

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
GOVERNANCE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE**

TO: Mayor Ivy R. Taylor
Councilmember Rebecca J. Viagran
Councilmember Ron Nirenberg
Councilmember Joe Krier
Councilmember Mike Gallagher

FROM: Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk, TRMC/CMC/MMC

SUBJECT: Consideration of Applicants to the VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority Union Representative Category (1 slot)

DATE: June 15, 2016

SUMMARY:

The Governance City Council Committee will review and recommend one (1) candidates to the full Council for appointment to the VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority.

The following applications were submitted:

<i>First</i>	<i>MI</i>	<i>Last</i>	<i>New/Reappt</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Employer</i>
<i>Robert</i>	<i>L.</i>	<i>Comeaux</i>	<i>New</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Retired - San Antonio Alliance of Teachers & Support Personell</i>
<i>Gloria</i>		<i>Parra</i>	<i>New</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority</i>
<i>Theresa</i>		<i>Ramos</i>	<i>New</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>United Way</i>

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

VIA manages and operates the Metropolitan Transit Authority within Bexar County, Texas. VIA is governed by a Board of Trustees with eleven appointees, five (5) of which are appointed by the San Antonio City Council. Board members are appointed to staggered two-year terms and may serve up to four terms. There is currently one (1) Union Representative slot available for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire December 31, 2017. The San Antonio AFL-CIO Central Labor Council recommended Robert Comeaux, Gloria Parra, and Theresa Ramos for consideration for appointment.

ISSUE:

Board appointments require full City Council approval.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Office of the City Clerk recommends approval of the Council Committee's decision and that same be submitted to the full City Council for consideration at the Meeting on June 30, 2016.

***Governance City Council Committee
Board Appointments***

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City of San Antonio Boards and Commissions

Wednesday, June 08, 2016 11:43:25 AM

VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority

VIA Metropolitan Transit owns, manages and operates the local transit system under the authority found in Chapter 451 of the Texas Transportation Code.

The VIA Metropolitan Transit Board of Trustees is comprised of 11 members, of which five (5) members are appointed by the City Council for staggered two-year terms. Members must be qualified voters residing within the VIA Metropolitan Transit Service Area. Members receive compensation of \$50.00 per meeting.

Board meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:00 PM at the VIA Metro Center - Terry Eskridge Board Room located at 1021 San Pedro Ave. Also, there are several board sub-committees that meet monthly and serve in an advisory capacity to the full Board.

For more information, please visit http://www.viainfo.net/Organization/Board.aspx.

Term: Two Years Staggered

Term Limit: Four Terms

Liaison: Debra Longoria (210) 299-5873

Name	Representing	Date Appointed	Date Reappointed	Date 2nd Reappointed	Date Expires
LESTER BRYANT	At Large	Sep 18, 2016	Apr 07, 2016		Dec 31, 2017
STEVEN B. HUSSAIN	At Large	Apr 07, 2016			Dec 31, 2016
CARL A. MORGAN	At Large	Sep 18, 2014	Apr 07, 2016		Dec 31, 2017
PATRICIA Y. RODRIGUEZ	At Large	Apr 07, 2016			Dec 31, 2016
KATHERINE A. THOMPSON-GARCI Union & Transportation Disadvantaged Rep.	At Large	Jan 19, 2012	Jun 19, 2014		Dec 31, 2015



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Central Labor Council

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President

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Financial Secretary-Treasurer

May 5, 2016

Mr. Brandon Smith
Boards and Commissions Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk
P.O. Box 839966
San Antonio, Texas 78283

Dear Mr. Smith,

The following are the San Antonio AFL-CIO Central Labor Council's three nominations for the VIA Board of Trustees:

Bob Comeaux

Gloria Parra

Terri Ramos

Please keep me advised on any further steps we may need to take. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tom Cummins

VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority At Large Union and Transportation Disadvantaged Rep.	Application No: 20160505211557_3347
ELIGIBILITY	
Are you a qualified voter in the City of San Antonio?	Yes
PROFILE	
Prefix	Mr.
Last Name	Comeaux
First Name	Robert
Middle	Lester
Suffix	
Preferred Name	Bob
Title	
Address Type?	Residence
Address	
City	San Antonio
State	TX
Zip	
Phone Type?	Preferred
Phone number	
Phone 2 Type?	Home
Phone 2 number	
eMail	
Employer	(Retired) from San Antonio Alliance of Teachers and Support Personnel
Job Title	(Retired) Field Representative
Occupation	(Retired) Union Representative
Board/Commission/Committee Name	VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority
Category	Union and Transportation Disadvantaged Rep.
District/Type	At Large
QUESTIONS	
If this board position requires residency within Bexar County, the City of San Antonio city limits or within a particular council district, do you meet those residency requirements?	Yes
Are you a City of San Antonio resident?	Yes
San Antonio Resident Length - Years	35
In which City Council District do you reside?	01
How many years have you lived in the City Council District where you reside?	35
Do you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own currently have any direct or	No

