist. He was a professor for three years at Cal State LA in their rehabilitation program at the master's level. He was a founding member and former President of the Los Angeles County Commission on Disability. He is a former member of the LA City Private Industry Council.

LINDA J. WONG

Linda J. Wong is Vice President of Civic Engagement, Communications and Administration at the California Community Foundation. In this capacity she oversees the work of the communications and administrative departments of the foundation and the development of a new area of endeavor – Civic Engagement – which seeks positive social change through public policy solutions, community engagement and collaboration with non-profit, public and foundation partners.

Her background includes many years of experience in civil rights, program development, labor market research and technical assistance in community, economic and workforce development. She was Regional Counsel for MALDEF's Southern California office and its first National Director for the Immigrant Civil Rights program. After the 1992 civil unrest, she worked at Rebuild LA to develop and implement a sectoral strategy to strengthen the region's manufacturing base of small businesses.

Among her community activities she is a mayoral appointee to the Neighborhood Council Review Commission, which is evaluating the neighborhood council system in the city of Los Angeles. She holds both an undergraduate degree in political science and a J.D. in law from the University of Southern California.

KATHERINE PEREZ

Katherine is Vice President of Development at Forest City Residential West, Inc. in Los Angeles, California. Katherine is a professional transportation planner with experience in national policy, regional planning, and local government. Until August 2006, Katherine Aguilar Perez was the Executive Director of the Transportation & Land Use Collaborative of Southern California (TLUC). Having been the founding Executive Director of TLUC, Katherine will continue to play a significant leadership role on the TLUC Board of Directors. Before coming to TLUC, Katherine served as the Deputy to the first city-wide elected Mayor, William Bogaard, in Pasadena, California. She currently serves on the CORO Board of Directors, a leadership development organization, and is a member of the Urban Land Institute Executive Council in Los Angeles and is a member of the national ULI Community Development Council. Ms. Perez is also a member of the Board of Directors of the recently created Center for Traffic Oriented Development which is a project Reconnecting America. Katherine received her Masters Degree in Urban Planning and Transportation from UCLA and her Bachelors Degree in Political Science from CalState Northridge.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD BIOS - RE-APPOINTMENTS

BRUCE ACKERMAN

Bruce is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley. He has an extensive background as an executive with Chambers of Commerce and Economic Development entities in the San Gabriel and San Fernando Valley. His experience includes two decades of heading up the Ackerman Group, a management consulting organization. He has attained the highest professional designation of "Certified Chamber Executive". He currently chairs the WIB Advocacy Committee, is a member of the Executive Committee, the Nominations/Membership Committee, and is a member of the Sector Advisory Committee. Bruce has been a member of the WIB since 2001.

VICKI BITTLE

Vicki is the Director of Leadership Development in the Human Resources Department at Kaiser Permanente. She graduated from Bowling Green State University in Ohio and has held several key leadership positions at Kaiser since joining them in 1979, including seven years as Director, Human Resource Planning, and five years as Director, Compensation. Vicki has served on the WIB since 2000. She is currently a member of the Certification Committee.

JOHN BYRNES

John is Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer at California National Bank. After attaining his Bachelors degree at the Naval Academy, and his Masters degree at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey he attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander before completing his ten years with the Navy. He has subsequently held executive information technology positions in local defense and financial service companies before joining his current employer. He is a member of the Certification Committee and has been a key member of several ad-hoc committees on technology. He has been a Board member since 2000.

JOHN CLERX

John has been Associate Vice Chancellor of Instructional and Student Services at Los Angeles Community College District since 1995. Prior to this he has held several key positions at Los Angeles Valley College starting in 1979 including Dean of Academic Affairs. He has served on the LA County WIB, and the Youth Councils of the City and County WIBs. He earned his Bachelors and two Masters Degrees at Cal State Northridge. John has been a member of the Youth Council for six years. He joined the Board in 2004. He also serves on the Training and Supportive Services Committee, and the Resource Development and Coordination Committee.

