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## Bonnie Lowenthal Appointed to California High-Speed Rail Authority Board of Directors

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** – Today, the California High-Speed Rail Authority Board Director Chair Dan Richard issued the following statement regarding Ms. Bonnie Lowenthal’s appointment to the Board of Directors by Speaker of the Assembly Toni G. Atkins.

“We thank Speaker Atkins for the appointment of Bonnie Lowenthal to the Authority Board. Ms. Lowenthal has been a constant champion of high-speed rail and California’s entire statewide passenger rail system. Throughout her career, she has worked to proactively address our state’s long-term environmental, economic and mobility needs. The Authority is fortunate to have Ms. Lowenthal and her vast experience on board as we move this transformative project forward,” said Board Chair Dan Richard.

Bonnie Lowenthal was elected to represent Assembly District 54 (subsequently Assembly District 70) in 2008 after serving two terms on the Long Beach City Council, two terms on the Long Beach Unified School District, and on the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Ms. Lowenthal was appointed chair of the Assembly Committee on Transportation in 2010 by then-Speaker John A. Perez, becoming ex-officio member of the California Transportation Commission, where she oversaw public investment in highway, passenger rail and transportation projects. Ms. Lowenthal termed out of the Assembly in 2014.

Her compensation is \$100 per diem not to exceed \$500 in one calendar month, plus actual travel expenses incurred in attending to the business of the Authority.

Bonnie Lowenthal replaces Vice-Chair Thea Selby effective January 27.

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