TO: CANDIDATES FOR THE AC TRANSIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Linda A. Nemeroff, District Secretary

SUBJECT: General Information - General District Election - November 3, 2020

This memo provides general election-related information intended to assist prospective candidates interested in serving on the AC Transit Board of Directors. Information about AC Transit can be found by visiting the District’s website at www.actransit.org. Specific information of general interest to candidates can be found on the home page under the Board of Directors heading click on “Candidate Information”.

The positions to be determined at the upcoming November 3, 2020, election include Directors from Wards 1, 2 and one At-Large Director; each serving a four (4) year term. Terms of office will begin at Noon on Friday, December 4, 2020, or as soon thereafter as certification of the election results is received by AC Transit.

ELECTIONS INFORMATION:
Nomination and campaign reporting materials have been prepared as a separate packet and can be obtained from the Elections Official in your county. Please contact the elections office in your county of domicile for updated candidacy/filing procedures related to COVID-19. Alameda County residents can obtain these materials from the Alameda County Registrar of Voters Office at 1225 Fallon Street, G-1, Oakland, (510) 272-6933. Contra Costa County residents may obtain them from the County Administration Building at 651 Pine Street, Martinez, (925) 335-7800.

Candidate’s Statements: The District has determined that candidates running for a Ward seat will pay the sum of $1,000 for a Candidate’s Statement. Candidates running for an At-Large seat will pay the sum on $3,350 for a Candidate’s Statement. The Candidate’s Statement will be limited to 200 words. AC Transit will pay all remaining costs associated with Candidate Statements.

For the Ward 1 and At-Large seats with boundaries spanning both Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, the fee for filing a Candidate’s Statement shall be paid only once at the time candidacy papers are filed with the Elections Official in the county of domicile. In Alameda County, please make checks payable to “AC Transit” (the Elections Official will forward checks to the District once the nomination period has closed). In Contra Costa County please make checks payable to the County (the County will deduct the payment from the District’s overall election bill). It is the responsibility of the candidate to contact the Elections Official in the shared county to obtain information on filing a Candidate’s Statement in that county. A copy of the receipt for the amount paid in the county of domicile shall accompany the Candidate’s Statement to be filed in the shared county as verification that all required fees have been paid. A copy of Board Policy 140 (Resolution No. 17-045) regarding the costs for Candidate’s Statements is enclosed for your review.

Deadline: All nomination forms must be completed and returned to the Elections Official by 5:00 p.m., Friday, August 7, 2020. If an incumbent does not file for re-election by August 7, 2020, the deadline for other candidates will be extended to Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

ABOUT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
The AC Transit District Board of Directors is a seven-member elected Board charged with the duty of setting policy for AC Transit and for ultimately overseeing all aspects of District operations. The Public Utilities Code, Sections 24501 to 27509, commonly referred to as Transit District Law, spells out more specifically the duties of
the Board and the District. In addition, the District also operates under the direction and guidance of numerous state and federal laws and regulations.

Five (5) members of the Board of Directors are elected from five specific geographic areas known as “wards”. Candidates for these ward seats must live within the boundaries of the ward they seek to represent and are elected by voters within their ward. Two (2) members of the Board are at-large positions. Candidates for at-large positions must live within the overall District boundaries and are elected by voters District-wide.

TIME COMMITMENT:
The Board of Directors of AC Transit holds regular meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. These meetings are typically three hours in length. Closed Session meetings are generally held before each Board meeting at 4:00 p.m. The Board of Directors also holds a day-long retreat twice a year and has periodic joint meetings with the District’s Retirement Board and Accessibility Advisory Committee.

In addition to regular Board meetings, members of the Board are expected to participate on a number of internal and external liaison committees of which the District is either a voting member or an interested party.

A Director should anticipate spending a minimum of 10 hours per week reviewing agenda-related materials, participating in meetings and attending to District business.

COMPENSATION:
Members of the Board of Directors are compensated $1,264.50 per month provided they attend all regular Board meetings. Please refer to Board Policy 123 – Compensation for Directors (enclosed) for more information. In addition, Directors are reimbursed for District business related travel and meeting expenses and receive health benefits, but are required to pay 10% of the monthly premium.

CONTACT INFORMATION:
Should you have questions, desire additional information during the election process, or want copies of any of the documents available on our website that are referenced below or in alternative formats, please contact me at (510) 891-7284. Should you have questions regarding general District operations, you may direct those questions through my office or contact the General Manager’s Office at (510) 891-4793.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS (available on USB flash drive)
List of Incumbents (with terms expiring in 2020)
Resolution No. 11-048 (Ward Boundary Descriptions and Maps)
Resolution No. 20-024 (Notice of Election)
Board Policy 101 – Board of Directors Rules for Procedure
Board Policy 140 – Cost of Candidate’s Statements (Resolution No. 17-045)
Board Policy 145 – Political and Campaign Activities
Board Policy 123 – Compensation for Directors
2020 Board Liaison Appointments

These documents are also available at www.actransit.org. From the homepage click on “Candidate Information” under the Board of Directors heading.