DAVID CRIPPENS

David heads DLC and Associates. He has over 30 years in public broadcasting as a producer, writer, on air personality, program developer, station manager, and other key executive positions. Before retiring and establishing DLC and Associates he was Senior Vice President of the Education Division at KCET. He earned his Masters Degree from San Diego State University. He has served as the Chair of UNITE-LA, the premier school-to-work partnership, since its inception in the late 1990s. David is Chair of the LA City WIB Youth Council. He has been a WIB member and the Chair of the Youth Council since 2001. He is a member of the WIB Executive Committee.

WILLIAM DAHLMAN

Bill is President and CEO of the Employers Group, a human resources management association that represents almost 4,000 employers in California. He graduated from USC with Bachelors and MBA Degrees, and has held executive positions at Coca Cola, Arrowhead Water Company, and Suntory Water Group, where he was President and CEO. He later formed WRD & Associates, a firm specializing in marketing and management consulting. Bill has been a WIB member since 2000, and serves on the Certification Committee and the Nominations/Membership Committee.

MICHAEL DOLPHIN

Michael has been with the Employment Development Department, State of California since 1971. He is currently the EDD Job Service Division Chief with responsibility for Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. He has previously been responsible for the additional eight counties (San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Kern, Tulare, Kings, Inyo and Mono) of Central California. Michael attended Southern Illinois University and completed post-grad management and economic development studies at UCLA and Cal-Berkeley. He works extensively on workforce related issues with all Southern California WIBs. He is a member of the Executive Committee, the Youth Council, the Business Services and Marketing Committee, the Advocacy Committee and the Nominations/Membership Committee. He joined the WIB Board in 2003.

JOHN DONNER

John is Executive Director, Public Affairs at AT&T. He represents his company and its subsidiaries to Los Angeles City, and has responsibility for managing environmental and transportation policy issues for AT&T. After graduating from San Diego State he served for seven years as a reporter for the San Diego Union. He has been with AT&T since 1979, and represents his company on many community boards. He joined the WIB Board in 2001 and is a member of the Business Services and Marketing Committee, and Chairs the Nominations/Membership Committee.

AHMED ENANY

Ahmed is the President and CEO of the Southern California Biomedical Council (SCBC), an industry organization that promotes biomedical technology development in the Greater Los Angeles area. He earned his Bachelors and Masters Degrees at UCLA in Political Science, and did extensive PhD related work on urban and regional economic development before incorporating SCBC in 1995. Ahmed serves on the Business Services and Marketing Committee, the Training and Supportive Services Committee, and is a member of the Sector Advisory Committee. He joined the WIB Board in 2002.

JOHN GRANT

John is Vice-President and In-House Counsel for United Food and Commercial Workers Local 770 (UFCW 770). He graduated from UC Santa Barbara with Phi Beta Kappa and Magna cum laude honors and as Student Body President. Following law school at Loyola, he was employed at Clougherty Packing Company and earned an advanced degree in Labor Studies at LA Trade Tech. John joined the WIB in 2000 and serves on the Executive Committee, the Youth Council, the Policy and Oversight Committee, and the Certification Committee.

JOHN HUGHES

John is President of Rhythm & Hues Studios, one of Hollywood's leading producers of computer-generated character animation and visual effects. Rhythm & Hues won an Academy Award® for Best Visual Effects for Babe in 1995, and is known internationally for the quality of its work. He serves on the Board of Directors of the California Alliance for Arts Education and on the Advisory Board of the Entertainment Economy Institute. John graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Masters Degree in Engineering and Bachelors degrees in Economics and Electrical Engineering. John joined the WIB Board in 2001, is Chair of the Policy and Oversight Committee, and is a member of the Youth Council, and the Executive Committee.

