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Nominated unanimously for another term by Los Angeles County's North Valley/San Fernando Valley Sector cities representing over one million constituents, Metropolitan Transportation Agency Board member Ara Najarian's confirmation was blocked by Duarte City Council member John Fasana and Alhambra Mayor Barbara Messina, elected officials representing the San Gabriel Valley region. They urged City Selection Committee members to vote against confirming Najarian because of his vocal opposition to a 710 tunnel, ignoring both his significant transportation achievements for the San Gabriel Valley region, and the unanimous support of the North County/San Fernando Valley Sector cities. Najarian has 65 days to seek a re-nomination and confirmation.

Glendale City Council Member and current MTA Board Member Najarian has been a strong supporter of good transportation projects in Los Angeles County. During his tenure on the MTA Board of Directors, in which he also served as Chair, he was instrumental in bringing projects like the Gold Line to the region. Najarian has also been a steadfast critic of the so-called 710 North Gap Closure, asking tough questions about purpose and need, cost estimates and truck traffic, while making it clear that he and his constituents have received no credible answers.

Citing Fasana's and Messina's action, former State Assembly representative Anthony Portantino said, "When proponents have to resort to removing folks asking legitimate questions, you have to question their motives."

Najarian's current term is up in January 2013. In October, he was unanimously re-nominated to the Board by his constituent cities in the North County/San Fernando Valley Sector. On Thursday, December 6, the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee met to conduct business. Although Najarian received a numerical majority of votes, according to the population-weighted vote formula, he fell short of the number needed for confirmation. Najarian intends to seek a second nomination and a second vote to retain his seat.

Najarian has been the lone MTA Board member insisting on accountability in the SR-710 Study process. The move by officials outside his representative sector calls into question the power of one sector to override the will and vote of another. The No 710 Action Committee strongly condemns Fasana and Messina for attempting to circumvent the rights and silence the voices of constituent sector cities who unanimously chose Najarian to represent them on the Metro Board of Directors. The Committee also calls for further investigation of this matter.

The No 710 Action Committee has been an advocate for responsible transportation planning for the entire Los Angeles County region since its inception. It is a grassroots organization comprised of residents, business owners, healthcare professionals, researchers, and transportation experts who are stakeholders in Los Angeles: El Sereno, Mt. Washington, Glassell Park, Cypress Park, Highland Park, Garvanza, Eagle Rock, Sunland, Tujunga, and Hermon, South Pasadena, Pasadena, La Cañada Flintridge, La Crescenta, Montrose and Glendale. The goal of the Committee is to work with civic leaders and transportation officials to encourage modern transportation solutions that are environmentally and fiscally responsible. We oppose the extension of the 710 Freeway northward in favor of better solutions to move people and goods.