

August 4, 2015

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane, City of Scottsdale, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR
THE MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Monday, August 10, 2015 - 12:00 Noon (Immediately following the MAGIC meeting)
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Ironwood Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee has been scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person or by telephone conference.

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If you have any questions regarding the Executive Committee agenda items, please contact Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, or Denise McClafferty, MAG Regional Program Manager, at (602) 254-6300.

MAG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
AUGUST 10, 2015

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Executive Committee will be called to order.

2. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Executive Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda THAT FALL UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Members of the public will be requested not to exceed a three-minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Executive Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on action agenda items will be given an opportunity at the time the item is heard.

2. Information and discussion.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*
BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*3A. Approval of the June 15, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

*3B. Amendment to the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Add the RTSIMS Software Enhancements and Maintenance On-Call Project

MAG has developed a custom software tool for performing crash data analysis named Regional Transportation Safety Information Management System, or RTSIMS. This effort is funded by a grant provided by the Arizona Department of Transportation to support regional road safety planning. The software tool is used extensively by MAG staff for performing crash data analysis. The current version of the software was last updated in 2013. A new project is proposed to be added under the projects in the existing on-call contract.

3A. Approval of the June 15, 2015 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

3B. Approval to amend the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add the new Transportation Safety Planning on-call project named RTSIMS Software Enhancements and Maintenance On-Call, and to increase the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget by \$40,000 using the Arizona Department of Transportation state funds provided for this work.

The project will implement a number of software enhancements and also provide one year of maintenance support. A consultant from the approved list of MAG On-Call consultants will be utilized to conduct the project. An amendment to the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is being requested to add the RTSIMS Software Enhancements and Maintenance On-Call project. Please refer to the enclosed material.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD
BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

4. Appointments of the MAG Economic Development Committee Member Agency Positions

On May 27, 2015, the MAG Regional Council approved increasing the composition of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) to include twenty MAG member agency positions that have one-year terms with possible reappointment by recommendation of the Executive Committee and approval of the MAG Regional Council. The seven largest cities, in addition to the City of Phoenix, will have a seat on the EDC and be included as part of the (20) MAG member agencies. Due to the prescribed seats, such as the Transportation Policy Committee Chair and Vice Chair, appointments of the EDC member agency positions will occur each year in August following the Regional Council annual meeting in June. On July 1, 2015, a memorandum was sent to the MAG Regional Council members soliciting letters of interest for the member agency positions on the EDC. The Executive Committee is requested to recommend the EDC member agency positions. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4. Information, discussion and recommendation to approve the appointments of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) member agency positions.

5. Appointments of the MAG Economic Development Committee New Business Representatives

The MAG Economic Development Committee (EDC) was created to work on diversifying the economy. This committee continues to evolve with its composition adjusted as appropriate. With the EDC's many initiatives reaching across the state, such as its Mexico and workforce efforts, it became apparent that a wider representation was needed on the committee. On May 27, 2015, the MAG Regional Council approved increasing the composition of the EDC to include a representative from the Governor's office, the Joint Technical Education Districts (JTEDs) and Maricopa County Community Colleges. On June 15, 2015, letters were sent to these organizations soliciting representation on the EDC. The Executive Committee is requested to recommend approval of the EDC new business representatives. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest, including HB 2617 and the possible ramifications to the diversion of Proposition 400 sales tax funds for transportation to the Arizona Department of Revenue. Provisions in HB 2617 would direct per year, \$2,520,207 from MAG and \$498,892 from the Pima Association of Governments. The update will include the status of recent discussions with the governor's staff by a working group of elected officials from MAG and PAG.

7. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Executive Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

5. Information, discussion and recommendation to approve the appointments of the MAG Economic Development Committee new business representatives.

6. Information and discussion.

7. Information.

8. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for the Executive Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Executive Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Adjournment

8. Information.

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

June 15, 2015

MAG Offices, Ironwood Room
302 N. 1st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor Michael LeVault, Youngtown, Chair	#Mayor Gail Barney, Queen Creek
Mayor W.J. “Jim” Lane, Scottsdale, Vice Chair	Mayor Jackie Meck, Buckeye
Mayor Greg Stanton, Phoenix, Treasurer	Mayor Mark Mitchell, Tempe
	Mayor Lana Mook, El Mirage

* Not present

Participated by video or telephone conference call

1. Call to Order

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chair LeVault at 12:03 p.m. Mayor Barney participated by teleconference.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to the Audience

Chair LeVault stated that, according to the MAG public comment process, members of the audience who wish to speak are requested to fill out the public comment cards. He stated that there is a three-minute time limit. Public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Chair LeVault noted that no public comment cards had been received.

Chair LeVault noted on June 10, 2015, the MAG Management Committee recommended approval of agenda items #4B and #4C.

4. Approval of Executive Committee Consent Agenda

Chair LeVault noted that prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience are provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda.

Chair LeVault requested a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Mook moved to approve consent items #4A - #4D. Mayor Lane seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4A. Approval of the May 18, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the May 18, 2015 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

4B. Fiscal Year 2015 Avondale Strategic Transportation Safety Plan Consultant Selection

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the selection of Michael Baker Jr., Inc., to develop the Avondale Strategic Transportation Safety Plan, for an amount not to exceed \$125,851.