SANTIAGO JACKSON, PHD

Santiago is Assistant Superintendent, Division of Adult and Career Education for LAUSD. After earning his Bachelors Degree at California State University at Los Angeles he joined LAUSD as a teacher at Jordon High School. He earned his Masters and Doctors Degrees while serving in a number of positions within LAUSD. Prior to his current position, Santiago was Assistant Superintendent, State Legislation for LAUSD. He has been a WIB member since 2000, is a member of the Youth Council, the Business Services and Marketing Committee, the Resource Development and Coordination Committee, and the Sector Advisory Committee.

BENETTA JOHNSON

Benetta is the Executive Director, Alameda Corridor Jobs Coalition (ACJC). Ms. Johnson serves on several boards, local and national, and educates organizations, local churches, and individuals on the Alameda Corridor Jobs Coalition/Training and Development Programs. She organizes community-based constituencies to support outreach, job training and placement programs to assist in social, economic, and physical revitalization of selected communities. She received her higher education at Los Angeles Southwest College and Cal State Dominguez Hills, Carson, CA. Benetta has been a WIB member since 2001, and is on the Policy and Oversight and Advocacy Committees.

DON JUE

Don is Senior Location Executive for IBM in LA County and is Director of Operations for IBM's Western Region. Don joined IBM in 1981 after receiving an S.B. Degree in Mechanical Engineering from MIT and an MBA from UCLA. He has held a number of technical and executive positions at IBM. His community activities include Board Memberships at LA Chamber of Commerce, LA Urban League, LA Sports Council, and UNITE-LA. He has been a WIB member since 2000, has facilitated several WIB planning sessions, is a member of the Policy and Oversight Committee, and has served on WIB ad-hoc technical committees.

ALCYONE MOORE

Alcyone is Director of Human Resources at USC Enrollment Services, where she has held several key management positions. Prior to joining USC in 1982 she was a recruitment coordinator at Pepperdine University. She received her education at West Los Angeles College, Pepperdine University and USC, where she majored in Business Administration and Legal Studies. She has served as Executive Director of Tailor-Made Careers and Referral Services. She has served as a volunteer job developer, consultant and resource to a variety of community service organizations. She has been on the WIB Board since 2001 and is a member of the Certification Committee.

PATRICIA PÉREZ

Patricia is a Partner of Valencia, Pérez & Echeveste Public Relations, the nation's largest public relations agency specializing in consumer marketing, public affairs, and public education campaigns. She graduated from UCLA and has earned numerous recognitions for her business and community activities. She manages the Social Marketing practice for her company and is Chair of the Business Services and Marketing and the Sector Advisory Committees. She is also a member of the Executive Committee. She joined the WIB in 2002.

DIANA PETERSON-MORE

Diana is President of The Organizational Effectiveness Group. Her company focuses on human resource strategies and organizational development systems that support strategic business goals. She is a labor lawyer and has served as an executive with Times Mirror and Southern California Edison. She graduated from UCLA and Loyola Law School. She is an active community volunteer and chairs the WIB Resource Development and Coordination Committee. Diana has served on the WIB since 2000. She is currently Chair of the Certification Committee, the Training and Supportive Services Committee and the Resource Development and Coordination Committees. She is also a member of the Executive Committee.

NONA RANDOIS

Nona is the Directing Attorney for Community Economic Development at the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles. In addition to representing community-based organizations in economic development projects, she is an advocate on behalf of low-income workers and job seekers on issues, which affect them. Nona graduated with honors from USC and went on to Law School at Georgetown University where she graduated also with honors. Nona joined the WIB Board in 2000, serves on the Executive Committee, the Training and Supportive Services Committee, and the Sector Advisory Committee.

DAVID RATTRAY

David is Vice President, Education and Workforce Development for the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce and President of UNITE-LA, the school-to-career partnership in Los Angeles. His career has included 20 years as an executive in the food service distribution industry serving with Sysco, Rykoff-Sexton, and CFS Continental. He received his BA Degree at UC Irvine, and his MBA at USC. David also serves on the State Youth Council and is a board member with several youth organizations. David joined the initial WIB Board in 2000 and is now a member of the Youth Council, the Policy and Oversight Committee, and the Advocacy Committee.

