

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

September 8, 2025

TO: SBCCOG Steering Committee

FROM: Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director

RE: Metro Service Council Nomination for Vacant Seat

Supervisor Mitchell's office has nominated Nisha Gaston who lives in Westmont/West Athens.

Ms. Gaston has been invited to attend the Steering Committee meeting and her resume has been requested. What follows is her statement of interest:

I am very interested in serving on the South Bay Service Council because it offers the opportunity to bridge community advocacy with strategic transportation planning. Reliable and accessible public transit is vital for connecting residents in the underserved communities to jobs, education, healthcare, and other essential services. As a regular transportation customer who utilizes several systems and routes for both work and daily activities, I understand firsthand the importance of dependable and efficient services. I believe that decisions around bus stop placement, service changes, and transportation programs must reflect both the lived experiences of riders and the long-term vision for regional mobility.

With my background in community engagement and program planning, I hope to contribute a perspective that ensures transportation policies and initiatives are not only efficient and sustainable but also equitable and responsive to the people who rely on them every day.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Steering Committee consider Ms. Gaston's nomination and decide whether to approve Nisha Gaston for the vacant seat on the Metro Service Council expiring in July 2027 for recommendation to the Metro Board.