The FY 2015 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2014, was amended by the MAG Regional Council on February 25, 2015, to include a project for developing a Strategic Transportation Safety Plan for the City of Avondale, funded with \$125,851 in federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds. The Arizona Department of Transportation requested that the project be administered by MAG. Qualified consultants from the approved list of MAG Intelligent Transportation Systems and Safety On-Call Consultants were invited to submit proposals in response to a request for proposals for the development of a comprehensive Strategic Transportation Safety Plan for the City of Avondale. Three firms submitted proposals, which were reviewed by a multi-agency evaluation team. The team recommended to MAG the selection of Michael Baker Jr., Inc. On May 26, 2015, the MAG Transportation Safety Committee recommended approval of the selection of Michael Baker Jr., Inc., to develop the Avondale Strategic Transportation Safety Plan, for an amount not to exceed \$125,851.

4C. Consultant Selection for the MAG On-Call Consulting Services for FY 2016 Air Quality Technical Assistance Request for Qualifications

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the selection of the list of consultants for the On-Call Consulting Services for FY 2016 Air Quality Technical Assistance, for an amount not to exceed \$100,000, for the following areas of expertise: (1) Air Quality Modeling, (2) Air Quality Monitoring and Meteorology, (3) Analysis of Exceptional Events, (4) Emissions Inventories, (5) Analysis of Control Measures, (6) Implementation and Tracking of Control Measures, (7) Air Quality Plan Preparation, (8) CMAQ Evaluation Methodologies, (9) Transportation Conformity, and (10) Analysis of Greenhouse Gas Requirements and Emissions.

The FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2015, includes potential consultant assistance for air quality planning and modeling activities. Consultant services may be needed to assist MAG with

supplemental analyses for the Five Percent Plan for PM-10, development of a PM-10 Maintenance Plan, Conformity Analysis, Evaluation of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Projects, New Eight-Hour Ozone Plan, Analysis of Exceptional Events, and development of a Periodic Emissions Inventory. A request for qualifications was advertised on March 26, 2015 for technical assistance in Air Quality Modeling, Air Quality Monitoring and Meteorology, Analysis of Exceptional Events, Emissions Inventories, Analysis of Control Measures, Implementation and Tracking of Control Measures, Air Quality Plan Preparation, CMAQ Evaluation Methodologies, Transportation Conformity, and Analysis of Greenhouse Gas Requirements and Emissions in support of Air Quality Technical Assistance activities at MAG. Fourteen proposals were received by the April 23, 2015 deadline. On May 5, 2015, a multi-agency evaluation team recommended to MAG the firms to be qualified in selected areas of expertise.

4D. Appointment of MAG Transportation Review Committee Vice Chair

The Regional Council Executive Committee, by consent, approved the selection of Daniel Cook, City of Chandler, as the Vice Chair of the MAG Transportation Review Committee.

On June 11, 2015, the MAG Transportation Review Committee Vice Chair, Rick Naimark from the City of Phoenix, retired. On May 27, 2015, MAG staff sent a notice to the Management Committee, the MAG Transportation Review Committee, and the Intergovernmental Representatives to solicit letters of interest for the Vice Chair position on the Transportation Review Committee. One letter was received requesting consideration for the Vice Chair position.

5. Proposed Changes to MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee

Councilmember Osborne, City of Goodyear, stated she has been active with MAG for the past seven years. She has been the Chair and Vice Chair of the MAG Continuum of Care of Homelessness, and the Vice Chair and current Chair of the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee (HSCC). Councilmember Osborne stated members of the HSCC are proposing changes to the name, composition, and focus of the committee. She noted these changes have been developed after extensive discussion among members of the Coordinating Committee as well as members of the MAG Human Services Technical Committee.

Councilmember Osborne added since 1976, the role of the Human Services Coordinating Committee has been to advise the MAG Regional Council on human services related issues and they do not see this role changing. She reported they remain dedicated to developing regional approaches to human services issues, but would like to change how they approach that goal. She discussed three proposed changes that would assist in better meeting the needs of MAG member agencies by evolving the work of the committee.

Councilmember Osborne stated the most significant change would be the focus. It was proposed to redefine the focus of the committee to incubate solutions that will address human

services issues. She explained this will be accomplished by an analysis of the regional human services environment driven by local priorities and the MAG Human Services Technical Committee can research the priorities identified by the new committee. She added a *State of Human Services in the Region* event will gather feedback and build consensus for viable solutions and a Regional Human Services Action agenda would be presented to the MAG Regional Council for approval and will drive progress.

Councilmember Osborne stated to support this change, they propose to change the name of the committee to the MAG Human Services and Community Initiatives Committee. This better reflects the partnerships that are vital to their work and focus on developing solutions or initiatives that enhance the community. The third change would be the membership. Currently, only elected officials sit on this committee. The members propose to also include community partners, as members of the committee. Councilmember Osborne explained this could include nonprofit agencies, places of worship, the business sector, and academic institutions. She added a call for letters of interest could be sent to identify viable candidates in prioritized categories and the committee could recommend a slate of new members to the MAG Regional Council chair for approval.

