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## Jack Hadjinian Becomes Chairperson of Alameda Corridor East Construction Authority for Second Term

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Pictured left to right: Mark Christoffels (ACE-CEO), Jack Hadjinian and Phil Hawkeye (Executive Director of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments & former City Manager of Pasadena)

MONTEBELLO — Montebello Councilman Jack Hadjinian appointed by unanimous vote to serve as Chairman of the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority for a 2nd term. San Gabriel Councilwoman Julie Costanzo was also confirmed to serve for a 2nd term as Vice-Chair.

Representatives from the Cities of Alhambra, El Monte, Pomona and San Gabriel cast votes in support of Hadjinian & Costanzo. Supervisor Antonovich and a representative from the City of Industry were absent.

The Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) Construction Authority is a single purpose construction authority established by the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments in 1998 to implement a construction program intended to mitigate the adverse impacts at rail-roadway crossings in the San Gabriel Valley of increasing rail traffic along the nationally significant ACE Trade Corridor. Train counts through the Valley are projected to nearly double by the year 2035 as increasing numbers of freight trains carry freight to and from the nation's busiest container ports in the San Pedro Bay.

The Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority operates a budget of \$1.6 billion dollars and is currently in its busiest phase. Eight grade separations are under construction with four grade separations and pedestrian crossing safety program at four crossings starting in two years. Jump Start safety improvements have been completed at 40 at-grade crossings.

The ACE Project is a comprehensive program of constructing grade separations, where the road goes over or under the railroad, and safety and mobility upgrades at 53 crossings in the San Gabriel Valley. Construction has been completed on 8 rail-roadway grade separations.

The Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, San Gabriel Economic Partnership, Foothill Transit, and Foothill Gold Line will head to Washington D.C. in March for an annual conference which will coincide with the ANCA's Fly-in event.