indirect financial interest in any contract(s) with the City, including subcontracts?	
Will you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own seek a contract(s) with the City in the foreseeable future?	No
Do you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own have any financial interest, direct or indirect, in any sale to the City of any land, materials, supplies, or service?	No
Will you or any of your immediate family members of any businesses that you or they own seek or take part, either directly or indirectly, in any sale of land, materials, supplies, or service to the City in the foreseeable future?	No
Does your employer or an employer of your immediate family members have a contract with the City?	No
Do you or any of your family members currently serve or in the past year served as an administrative aide to a Councilmember?	No
Do you currently serve in any elected or appointed public government office?	No
Are you a member and/or officer and/or employee of any boards, commissions, corporations, non-profit entities, agencies, or other entities?	Yes
Give the title and dates of any position which you have held in such organization:	Trustee of San Antonio AFL-CIO Central Labor Council since 2015. Member of Archdiocese of San Antonio Justice and Peace Commission, 1991 - 2006. Member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Community Parish Council, 2004-2006. Vice President of Alta Vista Neighborhood Association, 2002-2004. Dates are approximate
Do you receive any compensation for service on this entity (ies)?	No
Do you intend to seek election or appointment to any public office or board or commission in the foreseeable future?	No
Have you ever been hired for a position with the City of San Antonio?	No
Have you had any convictions of criminal offenses other than parking or traffic tickets?	No
Describe your Educational history.	Bachelor of Science in Political Science (minor in History) from University of Houston in 1970. Attended University of Texas in 1969 while working for the Legislature during session. Associate of Arts Degree from Lee Jr. College in Baytown in 1968 where I was inducted into Lee College Hall of Fame. Graduated from Mother of Good Counsel Seminary in Warrenton, MO in 1966.
	39 years of advocacy and representation of union members, including problem solving in the workplace, resolving differences, etc. with the Retail Clerks Union (later merged

Describe your Professional History & Certification designations (Current and historical).	into the United Food and Commercial Workers Union), the National AFL-CIO as an Ass't Regional Director for four states, to the Texas American Federation of Teachers, and finally the San Antonio Alliance of Teachers and Support Personnel.
Describe your Volunteer Experience & Community Service	Have led several school bond elections campaigns and participated in many school and city bond campaigns. Headed up the "Pat Clayworth Scholarship Fund", and other actions for the Alta Vista Neighborhood Association. Leader of the "Save Miguel's Home" project which has changed city policy.
Please provide a brief narrative outlining your reasons for seeking appointment to this board or commission:	Having traveled to all 50 states (worked in 39) and other countries, I have utilized all sorts of public transportation, and want to be a part of helping improve San Antonio's transportation systems. My neighborhood, community, and political involvement will prove valuable to the VIA Board as we move forward with transportation strategies.
DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION	
Ethnicity:	Non-Minority
Gender:	Male
APPLICATION SIGN-OFF	
As a board, commission, or committee member, you will be asked to adhere to: Code of Ordinances, City of San Antonio, Part II, Chapter 2, Article IX, Sec.2-534. All board and commission members must file a Financial Disclosure Report with the Office of the City Clerk upon appointment, and annually thereafter, throughout the member's term. Failure to file a Financial Disclosure Report within the time required by the City's Ethics Code will be considered an automatic removal.	
I understand that if any member of the public makes a request for information included in this Application for Appointment, most of the information must be disclosed under the Public Information Act. I understand that the City of San Antonio will attempt to maintain the confidentiality of highly private matters by seeking an Attorney General's opinion in accordance with the Public Information Act. I understand that it may not be legally possible to maintain the confidentiality of such information, and I hereby release the City of San Antonio, and its agents, employees and officers, from any and all liability whatsoever if the information must be released pursuant to the Public Information Act or any other law requiring its release.	Acknowledged
I recognize that I am an applicant for VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority, as a City of San Antonio board or commission that is more than advisory in nature. As a city officer, I understand that I, my immediate family members, and any business in which I and/or they hold a 10% or greater ownership interest will be prohibited from seeking or	Acknowledged