Councilmember Osborne commented that MAG's main priority is to serve its member agencies and they believe these changes will provide the data, tools and collective action needed to strengthen our region's response to human services. She stated that she is very proud of Amy St. Peter and her staff for everything that has been accomplished.

Chair LeVault commented the work that this committee does is so important and this committee keeps the human dimension right in front of us.

Chair LeVault asked if there were any questions or comments from the committee.

Mayor Lane stated he advocates what is being proposed. He added targeted thinking generally amounts to better use of resources, so it is important to have the right people at the table. Mayor Mook commented that in recent years, many funding sources have been or are currently being cut, so the more voices at the table, the better to identify the needs. Councilmember Osborne noted after the *State of Human Services in the Region* event takes place, and they have the opportunity to look at the findings of best practices, data and tools, the committee could possibly present at the Arizona League of Cities Conference next August to share their findings with other Council of Governments. Mayor Meck commented that he is impressed with their work and added he supports the proposed changes. Mayor Barney stated he believes this is a fantastic program and to move ahead with the proposed changes.

Mayor Lane made a motion to approve changes to the name, composition, and focus of the MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee. Mayor Mitchell seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

6. MAG Committee Chair and Vice Chair Appointments ending June 30, 2015

Denise McClafferty, MAG Regional Program Manager, stated on August 21, 2013, MAG Regional Council approved updates to the MAG Committee Operating Policies and Procedures. Officer appointments for technical and other policy committees, with exception of the MAG Regional Council, Transportation Policy Committee, and Management Committee, are made by the MAG Executive Committee and are eligible for two-year terms with succession of positions occurring through the ascending order of officers. She explained these appointments are staggered to assist with continuity, appointing approximately half of the committee officers in June each year and the remainder in January, unless a vacancy occurs.

Ms. McClafferty added a memorandum was sent to the technical and policy committee members whose chairs and vice chairs expire in June explaining that officers of these committees have served their term. According to the policies and procedures, the committee's vice chair will ascend to the chair position, and letters of interest were requested for the vice chair positions to be appointed by the Regional Council Executive Committee. Ms. McClafferty stated a table was included in the agenda packet that showed which Chairs and Vice Chairs were up for appointment. It was noted that a new Chair was being appointed to the Human Services Coordinating Committee because the current Vice Chair was not able to move up due to scheduling conflicts. Ms. McClafferty added letters were received from the City of Avondale and Town of Youngtown for the Building Codes Committee Vice Chair position. She noted that both were qualified candidates. Ms. McClafferty stated Avondale was Chair of this committee in 2011 and also held the Vice Chair position from 2009-2011. She added staff is requesting that the Executive Committee approve these appointments. Chair LeVault stated he knows Gregory Arrington. He added that Mr. Arrington serves as the President of the Code Enforcement League of Arizona and he does a terrific job.

Chair LeVault asked if there were any questions or comments from the committee.

Mayor Lane moved to approve the recommendations of the MAG Technical and Policy Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs, including Gregory Arrington, from the Town of Youngtown, as Vice Chair of the Building Codes Committee. Mayor Meck seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

7. Support for Arizona State University Advanced Flexible Hybrid Electronics Institute

Denise McClafferty, MAG Regional Program Manager, stated in November 2013, the MAG Economic Development Committee provided Arizona State University (ASU) with a letter of support for the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Consortia (Match) Program with the goal of strengthening and expanding their industry consortium through planning a National Institute for Flexible Electronics Manufacturing. She reported ASU and its partners successfully submitted a concept paper in March and have been invited to submit a full proposal to create the Advanced Flexible Hybrid Electronics Institute (AFHEI) to be

headquartered in Maricopa County.

Ms. McClafferty noted the federal government is providing \$75 million towards this program. ASU and its partners, which include industry, other educational institutions and government agencies from across the country, are supporting this effort with a match of at least \$75 million. She explained the first five years of the Institute will be supported by the cash and in-kind contributions of its partners, and by the sixth year, the Institute will be self-sustaining and anchored in the local economy as an ongoing pillar of manufacturing innovation, and known nationally and eventually internationally. Ms. McClafferty stated staff is requesting approval to join the ASU Advanced Flexible Hybrid Electronics Institute effort as a non-profit organization at the Contributing Level, which is \$2,500 a year for five years for a total financial commitment of \$12,500, and if approved, MAG would provide a letter of support including our financial commitment. She noted that funding would not occur until ASU was awarded the grant.

Chair LeVault asked if there was a presentation on this at a past EDC meeting. Ms. McClafferty stated ASU had provided a presentation on this technology at the November 2013 Economic Development Committee meeting.

Chair LeVault asked if there were any questions or comments from the committee.

Mayor Lane asked if this was consistent with MAG's policy and compliance issues with the distribution of funds. Mr. Smith stated MAG does have the funding for this, but did not specifically line budget this item. He added this could be charged through MAG dues or contingency. Chair LeVault asked if this is a one time payment of \$12,500 or is this paid over a five year period. Ms. McClafferty noted that the payment could be made either way. Mayor Lane recommended that MAG make a one-time payment so this payment is not effected by future Executive Committee members.

