

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 4, 2020

AGENDA NO. 10

PROPOSAL: Appoint Alternate Medical Member to Hearing Board

SYNOPSIS: On June 7, 2019, the Governing Board directed staff to recruit for the vacant Alternate Medical Member position on the South Coast AQMD Hearing Board. Twelve applications were submitted between July 2019 through April 2020, with two candidates meeting the required qualifications. As required by state law, an appointed Hearing Board Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) reviewed the application materials for both candidates. The Advisory Committee agreed to waive their interview of the candidates and recommended that the candidates move forward for interviews with the Governing Board's Administrative Committee. The Administrative Committee interviewed the candidates at its August 14, 2020 meeting. This action is to appoint the Alternate Medical Member to fill the unexpired term ending June 30, 2022.

COMMITTEE: Administrative, August 14, 2020; Recommended for Approval

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Appoint Karin C. Li, MD as the Alternate Medical Member to the South Coast AQMD Hearing Board effective September 4, 2020 to fill the unexpired term ending June 30, 2022.

Wayne Nastri  
Executive Officer

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**Background**

The Hearing Board is a quasi-judicial body appointed by, but acting independently of, the Governing Board. Pursuant to state law, the Hearing Board consists of one engineer, one attorney, one medical professional and two public members. An alternate member is appointed for each position to serve in the absence of the regular member.

Health and Safety Code Section 40501.1(b), specifies that a Hearing Board Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) appointed by each of the Governing Board members that represent the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino, and the City of Los Angeles review candidates and make recommendations to the appropriate Governing Board committee for appointments to the Hearing Board (The appropriate Governing Board standing committee is the Administrative Committee which will make a recommendation to the full Board).

At its May 10, 2019 meeting, the Administrative Committee recommended that the Governing Board reappoint Dr. Roger Lerner as the Medical Member, and appoint Dr. Allan Bernstein as the Alternate Medical Member, for the term commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022. Subsequent to the May Administrative Committee meeting, Dr. Lerner passed away and the Governing Board appointed Dr. Allan Bernstein as the Medical Member at the June 7, 2019 meeting and directed staff to recruit for an Alternate Medical Member.

The recruitment announcement for the Alternate Medical Member position was opened from July 2019 through April 2020. It was advertised and posted on South Coast AQMD website, general and professional job boards/websites and social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram). Additionally, letters were sent to medical associations, departments of public health for Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties and the American Lung Association; through direct contact with medical professionals; and the recruitment announcement was distributed at the Taste of Soul Family Festival in Los Angeles in October 2019.

Between July 2019 and April 2020, 12 applications/resumes were submitted. Of the 12 applications/resumes received, nine did not qualify (were not licensed physicians); one was incomplete; and two qualified. The following two candidates qualified: Dr. Karin C. Li and Dr. Diego Ivan Kriger. The application materials for both candidates were sent to the Advisory Committee for review. After reviewing the application materials, the Advisory Committee agreed to waive their interview of the candidates and referred them to the Administrative Committee for interviews.

### **Proposal**

After interviewing each candidate at their August 14, 2020 meeting, the Administrative Committee recommended that the Board appoint Dr. Karin C. Li to the South Coast AQMD Hearing Board as the Alternate Medical Member for the term that commenced July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022. Dr. Li was contacted to advise of the Administrative Committee's recommendation and she indicated her willingness to serve. The following is a summary of Dr. Li's qualifications.

**Karin C. Li, MD** – A physician specializing in Internal Medicine Primary Care for 13 years with a private practice in Eastvale, California since 2012. Dr. Li attended Pomona College where she was chosen and spent a semester studying abroad at Oxford University, England. After graduating magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics, she attended the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Upon graduating in 2004 from the University of Pittsburgh, she was awarded the Dean's Biomedical Research Fellowship Grant and spent one year conducting research on paraganglioma tumor mutations using genetic sequencing under the mentorship of Professor Jeffrey Kant at the Department of Pathology. Dr. Li returned to Southern California and completed a residency in internal medicine at Kaiser Permanente, Los Angeles. In 2007, she joined the Southern California Permanente Medical Group at the Baldwin Park campus and was promoted to partner physician in 2012. As someone who values independence and entrepreneurship, Dr. Li started her own private practice in 2012. She also holds a faculty position at the University of California, Riverside, School of Medicine as an Assistant Clinical Professor and considers it a special privilege to teach our future generation of physicians in Southern California.

### **Fiscal Impacts**

Sufficient funds are budgeted each year to compensate those who serve on the Hearing Board.