

2016 CalACT Board of Directors Ballot

South Central Region

The last election resulted in a tie vote so CalACT Is conducting a run-off election. Please send in your vote ASAP because ballots are due on Thursday, August 25th by 4:00 p.m.so that the At Large Ballots can go out on 8/26/16.

Of those eligible members two individuals ran for the South Central Region position. The candidates are listed below and the election statements are on the next page. Please vote for **ONE** candidate below or vote for a write-in candidate. South Central regional members can only vote for the board member in their region. Members cannot cast votes for other regional representatives.

_____ Tom Hicks, Monterey-Salinas Transit

_____ Richard Tree, City of Porterville Transit

_____ Write-in Candidate: _____

Fax your ballot to 916-920-8021

(Ballots will remain confidential)

Ballots must be received by 4 PM August 25th, 2016

Print Name _____
Member Signature _____
Agency Name _____

NOTE: BALLOTS MUST BE SIGNED TO BE VALID. Regional election results will be available after August 26th, 2016. On August 26th, a separate At-Large ballot will be mailed and include those individuals who were nominated in all regions, but not elected for regional representative positions. The At Large Ballots are due no later than September 7th in the CalACT office or September 10th at Transportation Camp. Results of the At Large elections will be announced at Transportation Camp.

Please return this ballot by fax 916-920-8021, email tenley@calact.org, or mailed to:

**CalACT
Attention: Elections
1010 Hurley Way #140,
Sacramento, CA 95825**

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Candidate Statement

Tom Hicks, Monterey-Salinas Transit

Under Tom's leadership, Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) was awarded the 2009 CalACT Outstanding Coordination Effort Award. As a long-time social services program administrator with no transit experience prior to coming to MST in 2007, he began to challenge traditional approaches to delivering paratransit and mobility services. Specifically, he revised MST's ADA paratransit eligibility process to focus on a person's abilities as much as their disabilities, instituted a travel training program to encourage trips on fixed-route coaches, implemented 3 taxi voucher programs to provide low-cost travel for short local trips, and developed flexible senior shuttles based on where and when surveyed seniors said they want to go, thus postponing their need to use paratransit services. The result has been a dramatic reduction in the cost of providing paratransit services while also providing same-day, non-reservation trips at a lower cost to both MST and their customers. Tom also oversaw the purchase of 9 accessible taxis now leased to local cab companies to provide additional transportation services for seniors and people with disabilities.

Tom has over 42 years of experience in both public and private sectors as an administrator, program manager, consultant, college instructor, television producer and activist for those with physical and cognitive challenges. He has been involved in planning statewide, national and international conferences since 1987 and has made presentations at each. He brings four decades of professional experience and successful innovation to the CalACT Board and will continue to provide a fine balance to the many career transportation professionals currently serving as Board members.

Richard Tree, City of Porterville Transit

Richard Tree serves as the General Manager for SM Transit, where he assumes full responsibility for the administration and operation of the City of Porterville Transit System. Richard is a senior public transportation executive with 16 years of experience. Richard received a Master's Degree in Transportation Management and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Richard has the vision and ability to produce outstanding results and build collaboration among diverse business and government stakeholders. Richard is an experienced transit professional with a myriad of leadership expertise to manage diverse projects and personnel, multi-million dollar projects and multiple priorities. Richard has extensive experience in the implementation of Transit ITS projects and has presented at conferences on the Value of Thinking Big.

As a committed member of CalACT, Richard will support CalACT's goal to represent the interests of small, rural, and specialized transportation providers. I hope you will consider me for a position on CalACT's Board of Directors.