Mayor Mook moved to approve joining the ASU Advanced Flexible Hybrid Electronics Institute effort at the non-profit Contributing Level for a total financial commitment of \$12,500 as a one-time payment. Mayor Mitchell seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

8. Legislative Update

Mayor Meck moved that the Executive Committee go into Executive Session regarding agenda items #9. Mayor Mitchell seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting went into Executive Session at 12:26 p.m.

The Executive Committee reconvened regular session at 12:50 p.m.

9. Possible Action on the Legislative Update

Mayor Mitchell moved that the Executive Committee recommends selecting a group to negotiate with the Governor's office to have an arrangement to assist the State of Arizona through the structural deficit regarding provisions with HB 2617. Mayor Lane seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

10. Request for Future Agenda Items

Chair LeVault asked if there were any requests for future agenda items. There were none.

11. Comments from the Committee

Chair LeVault asked if there were any comments from the committee. Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, stated adding an Assistant Director position has been a subject of conversation by this committee. The desire was to have a person become familiar with how MAG works to ensure the continued success of MAG. Mr. Smith announced the appointment of Amy St. Peter as the new MAG Assistant Director.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Executive Committee adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Chair

Secretary

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

August 3, 2015

SUBJECT:

Amendment to the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Add the RTSIMS Software Enhancements and Maintenance On-Call Project

SUMMARY:

MAG has developed a custom software tool for performing crash data analysis named Regional Transportation Safety Information Management System, or RTSIMS. This effort is funded by a grant provided by the Arizona Department of Transportation to support regional road safety planning. The software tool is used extensively by MAG staff for performing crash data analysis. The current version of the software was last updated in 2013. A new project is proposed to be added under the projects in the existing on-call contract. The project will implement a number of software enhancements and also provide one year of maintenance support. A consultant from the approved list of MAG On-Call consultants will be utilized to conduct the project. An amendment to the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is being requested to add the RTSIMS Software Enhancements and Maintenance On-Call project.

The RTSIMS software is used to execute queries and extract pertinent data from the crash database for the MAG planning area. The crash database is made available to MAG by ADOT via a Data Agreement. All the crash statistics that are posted at the MAG website and crash data to support numerous studies by MAG and also local agencies are generated using this software.

On May 27, 2015, the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget was approved by the MAG Regional Council. The required budget for the estimated level-of-effort by the on-call consultant to incorporate software enhancements and for maintaining the software for a period of one year is \$40,000. An amendment is required to add this project to the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget as a new on-call project under Transportation Safety Planning, and add \$40,000 to the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for this purpose.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None has been received.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: It is increasingly becoming a requirement, at both national and state levels, that all road safety planning must be data-driven. A software tool like RTSIMS is essential to support decision making at MAG related to road safety planning. The current version of the software is used extensively by MAG staff. The planned enhancements would make it even more useful.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: None.

POLICY: None.

ACTION NEEDED:

Approval to amend the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add the new Transportation Safety Planning on-call project named RTSIMS Software Enhancements and Maintenance On-Call, and to increase the FY 2016 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget by \$40,000 using the Arizona Department of Transportation state funds provided for this work.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

This item is on the August 5, 2015 Management Committee agenda for recommendation to approve.

CONTACT PERSON:

Sarath Joshua, MAG, (602) 254-6300.

Economic Development Committee Elected Official Members
(August 2015)

Committee members on EDC due to their committee appointments

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>	
RC Immediate Past Chair	Mayor Michael LeVault, Youngtown, Chair	WW
Regional Council Chair	Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane, Scottsdale, Vice Chair*	EV
Regional Council Vice Chair	Mayor Greg Stanton, Phoenix	CC
TPC Chair	Mayor Jerry Weiers, Glendale*	WW
TPC Vice Chair	Mayor John Giles, Mesa* (No letter received)	EV

Dedicated Seats - eligible for reappointment or appointment

Currently held by	Supervisor Andrew Kunasek	Maricopa County
Currently held by	Mayor Christian Price	Pinal County
Currently held by	Sintra Hoffman, Assistant Director/Public Affairs	ADOT

Seven Largest Cities Dedicated Seats - not represented above

Currently held by	Mayor Cathy Carlat, Peoria*	WW
Currently held by	Mayor John Lewis, Gilbert*	EV
Currently held by	Mayor Mark Mitchell, Tempe*	EV
Currently held by	Councilmember Jack Sellers, Chandler*	EV

EDC positions eligible for reappointment or appointment of a new member

Currently held by	Mayor Gail Barney, Queen Creek	EV
Currently held by	Mayor Linda Kavanagh, Fountain Hills	EV
Currently held by	Mayor Georgia Lord, Goodyear	WW
Currently held by	Mayor Jackie Meck, Buckeye	WW
Currently held by	Mayor Thomas Schoaf, Litchfield Park	WW
Letter received:	Councilmember Lorenzo Sierra, Avondale	WW
Currently held by	Mayor Sharon Wolcott, Surprise	WW
Recommended to fill EV vacant seat:	Councilmember Michael Farrar, Carefree Vice Mayor Robin Barker, Apache Junction (need to appoint one)	EV

* = Seven largest cities



**Town of Youngtown
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July 24, 2015

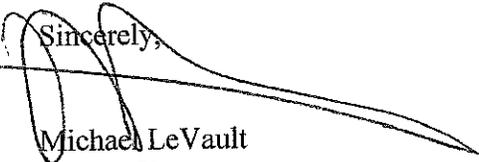
The Honorable W.J. 'Jim' Lane
Chairman, MAG Regional Council

Dear Mayor Lane:

As immediate past Chair of the Regional Council, I look forward to serving as Chairman of MAG's Economic Development Committee (EDC) this coming year.

