

Notice of Candidacy for Ventura County Transportation Commission Citizen Representative Commissioner

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I am very interested in being considered for the position of Ventura County Transportation Commission Citizen Representative Commissioner. I feel that I bring to the Commission three significant qualifications.

First, having been the Director of Transit for VCTC for approximately 15 years, ending in 2015, I have talked to hundreds of County residents over their concerns regarding the availability and quality of transportation in the county. These discussions were through a variety of means, including the annual unmet needs process, but also by taking hundreds of phone calls - often by people who had complaints with the existing service. This gives me a significant level of insight into what worked, what didn't work, and what at least some of the population felt was needed. While I have not been in that situation since 2015, I feel I can still represent some of the concerns that exist, and understand the related information the staff brings to the Commission.

Second, I have a very strong knowledge of both the various parts of the County and the transit providers. I have either worked for or lived in the Cities of Ventura, Oxnard, Thousand Oaks, and Simi Valley, in addition to my work for VCTC, and much earlier, the County of Ventura (both Mental Health and Planning Departments). I also served three terms on the Ventura County Grand Jury, which gives me additional insights into the various cities - beyond the transportation realm. Several years after retirement, I also served on the VCTC Citizens' Transportation Advisory Committee, and have continued to keep in communication with many of the staff of the transit providers in the County, sharing information about funding opportunities and new state and federal requirements.

While I have feel for some of the county residents, I also have a good understanding of the funding and regulatory constraints which the cities face in dealing with the cities have.

Third, I have a deep interest and involvement in transportation. I spent over 50 years as a transportation professional, working for regional agencies and cities. I have been responsible for traffic engineering and operations, freeway call boxes, highway funding, transit funding and operations. I also taught 20 quarter classes in transportation planning at both Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Cal State University Long Beach as a

part-time faculty member, while also team teaching 3-day classes in Regional Transportation Planning for the UC Institute of Transportation Studies (ITS).

Since retiring, I have continued to be involved in the transportation world, attending most of the California Transit Association annual conferences, and keeping up an active involvement in a number of different Transportation Research Board Committees, dealing with diverse issues including Commuter Rail, Transportation and Economic Development, Transit Standards, and the update to the Highway Capacity Manual.

Because I am retired, I have the time to commit to the activities of the VCTC, and whatever outside committees the Commission would have me serve on.

I have attached a copy of my resume.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victor N. Kamhi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Victor" being the most prominent part.

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RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

February 2020 to Simi Valley Transit Department

2024 intermittent **Senior Administrative Analyst, Transit (Temporary)** – Assisted the Department in the grants and finance while a vacancy existed. Prepared and amended FTA grants using TrAMIS. Assist in complying with new state and federal mandates. Assisted in training the new staff.

July 2016 to Ventura County (CIVIL) Grand Jury.

July 2018 **Grand Jury Member**– Service as member of the 2016-2018 Ventura County Grand Jury. Investigate ways to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of government services and operations. Write reports for use of the various government agencies and provide information to the public regarding possible improvements.

August 2000 to Ventura County Transportation Commission.

October 2015 **Director of Bus Transit** – Manage and supervise the transit activities of the Ventura County Transportation Commission, including countywide transit organization/reorganization study, short range transit planning, operation of the VISTA fixed route and dial-a-ride services, development of the coordinated paratransit plan, the Countywide smartcard program, and transit information and customer services. Additional responsibilities include supervision of the Transportation Development Act funding to all transit operators in the county, the annual Unmet Transit Needs review process, and coordination of transit activities in the county and with adjoining counties. Worked with Caltrans on State transit funding issues.

February 1989 Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Previously LACTC)

to August 2000 **Program Manager IV** - Manage Revenue Development Section of Capital Planning Division. Responsible for the RTIP, analysis of legislation and policy actions on transportation revenues, and representing the MTA to the CTC and other county, regional, and state agencies. Additional activities at the MTA include the planning, organization, and development of multimodal solutions to mobility problems in Los Angeles County. Served as Regional Agencies Moderator, and assisted in the development of the current STIP legislation. Developed the ISTEA Surface Transportation Program for the “Call for Projects” and Combined Program evaluation methodology.  
**Southeast Area Team Director** - Was responsible for working with jurisdictions to develop coordinated and cooperative projects and funding, especially in Southwest Los Angeles County. Other responsibilities have included the countywide HOV program, CMP development, the freeway call box system (SAFE), Blue Line station improvements, and development of feeder bus service to the Metro Blue Line through contract arrangement with both local operators and private providers. Represented MTA at the SCAG and Statewide air conformity working groups, and served on the state task force to develop CMP Guidelines. On team that developed Prop C (LA Metro’s second successful transportation Sales Tax measure).

March 1988 to City of Walnut Creek Community Development Department.

