



KAREN BASS
MAYOR

May 20, 2026

Honorable Members of the City Council
c/o City Clerk
City Hall, Room 395

Honorable Members:

Subject to your confirmation, I have reappointed Mr. Juan Solorio, Jr. to the Board of Transportation Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2031. Mr. Solorio, Jr.'s current term expires on June 30, 2026.

I certify that in my opinion Mr. Solorio, Jr. is especially qualified by reason of training and experience for the work which shall devolve upon him, and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the City.

Sincerely,

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KAREN BASS
Mayor

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Attachment

COMMISSION APPOINTMENT FORM

Name: Juan Solorio, Jr.
Commission: Board of Transportation Commissioners
End of Term: 6/30/2031

Appointee Information

1. **Race:** Latinx
2. **Gender:** Male
3. **Council District and neighborhood of residence:** 7 - North Valley
4. **Are you a registered voter in the City of Los Angeles?** Yes
5. **Prior commission experience:**
6. **Highest level of education completed:** Master of Urban Regional Planning, University of California, Los Angeles
7. **Occupation/profession:** Manager, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
8. **Experience(s) that qualifies person for appointment:** See attached resume
9. **Purpose of this appointment:** Reappointment
10. **Current composition of the commission:**

Commissioner	APC	CD	Race	Gender	Term End
Marquez, David	East LA	1	L	M	6/30/2027
Nicholas, Nicole	South LA	8	AA	F	6/30/2029
Regalado, Raymond	Harbor	15	L	M	6/30/2028
Davidian, Vigen	South Valley	3	C	M	6/30/2028
Solorio, Jr., Juan	North Valley	7	L	M	6/30/2026
Tohom, Douglas	East LA	13	L	M	6/30/2027
Marquez, David	East LA	1	L	M	6/30/2027

Juan Solorio Jr

Profile

Juan is a public servant and communications professional with over nine years of experience in political, government, and community relations, with a strong focus on infrastructure, economic development, and community engagement initiatives in Los Angeles. He has worked closely with agencies across all levels of government to enhance quality of life for residents, leading stakeholder engagement efforts, managing publicly funded projects, and implementing civic outreach campaigns. Juan currently serves as Manager of Community Relations for Metro's D Line Subway Extension, where he oversees stakeholder coordination and community engagement for one of the region's largest transportation infrastructure projects. He previously supported regional economic initiatives at the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, advancing strategic communications, coalition-building, and grant-supported programs such as California Jobs First, and serves as a Commissioner for the Los Angeles Department of Transportation.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Los Angeles Metro

Manager – Community Relations, D Line Subway Extension Project
June 2025—Present

- Direct community relations strategy across Sections 1, 2, and 3, supporting construction of new underground stations in Koreatown, Miracle Mile, Beverly Hills, Century City, and Westwood.
- Serve as liaison to elected officials, board offices, neighborhood councils, chambers of commerce, major institutions, property owners, and business associations.
- Lead stakeholder engagement during high-impact construction activities, including deck removals, street reconstruction, utility relocations, station entrance construction, and civil restoration.
- Oversee contractor public information and community relations teams to ensure 24/7 responsiveness, issue resolution, and compliance with contractual outreach requirements.
- Develop and execute strategic communications plans, including construction notices, business outreach campaigns, emergency simulation drill notifications, and milestone announcements.
- Brief Metro executive leadership, City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works, and other agency partners on community impacts, risk mitigation strategies, and stakeholder sentiment.
- Coordinate cross-departmentally with Government Relations, Communications, Operations, Safety, and Project Controls to align messaging and manage reputational risk.
- Build partnerships and sponsorship strategies with local business organizations to sustain goodwill and maintain support through project delivery and station openings.

Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation

Communications – Program Manager, California Jobs – full time
March 2025—May 2025

- Developed four regionwide convenings with over 100 economic and industry stakeholders to strengthen sector-specific coalitions, enhance collaboration and information sharing, and position the region for success in securing a \$125 million economic development grant.
- Supported and manage communications related to the Los Angeles High Road Transition Collaborative's (HRTC) Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) programs, initiatives, budgets, financial planning, staff development, and reporting of programmatic activities.
- Supported the communications aligned with the implementation of strategies as established by Steering Committee and Stewardship Committee to develop and provide input from disinvested communities on LA HRTC implementation strategies, contribute to process evaluation of the planning effort, contribute to the development of the final plan to be submitted to the State of California.
- Coordinated communication efforts aligned with governance leadership to develop economic recovery and transition strategies and implementation project plans for successful submittal of the CERF Phase 2 proposal.
- Coordinated communication efforts as it relates to outreach materials/website to ensure all information will be accessible via the project website and community groups will be expected to provide monthly public updates as a part of their microgrants.

Education

University of California, Los Angeles
Master of Urban Regional Planning
2022 - 2024

California State University, Long Beach
Bachelor of Arts: Political Science
2012 – 2015

Technical Skills

ArcGIS
Adobe Illustrator & InDesign
Canva
Bilingual – Spanish Speaker
Google Workspace
Microsoft 365
PDI
Atlas.ti
Hubspot
Research

Soft Skills

Communication
Teamwork
Adaptability
Diplomatic
Leadership
Talent Management

WORK EXPERIENCE

Assistant Program Manager, California Jobs First – full time
October 2024—March 2025

- Assisted in managing and achieving program deliverables such as the development of the Catalyst Phase Request for Proposal which will result in the disbursement of \$9 million dollars across the County of Los Angeles.
- Served as liaison to the 38-member Steering Committee composed of representatives of various economic industries and facilitated the bi-monthly virtual meetings to give periodic presentations for the LA Collaborative.
- Provided administrative support to the Program Director, Program Managers, and Research Analyst.
- Developed email communications to the CJF Los Angeles Collaborative Steering Committee ensuring clear, concise, and engaging messaging to keep stakeholders informed and aligned on key initiatives.

California Democratic Party

Lead Field Organizer, George Whitesides for U.S. Congress – full time
September 2024—November 2024

- Recruited, trained, and managed over 100 volunteers for phone banking and canvassing events. Developed and maintain a strong and trusting relationship with volunteers, political organizations and coordinated campaign partner. Partners included but not limited to the Los Angeles County Democratic Party and various Dem-affiliated organizations.
- Planned and recruited for weekly volunteer events. Build up a strong volunteer base and understanding of the area for Get Out the Vote (GOTV) mobilization which included coordinating the participation of Elected Officials in GOTV events.
- Provide daily/weekly reports of voter contact and volunteer recruitment data to the Organizing Director. Utilize voter, volunteer, and event management software such as PDI, BAN, Scale to Win, and Mobilize to implement a successful coordinated campaign.

UCLA Ralph J Bunche Center

Graduate Student Researcher – part-time
September 2023—June 2024

- Conducted 15 community listening sessions throughout the City of Los Angeles with over 300 stakeholders, including residents and community-based organizations, to solicit public perception of public safety concerns, challenges, opportunities, and areas for change and improvement.
- Conducted a qualitative analysis of two dozen transcripts and surveys. Identified central themes from community input by using inductive and deductive coding strategies and engaged in a continual and iterative process of weekly peer debriefing, review code labeling, and revise coded categories.

Office of Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez

Planning Aide – part-time
September 2022—September 2023

- Reviewed over a dozen proposed development projects, interfaced with project applicants and City Departments to expedite application processing and resolve city planning concerns.
- Researched and advised leadership team and Council member on discretionary land use decisions and policy matters being considered by the City of Los Angeles such as the LA Metro Transportation-Communication Network and the implementation of the Restaurant Beverage Program in Council District Seven.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Monica Rodriguez for City Council

Mobilization Deputy – part-time

February—June 2022

- Recruited, trained, and managed volunteers for phone banking and canvassing events
- Coordinated weekly mobilization events with labor unions such as SEIU, LiUNA, IBEW, affiliates, Western States Carpenters and more.
- Developed language and messaging for political campaign endorsements.
- Reviewed and refined Spanish-language scripts for canvassers and phone bankers, ensuring linguistic accuracy, cultural relevance, and message alignment with campaign priorities.