Thank you and members of the Executive Committee and Regional Council, in advance, for your consideration in extending me the privilege to serve in that capacity. I believe the combination of my many years in the private sector, coupled with my understanding of the MAG mission, render me well qualified to help lead in the important work being undertaken by the EDC.

Sincerely,



Michael LeVault
Mayor, Youngtown

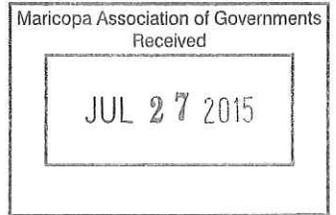
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W.J. "JIM" LANE
Mayor



July 21, 2015

Executive Committee
Maricopa Association of Governments
302 N. 1st Avenue, Suite 300
Phoenix, AZ 85003

MAG Executive Committee and Regional Council Members,

I look forward to the opportunity of serving as Vice Chair on the Economic Development Committee (EDC) this year. I have been on this Committee since its inception and am very active with this Committee.

I would very much appreciate serving as a member of this important Committee and would be grateful for your consideration.

Sincerely,

W.J. "Jim" Lane
Mayor

cc: Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director



City of Phoenix

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

July 22, 2015

The Honorable Jim Lane
Chair, MAG Regional Council
Maricopa Association of Governments
302 N. 1st Avenue, Suite 300
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Dear Mayor Lane,

I would like to express my interest in continuing to serve on the Maricopa Association of Governments Economic Development Committee as the Central City representative.

My current participation in MAG has allowed me to work to improve the quality of life for all residents of the region. I look forward to working in the cooperation with all MAG member agencies to address common regional concerns and to take a role in long-range regional issues.

If you would like to contact me with any questions, I can be reached at 602-262-7111.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Stanton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Greg Stanton
Mayor

cc: Dennis Smith, Maricopa Association of Governments
Seth Scott, Office of Mayor Greg Stanton
Tom Remes, Office of Government Relations



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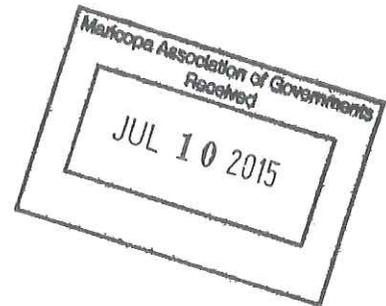
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Mayor
City of Glendale



July 7, 2015

Mayor Jim Lane
Chairman, Maricopa Association of Governments
302 North 1st Avenue, Suite 200
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Dear Mayor Lane:

I am writing to express my interest in being re-appointed as a member of the Economic Development Committee at the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG). I look forward to serving with you and other members of the Committee. Thank you very much for your consideration.

In your service,

Jerry P. Weiers
Mayor

CC: Dennis Smith, Executive Director
Brent Stoddard, Glendale Intergovernmental Programs Director



Maricopa County

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July 10, 2015

The Honorable Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane
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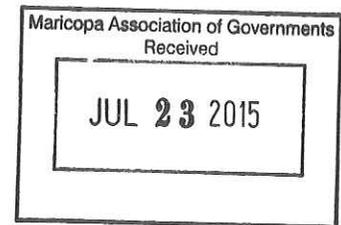
Dear Mayor Lane:

I am writing to request reappointment to serve as the Maricopa County representative on the MAG Economic Development Committee.

Sincerely,

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Andrew Kunasek
Maricopa County Board of Supervisors



July 21, 2015

Maricopa Association of Governments
302 North First Avenue, Suite 300
Phoenix, AZ 85003



RE: Economic Development Committee

Dear Members of the MAG Regional Council,

I am interested in maintaining my current position on the Economic Development Committee. I am excited that our regionally combined efforts have advanced the goals and objectives of the committee and I would like to accomplish even more.

My vision of regionalism, along with my continued direct experience in working to maintain and develop Maricopa's economic viability remains. I am very committed to continuing an active role to help keep us moving forward.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christian Price". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Christian Price
Mayor



Director's Office

Douglas A. Ducey, Governor
John S. Halikowski, Director
Scott Omer, Deputy Director for Operations
Kevin Biesty, Deputy Director for Policy
Dallas Hammit, Deputy Director for Transportation

Via Email

July 27, 2015

Honorable J.W. "Jim" Lane
Chairman, MAG Regional Council
302 N. 1st Avenue, Suite 200
Phoenix Arizona 85003

Subject: Reappointment for Sintra Hoffman to Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG)
Economic Development Committee

Dear Chairman Lane:

