

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chair Phyllis J. Randall and Members
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

FROM: Monica Backmon, Executive Director

DATE: July 2, 2020

SUBJECT: Appointment of New Member to the NVTA Council of Counsels

1. **Purpose:** To seek Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) approval of Daniel Robertson as a member of the NVTA Council of Counsels.
2. **Suggested Motion:** *I move approval of the appointment of Daniel Robertson as a member of the NVTA Council of Counsels.*
3. **Background:** The Council of Counsels was established by the Authority on July 12, 2007, Resolution 07-08. Ellen Posner (Fairfax County), who has been a member of the Council of Counsels from its inception, is retiring from County employment and will relinquish her position on the Council. Fairfax County Attorney, Elizabeth D. Teare, has selected Daniel Robinson, Assistant County Attorney, to act as Fairfax County's representative on the Council of Counsels.
4. **Responsibilities:** The Council of Counsels provides legal counsel and advice, legal support, and legal services and representation to the NVTA. The Council of Counsels shall neither be employed nor compensated by the NVTA and shall remain employees of their respective member jurisdictions.

Attachment:

- A. Letter from Fairfax County Attorney, Elizabeth D. Teare, requesting Daniel Robertson's appointment



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Ms. Monica Backmon, Executive Director
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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Dear Ms. Backmon:

In 2007, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors authorized the County Attorney's office to participate on the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority's Council of Counsels. A copy of the summary of the Board's May 21, 2007 authorization is enclosed with this letter. Ellen Posner was the attorney selected by the County Attorney at that time and she has continued to serve in that position.

As you know, Ms. Posner is retiring from County employment soon and will relinquish her position on the Council. In order to ensure continuity on the Council, and in accordance with the authority given to the County Attorney by our Board on May 21, 2007, I have selected Daniel Robinson, Assistant County Attorney, to act as Fairfax County's representative on the Council. Mr. Robinson has been with our office for many years and possesses the necessary legal skills and expertise to provide advice to the NVTA.

I respectfully request that you advise the NVTA of my choice for our representative and place a matter on the NVTA agenda for the July 9, 2020 meeting to allow the NVTA members to vote on the appointment of Mr. Robinson to the Council.

Thank you very much for your generous assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth D. Teare
County Attorney