Office of Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez

Area Director – full time

January 2019—October 2022

- Planned and recruit for weekly volunteer events.
- Identified, developed, and managed trusted local relations with a diverse range of stakeholders including but not limited to community leaders, businesses, non-profits, veterans, faith-based organizations, and schools, with the goal to increase public participation in civic affairs and community collaboration in the planning of City funded projects.
- Identified and developed strategic local partnerships to implement innovative programming or public service campaigns such as the City's first Firework Buyback Program. Identified community faith-based partners to invest in their operations for food distribution resources during the pandemic, secured over \$24,000 in private/public funds for house insecure families impacted by COVID-19.
- Organized over 20 Council-sponsored events and community meetings such as the Sylmar Taco Festival, Veterans Festival, Register Your Horse, and multiple holiday events. The Sylmar Taco Festival saw over 10,000 attendees throughout the day.
- Co-led community engagement efforts for the Mission Mile Sepulveda project which was awarded a \$39 million dollars grant in 2021.
- Contributed to the development of content for over 120 newsletters, developing engaging language and selecting imagery to enhance audience engagement. Spotighting essential city services, including infrastructure improvements, community clean-ups, public safety initiatives, and transportation updates, ensuring clear and effective public communication.
- Drafted and refined key messaging for press releases and media inquiries, providing timely and accurate responses on municipal projects and ongoing city services.

Office of Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez

Area Deputy – full time

July 2017—January 2019

- Liaison between the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority, Los Angeles Family Housing, United Homelessness Response Center, the Bureau of Sanitation, State and County Agencies to implement homelessness service outreach and sanitation efforts at over 50 locations in Council District Seven.
- Identified strategic local partnerships to implement homeless related programming and services resulting in launching the City's first Safe Parking program to service unhoused dwelling in recreational vehicles.

Volunteer Experience

City of Los Angeles Board of

Transportation Commissioners

Commissioner, 2025—Present

Los Angeles County Democratic Party

AD 43 Alternate, 2024—Present

AD 43 Delegate, 2020—2024

Los Angeles County Young Democrats

VP of Programming, 2024

Member at Large, 2023

San Fernando Valley Young Democrats

President, 2025-Present

Vice President, 2024—2025

Public Relations Director, 2023—2024

Political Director, 2022—2023

Democratic Party of the San Fernando Valley

Member at Large, 2024—Present

Associate Member, 2022—2024



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Dear Mr. Solorio, Jr.:

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you of your appointment to the Board of Transportation Commissioners for the term ending June 30, 2031, subject to confirmation by the Los Angeles City Council.

On behalf of the people of Los Angeles, thank you for your willingness to serve. Our boards and commissions are a vital part of the City's governance, and your leadership and expertise will play an important role in shaping the future of Los Angeles.

To move forward, there are a few steps you must complete prior to the Council's consideration of your appointment. My Commission Affairs team has prepared an attached checklist with deadlines and submission instructions, and they are available to support you throughout the confirmation process.

Once again, congratulations, and thank you for your commitment to serve the people of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

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Attachment I
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May 20, 2026

Nominee Check List

I. Within 7 days of appointment:

- Submit the completed forms, found on the last three pages of this letter, to: myr-commissions@lacity.org **OR** mail them to:
 - Office of the Mayor
 - Attn: Luz Portillo
 - 200 N. Spring Street, Room 303
 - Los Angeles, CA 90012
 - Remuneration Form
 - Undated Separation Letters (2)
- Schedule a fingerprinting appointment to complete your background check.
 - The Commissions team will connect you with the Personnel Background Unit.
- Complete and file a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700).
- Submit the CEC Form 60 (Ethics Clearance Form) to the City Ethics Commission.
 - The City Council cannot act on your nomination until the Ethics Department receives and submits your filings.
 - Note: you will be required to submit the same forms again after you are sworn in

II. Council Member Meetings:

You may be asked to meet with Councilmembers prior to your hearings.

- Your City Councilmember Monica Rodriguez
- Councilmember Heather Hutt, Chair of the Council Committee, considering your nomination

III. Public Meetings at City Hall:

- Transportation Committee Hearing
 - The Clerk's office will contact you once your item has been scheduled.
- Full Council Hearing and Oath of Office
 - The Clerk's office will contact you once your item has been scheduled.

V. Standing Requirements

- Notify the Commissions team of any changes in address or contact information.
- If you wish to resign, you must submit a resignation letter to myr-commissions@lacity.org.