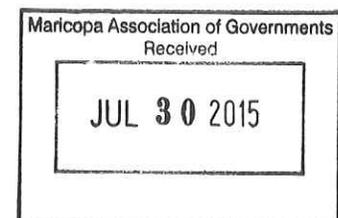
I am writing to express interest in representation of the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) on the MAG Economic Development Committee. I am designating Ms. Sintra Hoffman to represent ADOT. With her many years of experience in the areas of transportation, government, and economic development, Ms. Hoffman is well qualified to continue to represent the Department regarding economic development matters addressed by this committee. In the event her schedule does not allow her to attend the committee meetings, her backup will be Mr. Floyd Roehrich, Executive Officer.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

John S. Halikowski
ADOT Director

cc: Sintra Hoffman, ADOT, Assistant Division Director/Public Affairs
Dallas Hammit, ADOT, Deputy Director for Transportation/State Engineer
Brent Cain, ADOT, Deputy State Engineer/Urban Operations
Floyd Roehrich, ADOT, Executive Officer
Dennis Smith, Maricopa Association of Governments
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City of Peoria

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July 14, 2015

Mayor Jim Lane
Chair, MAG Regional Council
302 N. 1st Avenue, Suite 200
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Dear Mayor Lane,

I am writing to request reappointment to the Economic Development Committee of the Maricopa Association of Governments. As you know, this important committee serves as a nexus for the economic drivers of our region by connecting the business and government sectors in order to further the overall growth of our communities. These connections create opportunities for MAG to plan and implement key transportation infrastructure improvements that best serve the economic growth of the region.

The City of Peoria plays an important role in the overall economic development of the region generally and the West Valley specifically. As such, I look forward to continuing my service on this important committee in the coming year. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

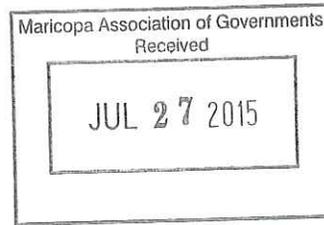
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Mayor
City of Peoria, AZ



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*From the Office of
Mayor
John W. Lewis*

July 22, 2015

The Honorable W.J. "Jim" Lane
Regional Council Chair
Maricopa Association of Governments
302 North 1st Avenue, Suite 300
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Dear Mayor Lane,

I respectfully write this letter to express my interest and desire to continue to serve on the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Economic Development Committee after the conclusion of my term as chairman. It will be a privilege and an honor to serve MAG and the committee as a member in one of the dedicated seats to the seven largest cities.

I have had the opportunity to serve on the MAG Economic Development Committee since it was first created in 2010. With my experience on this committee along with being involved with other economic development organizations, I have gained a strong understanding of the challenges facing the region to create jobs and grow our economy.

I believe my leadership skills, work ethic and experience will continue to enhance the committee's purpose of being "opportunity specific and action oriented" in furthering economic development opportunities.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

John W. Lewis
Mayor



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July 22, 2015

Mark W. Mitchell
Mayor

The Honorable Jim Lane
Chair, Regional Council Executive Committee
Maricopa Association of Governments
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Mayor Lane,

This letter is to express my interest in continuing to serve on the Economic Development Committee (EDC). I have been serving as a member of EDC for the past three years and would be honored to continue on the committee.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at (480) 350-8959.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mark W. Mitchell'.

Mark W. Mitchell,
Mayor

Cc: Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director
Andrew Ching, City Manager
Marge Zylla, Government Relations Officer



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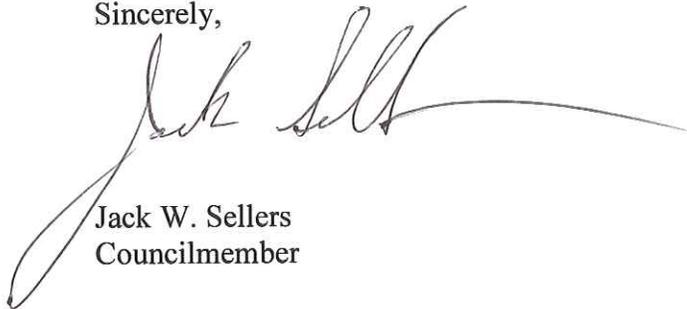
Dear Mayor Lane:

Please accept this letter as my expression of interest in being reappointed to the MAG Economic Development Committee.

I have served on the Economic Development Committee for several years. I believe strongly in the work this committee has been doing and want to continue to participate. My long history of involvement in both transportation and economic development activities in the East Valley and the region, as well as my service on this committee, will help bring continuity and experience to its work.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions about my interest in this position or need additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jack W. Sellers
Councilmember

cc: Mayor Jay Tibshraeny





TOWN OF
QUEEN CREEK
ARIZONA

July 20, 2015

Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane, Chair
MAG Regional Council
302 North 1st Avenue, Suite 300
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Dear Mayor Lane:

I write to respectfully request consideration to be reappointed to serve on the Economic Development Committee. I have had the privilege of serving as one of the at-large members of the Economic Development Committee for several years now. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served on this important regional group and look forward to additional opportunities to collaborate on regional economic development matters.

