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**AGENDA ITEM 5b**  
**HCAOG Board Meeting**  
**March 21, 2024**

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DATE: March 12, 2024  
TO: HCAOG Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)  
FROM: Beth Burks, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: **SSTAC Membership Appointments and Terminations**

**STAFF REPORT**

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**Staff's Recommended Action:**

Motion to be approved by consent:

“The PAC recommends that the HCAOG Board update the SSTAC membership roster as follows: Add Peggy Martinez as the representative of potential transit users with a disability; Add Carol Moné as a public representative for the Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities; remove Gavin Smiley; and remove the Blue Lake Rancheria Transit System.”

**Staff Summary:**

Two candidates are seeking appointments to the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC). The SSTAC reviewed the applications statements and recommended the HCAOG Board appoint Peggy Martinez as the representative for potential transit users with a disability and Carol Moné as public member representing the Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities. Peggy is replacing the seat that has been vacant for several years as Gavin Smiley from Humboldt Council of the Blind has not been in attendance. Carol would take the place of Keenan Hilton who stepped down in October 2023. Staff recommends the appointment of Peggy and Carol as both individuals are knowledgeable about public transit and transportation issues and have demonstrated commitment to public service. The following interest statements are provided as the application for membership.

**Interest statements**

*Greetings:*

*My interest in becoming an SSTAC member is to elevate the needs of transit riders with disabilities, youth, seniors, nondrivers, and all other riders. I have been a local transit rider for many years and greatly value this essential service. I believe that a robust and reliable regional and connected transit system can contribute greatly to the realization of goals such as education, employment, recreation, errands etc., and I wish to contribute my knowledge and experience to its continued development.*

*Sincerely,  
Peggy Martinez, ADAC*

*My interest in serving on the SSTAC, as a representative of the Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities, is to forward CRTP's mission to promote transportation solutions which protect and support environmental, human, community and economic health here on the north coast. I will be taking Keenan's place as a public member.*

*Carol Moné*

Additionally, staff is recommending removal of the Blue Lake Rancheria Transit System seat on the SSTAC. Staff reached out to Blue Lake Rancheria and they confirmed they will no longer be using their agency seat on the SSTAC as they are no longer providing public transit. Removing the seat will assist with meeting quorums. The bylaws section 4.07 states that a member is removed effective on the date that the HCAOG Board approves, in a public meeting, a written Notice of Termination from the SSTAC Chair. Notices of Termination are included with this Staff Report.