Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority

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**DATE:** August 6, 2026

**TO:** Governing Board

**FROM:** Joaquin T. Siques, Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of Treasurer and Auditor

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**RECOMMENDATION:**
It is recommended that the Governing Board (1) Accept Alex Hernandez's letter of resignation effective August 31, 2026; and (2) Appoint, pursuant to the City of Pasadena's recommendation, Kristina Gerber as the AVCJPA Treasurer and Auditor effective September 1, 2026.

**BACKGROUND:**
Mr. Hernandez accepted a position in the City Manager's Office for the City of Pasadena in June 2024. Since that time, he has assumed different projects and responsibilities that lessen his availability to continue service as the Treasurer for the AVCJPA. Mr. Hernandez submitted a letter of resignation effective August 31, 2026 which requires the Governing Board to designate a new Treasurer.

As the City of Pasadena continues to manage the administrative functions of the AVCJPA, it is recommended that the position of Treasurer also remain with Pasadena. This ensures coordination and collaboration with the Executive Director and Board Clerk on Governing Board meeting materials, maintains separation of duties for financial management and oversight, and allows for a smooth transition of financial files and documents.

To this end, it is recommended that Kristina Gerber be appointed to the position of Treasurer for the AVCJPA. Ms. Gerber joined the City of Pasadena as the Management Analyst V in the Administration Division of the Department of Transportation, a role previously held by Mr. Hernandez. She has several years of financial management experience and currently works with Metro on several grant funded capital projects and quarterly financial reports.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**
The AVCJPA secured a public official bond in July 2021 for Alex Hernandez as the Treasurer with an annual cost of $420. A change in the Treasurer designating Kristina Gerber will require a new bond to be issued at a potential cost of up to $420. The FY27 budget can absorb this expense based on budget available for insurance costs.

Attachments:
A – Letter of Resignation from Mr. Alex Hernandez

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July 28, 2026

Honorable Chair and Board Members
Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority
221 E. Walnut St, Ste 210
Pasadena, CA 91101

Dear Honorable Chair and Governing Board Members,

Effective August 31, 2026, I will be resigning from my position as Treasurer for the AVCJPA. It was an honor to be of service to the Governing Board and member agencies. I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

Alexander Hernandez
Treasurer