Given that MAG now has members from Pinal County, and as a mayor of a municipality with Town limits in both Maricopa and Pinal Counties, I am confident I would continue to be an asset to the membership of the Economic Development Committee. I have well established relationships with the Town of Florence, the City of Maricopa, and Pinal County.

I would be honored to continue serving on the Economic Development Committee member in the coming year. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need any additional information for this process. I can be reached at (480) 358-3000 or by e-mail at gail.barney@queencreek.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Barney".

Gail Barney
Mayor

CC: Dennis Smith, Executive Director, Maricopa Association of Governments



Town of FOUNTAIN HILLS

July 15, 2015

Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane
Chair of the Regional Council
Maricopa Association of Governments
302 North 1st Avenue Suite #200
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Dear Mayor Lane,

I am writing to communicate my interest in serving once again on the MAG Economic Development Committee as the representative for the East Valley.

I believe that this committee performs a valuable function and I feel fortunate to have been a part of it for the past year. As a Mayor of one of the smaller municipalities, I appreciate the opportunity to serve not only my town of Fountain Hills, but also the regional area as well.

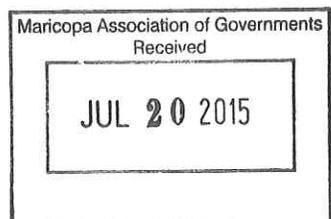
Over the years, I have gained considerable expertise and knowledge in the areas of both economic development and infrastructure through my research, attendance at meetings, interaction with staff and private sector interests and political action.

Therefore, I respectfully request reappointment to the MAG Economic Committee.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda M. Kavanagh".

Linda M. Kavanagh
Mayor





July 10, 2015

The Honorable Jim Lane
Chairman – MAG Economic Development Committee
Maricopa Association of Governments
302 North 1st Avenue, Suite 300
Phoenix, AZ 85004

RE: City of Goodyear Representative – MAG Economic Development Committee

Dear Mayor Lane:

I would like to take a moment of your time to express my interest in continuing to serve on the MAG Economic Development Committee. For your consideration, I am happy to share with you my past experience in local, regional and national groups that certainly correlate with the experience needed to serve on the MAG Economic Development Committee. In addition to over nine years serving the City of Goodyear as Councilmember, Vice Mayor and now Mayor, I served on the Board of Directors of the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC), the GPEC International Leadership Council and as Chair of the GPEC Ambassador Group. I also served as the Vice Chair of the Governor's Municipal Tax Code Commission from 2009-2011. I am also an active member of WESTMARC's Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

I strongly believe in the power of regionalism and coordination for the good of the entire valley. Capital investment and job creation are great motivators for collaboration and in my service on the EDC, I have witnessed what great work can be done with a group of people who share that view. I hope you will consider reappointing me to the Committee.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to seeing you again soon.

Sincerely,

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Georgia Lord
Mayor



July 14, 2015

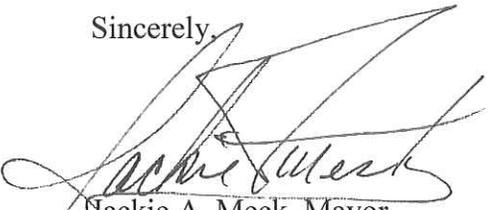
Mr. Dennis Smith
302 North 1st Avenue
Suite 300
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Dear Mr. Smith:

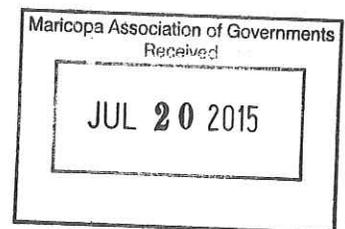
I am eager to continue my service as a member of the Maricopa Association of Government's Economic Development Committee. Please accept this letter as my formal commitment to a reappointment.

Please call or email me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Jackie A. Meck, Mayor
City of Buckeye





Office of the Mayor

July 15, 2015



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Honorable Mayor W. J. "Jim" Lane
Chairman MAG Regional Council
302 N. 1st Avenue | Suite 200
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Dear Chairman Lane:

Please accept this letter as an expression of my interest to continue to serve as a member on the MAG Economic Development Committee. I have served as Mayor of Litchfield Park since 2006 and have served on the EDC since its inception. I would value the opportunity to extend my service to the Economic Development Committee.

Over the last 35 years, I have actively served on numerous Boards, Commissions, and Committees for the community, region, and state. My formal education includes a Bachelor of Science in Engineering and a Juris Doctor from the University of Notre Dame.

I believe my education and experience in local and regional issues will provide a wealth of resources to draw upon and will prove to be very beneficial to the Economic Development Committee.

If you have any further questions, please contact me.

Respectfully,



Thomas L. Schoaf
Mayor



July 26, 2015

Mayor Jim Lane
Regional Council Executive Committee Chair
Maricopa Association of Governments
302 North 1st Avenue
Suite 300
Phoenix, AZ 85003

RE: MAG Economic Development Committee

Dear Mayor Lane:

This letter is to express my interest in serving on the MAG Economic Development Committee.

I have a long history of local and statewide community service and advocacy, including serving as Vice Chair of the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and serving on the executive committee of the Phoenix Business and Workforce Development Commission. Additionally, I serve on the WESTMARC Board of Directors where I am involved in the Education Issues Joint Committee.

