

# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

July 14, 2025

To: SBCCOG Steering Committee

From: Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director

RE: Vacancy on the Metro Service Council

Last month, Rochelle Mackabee, transit rider and South Los Angeles resident, resigned from the Metro Service Council. Her term was until July 2027.

The Service Council can have up to nine members. It can be less. This leaves our council with eight members. They are:

<b>COUNCIL MEMBER</b>	<b>START DATE</b>	<b>END DATE</b>	<b>APPOINTED BY AND/OR OFFICE HELD</b>
<b>Don Szerlip Chair 7/20</b>	<b>1-24-08</b>	<b>7/27</b>	<b>Resident &amp; businessman, Redondo Beach</b>
<b>Roye Love</b>	<b>1-27-11</b>	<b>7/28</b>	<b>Senior, regular rider, community groups, Carson</b>
<b>David Mach</b>	<b>7/20</b>	<b>7/26</b>	<b>Torrance Transit and rider</b>
<b>Robert Wolfe</b>	<b>7/21</b>	<b>7/26</b>	<b>Hermosa Beach, Metro Community Advisory Council (CAC) and transit rider</b>
<b>Melissa Molina</b>	<b>7/23</b>	<b>7/26</b>	<b>LAWA Employee Transportation Coordinator</b>
<b>John Kaji</b>	<b>8/24</b>	<b>7/27</b>	<b>Torrance Councilmember</b>
<b>Courtney Miles</b>	<b>8/24</b>	<b>7/28</b>	<b>Gardena resident; field organizer, Abundant LA, transit rider</b>
<b>Andrea Reilly</b>	<b>7/25</b>	<b>7/28</b>	<b>Torrance resident, retired, physical challenged</b>

In April when the Board made their appointments, there were two unsuccessful candidates – Charles Deemer (a former member) and Adam Schwartz. Should the Steering Committee decide to solicit for a new member of the council, we could notify them. It should be noted that they were both from Torrance and Torrance already has 3 representatives on the council. Geographic diversity is important to Metro as a criteria for the councilmembers.

## RECOMMENDATION

Provide direction as to whether to:

- Leave the position vacant
- Limit the solicitation to an area that is not currently represented
- Open the solicitation up to anyone that is interested