

## Jack Hadjinian Elected Chairman of Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority Board



Members of the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority Board, from left, Industry Mayor Tim Spohn, El Monte Councilwoman Norma Macias, San Gabriel Councilwoman and ACE Board Vice Chair Juli Costanzo, Montebello Mayor and ACE Board Chair Jack Hadjinian, Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich, Pomona Mayor Elliott Rothman and Alhambra Councilwoman Barbara Messina.

EL MONTE, Calif.—Montebello Mayor Jack Hadjinian was unanimously elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority (ACE) at a regular Board meeting Monday. The seven-member Board oversees the nearly \$1.7 billion ACE program of constructing underpasses, bridges and other safety improvements at congested and hazardous rail-roadway crossings in eastern Los Angeles County.

“I appreciate the confidence of my colleagues and I look forward to leading our efforts as more ACE projects move into construction and ultimately open to traffic,” said Hadjinian, 37, the first Armenian-American to serve as mayor of the City of Montebello. “The ACE rail-roadway grade

separations are a transportation priority for our region and yield important benefits to our communities by eliminating crossing collisions, silencing train horn noise and significantly reducing vehicle delays and emissions at crossings.”

First elected to the Montebello City Council in 2011, Hadjinian was appointed to the ACE Board in 2012.

Unanimously elected to serve as Vice Chair was San Gabriel City Councilwoman Juli Costanzo, a 12-year member of the San Gabriel City Council who was appointed to the ACE Board in 2008. “I look forward to continuing to work closely with ACE as its largest single project, the San Gabriel Trench, is constructed in the City of San Gabriel,” Costanzo said.

Elected officials from the cities of El Monte, Industry, Montebello, San Gabriel, Pomona, the County of Los Angeles and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments serve on the seven-member ACE Board.