accepting contracts with the city for the duration of my service on this board. I further understand that this restriction will extend with regard to many types of discretionary contracts for a period of one year after leaving city service.	
OATH: I have read and understand the guidelines set out in this application. The foregoing statements are true, accurate, and complete. I agree that any misrepresentation or omission of facts may result in my disqualification for appointment.	Acknowledged
Enter Your Name	Robert Lester "Bob" Comeaux
Date of submission.	5/5/2016
The Texas Public Information Act provides that each government official may choose whether to allow the public access to the information in the custody of the City that contains your home address, home telephone number, or reveals whether you have family members. Please note that this does not apply to business addresses, which are subject to public disclosure. If an open records request is filed requesting to view or obtain records that contain your personal information, the City will take steps to protect your personal information as authorized by the Texas Public Information Act, but only if you have elected to protect personal information.	
I want the public to have access to my Home Address.	Yes
I want the public to have access to my Home Telephone Number.	Yes
I want the public to have access to my Social Security Number.	No
I want the public to have access to my Emergency Contact Information.	Yes
I want the public to have access to my Family Information.	Yes
Please attach any additional information, such as a current resume, using the Attachments panel at the bottom of this page.	
Office of the City Clerk P.O. Box 839966 San Antonio, Texas 78283-3966 Phone: (210) 207-7253 (Application will be kept on file with the Office of the City Clerk for 12 months.)	

VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority At Large Union and Transportation Disadvantaged Rep.	Application No: 20160504193600_3345
ELIGIBILITY	
Are you a qualified voter in the City of San Antonio?	Yes
PROFILE	
Prefix	Mrs
Last Name	Parra
First Name	Gloria
Middle	
Suffix	
Preferred Name	
Title	
Address Type?	Residence
Address	
City	San Antonio
State	TX
Zip	
Phone Type?	Cell
Phone number	
Phone 2 Type?	Home
Phone 2 number	
eMail	
Employer	Retiree
Job Title	
Occupation	
Board/Commission/Committee Name	VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority
Category	Union and Transportation Disadvantaged Rep.
District/Type	At Large
QUESTIONS	
If this board position requires residency within Bexar County, the City of San Antonio city limits or within a particular council district, do you meet those residency requirements?	Yes
Are you a City of San Antonio resident?	Yes
San Antonio Resident Length - Years	67
In which City Council District do you reside?	03
How many years have you lived in the City Council District where you reside?	45
Do you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own currently have any direct or indirect financial interest in any contract(s) with the City,	No

including subcontracts?	
Will you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own seek a contract(s) with the City in the foreseeable future?	No
Do you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own have any financial interest, direct or indirect, in any sale to the City of any land, materials, supplies, or service?	No
Will you or any of your immediate family members of any businesses that you or they own seek or take part, either directly or indirectly, in any sale of land, materials, supplies, or service to the City in the foreseeable future?	No
Does your employer or an employer of your immediate family members have a contract with the City?	No
Do you or any of your family members currently serve or in the past year served as an administrative aide to a Councilmember?	No
Do you currently serve in any elected or appointed public government office?	No
Are you a member and/or officer and/or employee of any boards, commissions, corporations, non-profit entities, agencies, or other entities?	No
Do you intend to seek election or appointment to any public office or board or commission in the foreseeable future?	No
Have you ever been hired for a position with the City of San Antonio?	No
Have you had any convictions of criminal offenses other than parking or traffic tickets?	No
Describe your Educational history.	graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School 1966, I have attained some college credits through Alamo Area Colleges and Our Lady of the Lake.
Describe your Professional History & Certification designations (Current and historical).	Worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company/AT and T - 31 years. I was also employed by Communication Workers of American - 12 years
Describe your Volunteer Experience & Community Service	Served on City of San Antonio Civil Service Commission Have Served on United Way Executive Board and presently on UW Board of Trustees Served on Board of Work Force Commission Bexar County/City of San Antonio Member of 1989 Class Hispanas Unidas
Please provide a brief narrative outlining your reasons for seeking appointment to this board or commission:	Have been involved in my City of San Antonio throughout my existence in many different roles. I am now retired and would like to be an active person in my community as San Antonio progresses and grows.
DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION	
Ethnicity:	Hispanic