I respectfully ask that the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee supports my request for membership on the Economic Development Committee. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 623.333.1916 or lsierra@avondale.org.

Sincerely,

Lorenzo Sierra
Councilmember, City of Avondale



The Honorable Sharon Wolcott
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July 14, 2015



Maricopa Association of Governments
Regional Council Chair
302 N. 1st Avenue, Suite 200
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Chairman Lane:

Please accept this letter of interest and my desire to continue serving on the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Economic Development Committee (EDC).

For the past two years, I have served as a member for the Maricopa Association of Governments on the Regional Council, Transportation Policy Committee and the Economic Development Committee. I have an extensive background and experience in developing public policy in the areas of transportation and economic development. I recognize the importance of the committee in setting the stage for Arizona's economic recovery, particularly in Maricopa County.

I thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon R. Wolcott".

Sharon R. Wolcott
Mayor, City of Surprise

cc: Dennis Smith, Executive Director, MAG



City of Apache Junction

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July 14, 2015

Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane
Chairman, Maricopa Association of Governments Regional Council
302 North 1st Avenue, Suite 300
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Dear Mayor Lane,

I am writing to express my interest in serving as a representative on the Economic Development Committee at the Maricopa Association of Governments. The City of Apache Junction is committed to economic development at the local and regional levels. I believe this is evident in Apache Junction's continued commitment to and involvement in organizations like GPEC, AAED, East Valley Partnership and Pinal Partnership, and of course, MAG. Also, our city council's recent efforts in joining and playing an active role on the Phoenix Mesa Gateway Airport Authority Board has brought us to the table as a decision maker for one of the largest economic engines in the east valley.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to serving with you on the committee if granted that opportunity.

Sincerely,

Robin Barker
Vice Mayor



TOWN OF CAREFREE

July 20, 2015

The Honorable Mayor, W.J. "Jim" Lane
Chairman, MAG Regional Council
302 N. 1st Ave, Ste 300
Phoenix, AZ 85003

SUBJECT: SOLICITATION OF NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBER AGENCY ELECTED OFFICIAL POSITIONS ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Dear Mayor W.J. "Jim" Lane,

I am writing to express my interest to serve on the Maricopa Association of Governments Economic Development Committee. I would be honored to join this committee and submitted a previous letter of interest in 2014.

It has been a privilege to serve on MAG Regional Council as a representative of the Town of Carefree. During my tenure, I have attended each MAG Trade Delegation Mission to Sonora and participated in those bi-regional events.

I believe my participation would add value to the committee given my education, experience and involvement as the Co-Chair of Carefree Economic Development Committee and subsequent engagement of the ULI's AZ Technical Assistance Panel (TAP), and the Michael Baker International Master Plan Study, as well as retain Mr. Steve Betts to be our community's P3 development advisor.

By profession, I am a developer/commercial broker with Colliers International and a member of Urban Land Institute (ULI), Valley Partnership, The Phoenix Committee on Foreign Relations (PCFR), International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC), and I also hold degrees in the following; M.I.M., Thunderbird School of Global Management, and International M.B.A. from the Helsinki School of Economics in Finland, and B.S. International Economics from Northern Arizona University.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Farrar
Town Councilman



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July 6, 2015

Mr. Michael LeVault
Chair, MAG Regional Council
Maricopa Association of Governments
302 North 1st Avenue, Suite 300
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Dear Mr. LeVault:

As requested in your letter of June 15, 2015, I am pleased to name Dr. Randy Kimmens, Maricopa Community Colleges' Director for the Center for Workforce Development, to the Maricopa Association of Governments, Economic Development Committee.

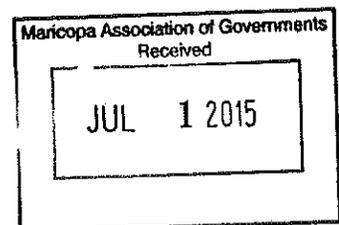
Dr. Kimmens' experience and expertise will bring an additional perspective on workforce and economic development in the MAG region to the committee.

Thank you for including representation from the Maricopa Community Colleges on MAG's Economic Development Committee and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Rufus Glasper, Ph.D., CPA
Chancellor

cc: Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director
Denise McClafferty, Regional Program Manager
Randy Kimmens, Director, Center for Workforce Development



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July 21, 2015

Mr. Michael LeVault, Chair
MAG Regional Council
Maricopa Association of Governments
302 North 1st Avenue, Suite 300
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Dear Mr. LeVault,

Ref: MAG Economic Development Committee (EDC)

Please accept this letter as my recommendation to appoint **West-MEC Superintendent, Dr. Gregory Donovan**, to join you as a member of MAG's Economic Development Committee Council. I assure you Dr. Donovan will be a great addition to this committee and will provide great insight in the capacity as a JTED representative.

Thank you again for including representation from the Joint Technical Education Districts. I look forward to hearing back from you regarding your final decision. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (602) 506-3661.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Donald D. Covey,
Maricopa County Superintendent of Schools

Cc: Dr. Gregory Donovan, Superintendent, West-MEC