EDWARD RENDON

Ed is Director of Public Affairs for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Joint Council 42. He has been a Teamster member since 1989. He earned his Bachelors Degree in psychology at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, and his Masters Degree in Counseling at Eastern Michigan University. He is involved in several community and youth organizations. Ed has been a member of the Youth Council since 2002, and a WIB Board member since 2004. He now serves on the Youth Council and the Advocacy Committee.

HELEN ROMERO SHAW

Helen is a Public Affairs Manager for the San Gabriel Valley for Southern California Gas Company. She has spent most of her career working with or near elected officials and community organizations. She has served as the chair of the LA County Private Industry Council and as pro-tem chair of the LA County Workforce Investment Board, where she has continued serving as a member. Helen was recently elected to the Board of the National Workforce Investment Board. Helen joined the WIB Board in 2002. She is a member of the Business Services and Marketing Committee, the Nominations/Membership Committee, and the Advocacy Committee.

NORMAN ROSS

Norman is CEO of Polaris Enterprises, an engineering and construction organization which works mainly on LA Community College construction projects. He earned his Bachelors and Masters Degrees at Virginia State University. He has over 40 years experience in project management, business development, and marketing, and has served at the executive level for several Federal agencies, including the Office of Management and Budget. He is active in the LA Area Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations. He has served on the WIB since 2003. He is currently a member of the Advocacy Committee.

TERESA SANCHEZ

Teresa is Political Director for Service Employees International Union Local 347 representing 13,000 municipal employees. Her expertise is in the area of workforce and community development and has served as liaison to community coalitions and grassroots organizations on public policy campaigns. Teresa is a member of the Training and Supportive Services Committee, the Policy and Oversight Committee, and the Certification Committee. She joined the WIB in 2002.

ROGER SNOBLE

Roger is Chief Executive Officer for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority of Los Angeles County (MTA). His career in transportation spans 37 years. He began his career with the TriCounty Regional Planning Commission in Akron, Ohio and later spent 20 years at the San Diego Transit Corporation where he became President and General Manager. Prior to coming to Los Angeles Roger was President/Executive Director of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) for seven years. Roger joined the WIB Board in 2004.

PAULA STARR

Paula has been the Executive Director of the Southern California Indian Center since 1999. She has been with the Center since 1989. Prior to that she was a schoolteacher and a Private Consultant. She has been involved with many community organizations dealing with Native American and civic issues such as her Board Membership on the Los Angeles and Orange County Emergency Food and Shelter Program. (FEMA). Paula was a charter member of the WIB when it started in 2000, and serves on the Resource Development and Coordination and Advocacy Committees.

LARRY THOMPSON

Larry is Senior Vice President Western Operations for Xerox Corporation. Prior to his current assignment, he was VP in charge of Western Education and Government Operations. Larry is also active in the community. He was CEO of the Children's and Youth Arts & Sports Foundation, and is a UNITE LA board member, and is active in Leadership LA Alumni Association. Larry joined the WIB Board in 2001, and now serves on the Sector Advisory Committee.

LAURA TREJO

Laura is General Manager, Los Angeles City Department of Aging. Prior to joining LA City in 2002, she was the Mental Health Clinical District Chief for Countywide Older Adult Programs for Los Angeles County. Laura earned her Bachelors Degree in Psychology at USC and has Masters Degrees in Gerontology and Public Administration from USC. She is an active international public speaker in her field. She joined the WIB in 2003 and is a member of the Resource Development and Coordination Committee.

CHARLES WOO

Charlie is Chief Executive Officer and co-owner of Megatoys, a toy manufacturing, import/export, wholesale and retail company. He serves on the boards of many civic and charitable organizations. He is President of the Los Angeles City Workforce Investment Board, and was the 2001 Chairman of the LA Area Chamber of Commerce Board. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree summa cum laude, and his Masters Degree from UCLA. Since that time he has received many awards for his community service. Charlie joined the WIB Board in 2000. He continues to Chair the Executive Committee as well as being Board President.