Gender:	Female
APPLICATION SIGN-OFF	
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OATH: I have read and understand the guidelines set out in this application. The foregoing statements are true, accurate, and complete. I agree that any misrepresentation or omission of facts may result in my disqualification for appointment.	Acknowledged
Enter Your Name	Gloria Parra
Date of submission.	5/4/2016
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I want the public to have access to my Home Address.	Yes
I want the public to have access to my Home Telephone Number.	Yes
I want the public to have access to my Social Security Number.	No
I want the public to have access to my Emergency Contact	No

Information.	
I want the public to have access to my Family Information.	No
Please attach any additional information, such as a current resume, using the Attachments panel at the bottom of this page.	
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VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority At Large Union and Transportation Disadvantaged Rep.	Application No: 20160509144807_3365
ELIGIBILITY	
Are you a qualified voter in the City of San Antonio?	Yes
PROFILE	
Prefix	
Last Name	Ramos
First Name	Theresa
Middle	
Suffix	
Preferred Name	Terri
Title	1st Vice President
Address Type?	Preferred
Address	
City	San Antonio
State	TX
Zip	
Phone Type?	Cell
Phone number	
Phone 2 Type?	Preferred
Phone 2 number	
eMail	
Employer	United Way
Job Title	Vice President
Occupation	AFL CIO Community Services
Board/Commission/Committee Name	VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority
Category	Union and Transportation Disadvantaged Rep.
District/Type	At Large
QUESTIONS	
If this board position requires residency within Bexar County, the City of San Antonio city limits or within a particular council district, do you meet those residency requirements?	Yes
Are you a City of San Antonio resident?	Yes
San Antonio Resident Length - Years	57
In which City Council District do you reside?	06
How many years have you lived in the City Council District where you reside?	06
Do you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own currently have any direct or indirect financial interest in any contract(s) with the City, including	No

subcontracts?	
Will you or any of your immediate family members or any businesses that you or they own seek a contract(s) with the City in the foreseeable future?	No
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Do you currently serve in any elected or appointed public government office?	No
Are you a member and/or officer and/or employee of any boards, commissions, corporations, non-profit entities, agencies, or other entities?	No
Do you intend to seek election or appointment to any public office or board or commission in the foreseeable future?	No
Have you ever been hired for a position with the City of San Antonio?	No
Have you had any convictions of criminal offenses other than parking or traffic tickets?	No
Describe your Educational history.	1977 Graduate Highlands High
Describe your Professional History & Certification designations (Current and historical).	Board Member ALAMO WORKSOURCE 1st Vice President SAN ANTONIO AFL-CIO Vice President TEXAS AFL CIO
Describe your Volunteer Experience & Community Service	Coordinated National AFL CIO Days of Action also Coordinator Annual Workers Memorial Day program for San Antonio AFL CIO. Coordinated volunteer projects for mobilizing of union members for civic participation and community service projects.
Please provide a brief narrative outlining your reasons for seeking appointment to this board or commission:	I would like to provide basic interest in finding workable solutions that meet the interests of all parties involved. Recognizing the union perspective and working towards mutual and amicable outcomes.
DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION	
Ethnicity:	Hispanic
Gender:	Female
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OATH: I have read and understand the guidelines set out in this application. The foregoing statements are true, accurate, and complete. I agree that any misrepresentation or omission of facts may result in my disqualification for appointment.	Acknowledged
Enter Your Name	Theresa Ramos
Date of submission.	5/9/2016
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I want the public to have access to my Home Address.	Yes
I want the public to have access to my Home Telephone Number.	Yes
I want the public to have access to my Social Security Number.	Yes
I want the public to have access to my Emergency Contact Information.	Yes
I want the public to have access to my Family Information.	Yes
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12 months.)

THERESA "Terri" Ramos

Terri Ramos was born and raised in San Antonio. She started her labor career in February, 1983, with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local 2399. She served in various positions with AFSCME and in 1994 she moved on to work for the National AFL-CIO as a Community Organizer for the ALAMO Organizing Project at Port San Antonio until 2000. Terri went to work as a Community Services Labor Liaison at Bexar County United Way in 2001, where she is currently employed.

Terri has been a Member of the Executive Board of the San Antonio AFL-CIO Labor Council since and currently serves as 1ST Vice President and the Legislative Director for the Central Labor Council. Currently she holds the position of Vice President, District 6 of the Texas AFL-CIO. In addition, Terri is the President of Local 298 Office Professional Employees International Union.

Terri has also served as the Bexar County labor appointment with the Workforce Solutions Alamo Board which serves as the governing board for the regional workforce system, a network of service providers and contractors that brings people and jobs together.

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