



AGENDA ITEM: 4-G

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SUBJECT:

Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Appointment

Enclosure: Yes

Action: Approve the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council Application for Appointment: Nancy Ramirez to represent a Local Social Service Provider for Persons with Disabilities

SUMMARY:

MCTC Staff are requesting the Policy Board's consideration and action on an application to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC). Nancy Ramirez is seeking to be appointed for her first term. The primary purpose of the SSTAC is to oversee the Unmet Transit Needs process. Appointments to the SSTAC require action by the Policy Board.

California's Transportation Development Act (TDA) requires the Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) to establish a Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) to advise MCTC on any major transit issues in the Madera County region. This includes participating in the identification of transit needs in the jurisdiction, including unmet transit needs that may exist.

The SSTAC shall consist of the following members:

1. **One** representative of a potential transit user who is 60 years of age or older.
2. **One** representative of a potential transit user who is a person with a disability.
3. **Two** representatives of the local social service providers for older adults, including one representative of a social service transportation provider, if one exists.
4. **Two** representatives of local social service providers for persons with a disability, including one representative of a social service transportation provider, if one exists.
5. **One** representative of a local social service provider for persons of limited means.
6. **Two** representatives from the local transportation service agency, including one representative from an operator, if one exists.

7. **Any additional members** appointed from a broad representation of social service and transit providers representing older adults, persons with disabilities, and persons of limited means in accordance with PUC Section 99238, subdivision B.

The term of appointment is for three years, which may be renewed for additional three-year terms.

Nancy Ramirez is an Employment and Training Supervisor under the Self-Sufficiency division at the Madera County Department of Social Services. She regularly functions as a liaison for the agency for various district programs working with members of the community who have disabilities. She is familiar with the challenges of vulnerable populations and regularly advocates for the accessibility of reliable public transportation in Madera County, especially for persons with disabilities. Sabrina Garibay was recently appointed to the Council in June; however, she has since secured a new job. Nancy, who was Sabrina's supervisor, has volunteered to fill Sabrina's role on the Council, bringing a wealth of experience and a deep understanding of the county's needs. Nancy is applying to serve one three-year term on the SSTAC representing a Local Social Service Provider for Persons with Disabilities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2024-25 Overall Work Program and Budget.