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Note to editors: A digital photograph of Director Janna Zurita is available upon request.

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COMPTON CITY COUNCIL MEMBER JOINS METROPOLITAN BOARD

Compton Mayor Pro Tem Janna Zurita took her seat today as the city's representative on the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

Zurita succeeds Yvonne Arceneaux, who served two separate terms on Metropolitan's board, from April 2009 to September 2010 and from March 2014 until recently.

Elected to the Compton City Council in June 2011, Zurita serves on the board of directors of the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County. In July 2010, she was elected to the Los Angeles County Democratic Party Central Committee, representing the former 52nd state Assembly district. She also has served on the California Cities for Self Reliance Joint Powers Authority board.

In addition, she is a member of the National Association for Equal Justice in America, the NAACP, the PTA and the Concerned Citizens of Compton.

Active in community service, Zurita volunteered at an early age at the Meals on Wheels Program in Compton, where her mother served as executive director for more than 43 years. She was a senior citizen organizer for Dickison Community Lighted Schools, where she also served as a fundraiser and special events coordinator.

Zurita co-founded the Compton Walk for a Cure to raise breast cancer awareness and help fund free mammograms in the city. She also founded the Autism Swim Adventure Club, the Autism Awareness Fair and a support group to provide opportunities and resources for special needs children. As part of first lady Michelle Obama's nationwide initiative, Zurita started the Let's Move Compton Annual Fitness Day.

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A Compton native, Zurita attended Compton Community College and Long Beach City College, where she was trained and certified as a surgical nurse.

Zurita has a daughter, Chanel.

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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.