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Dear Sound Transit Executive Committee Members:

Board members from the South King County subarea have reviewed applications for a current opening on the Sound Transit Citizen Oversight Panel representing South King County.

Based on the review of applications received to fill the vacancy, we would like to recommend Ms. Andrea Ornelas to fill the current vacancy on the panel. We believe that the appointment of Ms. Ornelas to the Citizen Oversight Panel would support the panel's role to provide agency oversight as well as improve diversity on the panel.

Ms. Ornelas lives in Federal Way, WA. She previously worked Sound Transit's Hilltop Tacoma Link project as a foreman laborer and currently serves as Assistant Political Director for Laborers Local 242. She serves on the Executive Board of Laborers 242 Home Development Corporation and volunteers with the Anew pre-apprenticeship program as a diversity speaker for those seeking information on Union trades. She is a graduate of Federal Way High School and has experience in the areas of large project construction management, public facilities and services, and public policy development or review.

We urge the Executive Committee to recommend that the Board appoint Ms. Ornelas to the Citizen Oversight Panel to fill the current South King County vacancy. Filling this vacancy will help support the panel's ongoing work on behalf of the region to provide independent oversight of Sound Transit.

Sincerely,

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