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Councilmember, 15th District

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Ms. Jacki Bacharach  
Executive Director  
South Bay Cities Council of Governments  
357 Van Ness Way, #110  
Torrance, CA 90501

RE: City of Los Angeles, Council District 15: Alternate Member Request

Dear Ms. Bacharach:

As the representative of the 15th Council District of the City of Los Angeles, I represent the communities of Watts, Harbor Gateway, Harbor City, San Pedro, and Wilmington. My district is the only one in the City of Los Angeles that falls within the jurisdiction of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG). As the City's sole voice within this body, it is imperative that a representative of my district is always present at proceedings to advocate for the residents I serve.

The 15th Council District encompasses five distinct neighborhoods and is home to over 260,000 residents. Due to its size and geographic scope, my ability to attend every meeting of the SBCCOG is sometimes limited. Under the current Joint Powers Authority rules, I would be required to have another member of the Los Angeles City Council attend in my place when I must be absent. Still, given that my colleagues' districts are equally large and complex, this is difficult to accomplish.

The responsibilities and scope of my role, as well as the size of my district, are more akin to those of a Los Angeles County Supervisor than my Council counterparts in the other cities on the SBCCOG. To ensure my district has consistent representation on the SBCCOG Board of Directors, I respectfully request that Council District 15 of the City of Los Angeles be allowed to designate a non-elected alternate to attend and vote on matters on my behalf, similar to the system used by the County Supervisors.

I hope that you will consider my request to amend Joint Powers Authority Section 5(a)(2), which governs the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, to allow Council District 15 to appoint a non-elected alternate to the Board of Directors to represent me as the Councilmember when I am not available to attend. Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact Aksel Palacios, my Director of Port & Capital Projects, via email at [aksel.palacios@lacity.org](mailto:aksel.palacios@lacity.org).

Sincerely,

Tim McOsker  
Councilmember, 15th District

## Currently Adopted Joint Powers Authority – relevant sections

### Section 5. Creation of Governing Board and General Assembly.

- a. Creation of Governing Board. A Governing Board for the Council (“Governing Board”) is created to conduct the affairs of the Council. The Governing Board shall be constituted as follows:
  - (1) Designation of Governing Board Representatives. The city council or the Mayor (if the Mayor is so authorized by the Member’s charter, ordinances or rules) of each of the city Members shall in writing designate one person as the Member’s representative on the Governing Board (“Governing Board Representative”). The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles shall designate the members of the Board from the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial Districts as its representatives on the Governing Board.
  - (2) Designation of Alternate Governing Board Representatives. The city council or the Mayor (if the Mayor is so authorized by the Member’s charter, ordinances or rules) of each of the city Members shall designate one or more persons to serve as the Member’s alternate representative on the Governing Board (“Alternate Governing Board Representative”). The Supervisors from the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Supervisorial Districts shall each designate their chief of staff or a senior staff person from their office as the County’s Alternate Governing Board Representatives.
  - (3) Eligibility. No person shall be eligible to serve as a Governing Board Representative or Alternate Governing Board Representative unless that person is, at all times during the tenure of that person as a Governing Board Representative or Alternate Governing Board Representative, a member of the legislative body of one of the appointing Members, except for the County of Los Angeles Alternate Governing Board Representatives. Should any person serving on the Governing Board fail to maintain the status required by this Section 5, that person’s position on the Governing Board shall be deemed vacated as of the date such person ceases to qualify pursuant to the provisions of this Section 5, and the Member shall be entitled to appoint a qualified replacement.

Section 26. Amendment. This Fourth Amended and Restated Agreement may be amended at any time with the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of all of the legislative bodies of the Members.