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Fred Abousleman Executive Director National Association of Regional Councils 777 North Capitol Street NE Suite 305 Washington, DC 20002

Dear Mr. Abousleman:

I am writing to nominate Walter Tejada for election to the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Board of Directors representing Region III (DC, MD, VA and WV).

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) wishes to nominate Mr. Tejada for the NARC Board, replacing Fairfax County Supervisor Penelope Gross, who has ably served on the NARC Board since 2004. The COG Board approved Mr. Tejada's nomination at its April 13 meeting. Ms. Gross is term-limited, consistent with the NARC bylaws, and may not serve an additional term. The election will take place at the NARC Annual Conference and Exhibition, June 13-15 in San Diego, California.

Mr. Tejada was first elected to the Arlington County, Virginia Board in 2003 and has been an active COG member. He was elected by his colleagues to chair the Arlington Board in 2008. Mr. Tejada was appointed by Arlington County to serve on the COG Board in 2010 and also chaired COG's Human Services Policy Committee in 2004 and 2005. Mr. Tejada holds numerous national, state and regional leadership posts, including the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, National Association of Counties, Governor's Urban Policy Task Force, Hispanics for a Fair Judiciary Advisory Committee, and Smithsonian National Museum of American History Latino Advisory Committee. The COG Board is pleased to nominate Mr. Tejada for the Region III seat on the NARC Board of Directors.

Please contact David Robertson at 202-962-3260 or <u>drobertson@mwcog.org</u> if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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