

MTS Board Elects Georgette Gomez Chairwoman

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Above: San Diego City Councilwoman Georgette Gomez stands in front of the 12th and Imperial trolley stop, Jan. 18, 2018.

The board of the [Metropolitan Transit System](#) on Thursday unanimously elected San Diego City Councilwoman Georgette Gomez as its new chairwoman, making her the first Latina to ever hold that position.

Gomez, a progressive Democrat, represents some of the most transit-dependent neighborhoods in the city, including City Heights and parts of southeastern San Diego. She was elected in 2016 on a platform of shaking things up at City Hall. Prior to her election, she worked for the [Environmental Health Coalition](#) on issues of air quality and environmental justice.

Gomez said in an interview after the board meeting that she wanted to focus on getting funding for free or discounted youth transit passes and on growing ridership beyond those who have no access to a car.