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*Note to editors: A digital photograph of Ed Chavez is available upon request.*

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## FORMER STATE ASSEMBLYMEMBER SEATED ON METROPOLITAN BOARD

Former state Assemblyman Ed Chavez was seated today as a member of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Chavez represents the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District on Metropolitan's 37-member board. He succeeds Anthony Fellow, who had served on the Metropolitan board since February 2010 as well as from February 1993 to February 2009.

Metropolitan board Chairman John V. Foley named Chavez to the board's Engineering and Operations Committee, and the Real Property and Asset Management Committee.

Elected to Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's Board of Directors in 2008, Chavez represents all or part of Avocado Heights, Bassett, City of Industry, Hacienda Heights, La Puente, North Whittier, Spy Glass Hill, Valinda and West Covina. He currently chairs the board's Legislative and Government Affairs Committee and is a member of the Conservation & Education Committee. He serves as USGVMWD's representative to the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority and Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster.

Prior to joining USGVMWD's board, Chavez was elected to the California State Assembly, where he served three two-year terms, from 2000 to 2006. He also has served on the staffs of former Assemblymembers Sally Tanner and Martin Gallegos.

Chavez previously was elected to the La Puente City Council, where he also served as mayor. He also was the youngest elected member of the Bassett Unified School District's Board of Education. Early in his career, Chavez was a teacher in the San Gabriel Valley, where he taught at Bassett Adult School, Pioneer High School, Claremont High School and schools in the Hacienda-La Puente Unified School District.

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Born in La Puente, Chavez has a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Los Angeles and an associate's degree from Rio Hondo Community College. He also earned a teacher's credential from Claremont Graduate University and an adult teaching credential from California State University, Los Angeles.

Chavez and his wife, Renee, also a former La Puente city councilmember and mayor, have a son, Robert.

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*The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a cooperative of 26 cities and water agencies serving nearly 19 million people in six counties. The district imports water from the Colorado River and Northern California to supplement local supplies, and helps its members to develop increased water conservation, recycling, storage and other resource-management programs.*