February 1989 **Transportation Administrator** - Responsible for the management of the Traffic and Transportation Division. Supervise a staff of seven in a variety of tasks including the planning and implementation of traffic operations, TSM, parking, and transportation

services for the city, including coordination with BART and CCTA transit services. Serve as secretary to the City Transportation Commission, including preparation of agendas. On team that developed Measure C (Contra Costa first successful transportation Sales Tax measure).

- July 1984 to  
March 1988      City of Oxnard Public Works Department  
**Senior Transportation Planner** - Serve as principal staff to the Planning Commission and City Council regarding transportation planning and improvements. Serve as City's representative to technical transportation committees for South Coast Area Transit, Ventura County Association of Governments, and other state and regional agencies. Developed and implemented citywide traffic impact fee and TSM conditions for new projects. Worked extensively with Caltrans on development and design of projects. Served on VC APCD Task Force to develop TCMs and TDM actions for the AQMP.
- July 1979 to  
July 1984      San Luis Obispo County Area Planning Council  
**Transportation Planning Program Manager** - Manage a small regional transportation planning program. Prepare the annual budget and work program for Area Council and Caltrans approval. Staff the Area Council and Transportation Advisory Committees. Hire and supervise a staff of three to six employees. Responsibilities include preparation of Regional Transportation Plans, RTIP/STIP, transit planning and implementation, including activities leading to the development of new local community transit providers and improved coordination and consolidation of some of the existing services, grant preparation, implementation of a countywide ridesharing program, and preparation of other plans and reports for all modes. Represent Area Council before CTC and state agencies, city councils, and Board of Supervisors.
- November 1974  
to July 1979      Southern California Association of Governments  
**Regional Transportation Planner** - Research and prepare reports and recommendations for SCAG Policy and Advisory Committees. Specific areas of responsibility included elements of the 1979 AQMP, several RTPs, energy conservation plans, trucking and goods movement, and transit safety and security planning.
- November 1971  
to Nov. 1974      Ventura County Planning Department  
**Associate Planner** - Manage the Countywide Overall Economic Development Plan program. Prepare various reports, plan and studies, including general plans, circulation elements, water and sewerage facilities plans, park and bikeway plans, EIRs, Airport Land use study, and background census/demographic studies.
- November 1970  
to Nov. 1971      Ventura County Mental Health Department  
**Administrative Aide** - Prepared and supervised the Department's line item and program budgets, prepared grant applications and monitored funds. Supervised accounting, personnel, and purchasing functions of the Department. I was "borrowed" by the County Executive to prepare the first county Economic Development Plan and CETA Grant Application.
- June 1970 to  
November 1970  
(also paid  
intern, 6/69  
to 9/69)      Riverside County Planning Department  
**Planner I** (Temporary Contract) - Prepared portions of the Countywide sewerage and water facility Master Plan, including development of a composite land use plan. Work with various special districts and cities on facilities plans.

Sept 1999- Santa Barbara City Office of Civil Defense  
January 2000 **Student Intern**, prepared Transportation Annex of city disaster plan.

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

- Served as a member of the California Transportation Commission's Technical Advisory Committee on Aeronautics (TACA) (1991-1997); appointed by the CTC.
- Consultant, Ventura County Regional Criminal Justice Planning Board 1970-71
- Lecturer for the University of California Institute of Transportation Studies for over a decade.
- Past adjunct faculty at CSULB graduate public administration department and Cal Poly SLO department of city and regional planning (20 years).
- VCTC CTAC 2019-2023
- VCAPCD Hearing Board 2023- to date

**EDUCATION**

- UCLA Anderson Graduate School of Management – Organizational Leadership Program
- University of Southern California - Masters in Public Administration, 1980. Certificate in Environmental Planning, 1975
- University of California at Santa Barbara - Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, 1970.

Other course work includes classes by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Caltrans, the Institute of Transportation Studies/UC Extension, and the UCLA Anderson School of Business (certificate).

**COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

**Transportation Research Board**

*(Committees have been consolidated, active on the successor committees)*

Committee on Metropolitan Policy, Planning, and Processes (ADA20). Member: (2012 to date)  
Self-Powered Rail Car Technologies Subcommittee (APO70(1)). Member: (2007 –to date)  
Committee on Transit Capacity and Quality of Service (APO15). Member: (2009 to date)  
Committee on Transportation and Economic Development (ADD10). Member: (2002-2011)  
Committee on Transit Management and Performance (AP010). Member: (2005-2011)

**Other Memberships and Activities**

Member, VCTC Citizen's Transportation Advisory Committee (2020-2024)  
Member, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District Hearing Board (January 2022-2025)  
Member, Ventura County Grand Jury 2016-2018  
Past Member of the California Transit Association (CTA) Executive Committee.  
Past moderator for the California Regional Transportation Planning Agencies Group.  
Past Secretary for the LA Chapter of the Institute of Transportation Engineers.

**Military Service**

US Army Reserve, Honorable Discharge 1973.