

Communication from Public

Name: Joe Goldman

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 05:51 PM

Council File No: 22-1200-S4

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, As a native Angeleno and lifelong civic activist, I wish to enthusiastically support the nomination of Mr. Vahid Khorsand to the Board of Public Works. I have the privilege of serving alongside him in the Coro LEAD LA Fellowship for mid-career professionals, where I have seen his commitment to civic leadership on full display. Mr. Khorsand has long empowered Angelenos to gain access to the core direct services that make our city work. Whether serving as the Deputy Director of Planning & Land Use for Councilmember Bob Blumenfield to years of great success in the private sector, Mr. Khorsand brings the skillset and acumen appropriate for a governing body responsible for design, construction, renovation, and operation of public projects ranging from bridges to wastewater treatment plants and libraries; curbside collection and graffiti removal; and maintenance of streets, sidewalks, sewers, streetlights, and street trees. A former refugee from Iran, Mr. Khorsand knows the necessity of maintaining a city that remains welcoming not just in its words, but in its deeds. And I know that Mr. Khorsand would approach this work with the diligence and humility of a public servant worthy of our great city, not as some unqualified political hack. I have worked with many politicians and civic leaders in my career; I've met many more. Without question, Mr. Khorsand is one of the few I wholly trust with this position that so heavily controls the management of my beloved city. Sincerely, Joe Goldman Brentwood Resident, Los Angeles

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Name: Debbie Decker

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Comments for Public Posting: I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Khorsand for a few years now. First as a representative at Mayor Garcetti's office and then again while a staffer for LA City Council Member, Bob Blumenfield. Vahid has always been efficient, effective, and exceptionally good at communicating with the community. In both the Mayor's office and at the CD3 office, one of Vahid's many projects was to get all the nonprofits together via Zoom so we could share resources and challenges. As the leader of a nonprofit, I have found he has a heart for the marginalized. To me, this is an asset to any government job. I have every faith that Mr. Khorsand will be an asset to Public Works. That being said, we will all be sorry to see him leave CD3. He will be sorely missed in our district but sincerely hope he can continue to use his many talents at Public Works. Debbie Decker Executive Director & COO West Valley Food Pantry, Woodland Hills

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Name: Fred Gaines

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable City Council Members - I write to you as Board Chair of The Valley Economic Alliance in strong support of the nomination of Vahid Khorsand to the Board of Public Works. Mr. Khorsand has been active with the Alliance through his work with both the Mayor's Office and as a representative of City Council Member Bob Blumenfield. His support and assistance to the Alliance has been invaluable as we have worked to implement our economic recovery strategic plan over these past two years. He has been a wonderful liaison between our organization and the City, and more importantly a key advisor and strategist in our efforts to provide business assistance, job placement, neighborhood revitalization and economic development services throughout the greater San Fernando Valley region. His responsiveness and communication skills have been a great asset to our programs. We highly recommend that you approve this outstanding nominee. Thank you for your attention to this matter. If I can provide any additional information or assistance, please let me know. Fred Gaines, Chair The Valley Economic Alliance

Communication from Public

Name: Marian Jocz

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Sir | Madam, I have had the honor of working with Vahid Khorsand on several events | projects over the years. When Vahid says he will do something he does it and I have never had to follow up. He has brought us many great ideas and has always looked to improve our small businesses and communitites. I would work with him on any idea, project or event if he asks.
Thank you,

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Name: Behrooz A.Khan

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Comments for Public Posting: I'd like to sincerely congratulate city residents for the mayor's significant nomination of Vahid Khorsand: An outstandingly bright and collaborative person, with a proven track record of amazing care for the community and very happy to be witnessing his exciting journey of continued public service.