

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

June 24, 2021

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors
FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee
RE: Composition of the Steering Committee

Adherence to the Strategic Plan

Goal D: Organizational Stability. Be a high performing organization with a clear path to long-term financial health, staffing continuity and sustained board commitment.

At the May Board meeting, there was discussion concerning the at large members that have been nominated to the Steering Committee. The issue was delegated to the Steering Committee to discuss and provide a recommendation.

The by-laws designate the following:

The Steering Committee shall be composed of the Chair, 1st Vice-Chair, 2nd Vice-Chair, the Immediate Past Chair of the governing board, the Chair of each standing committee or a designee appointed by the committee chair, and such employees/contractors of the council and staff members of member agencies as are designated by the governing board, provided that non-elected employees/contractors of the council and staff members of member cities or the county shall serve ex-officio and shall not have a vote. Any board member or alternate who attends a steering committee meeting shall be able to vote at the meeting which they attend as long as there is no more than one vote cast per member city or two votes from the county (one each from District 2 and 4). Representatives from suspended or inactive agencies as defined in Section 21 of the Agreement shall not serve on the Steering Committee and if in attendance at a Steering Committee meeting shall not be entitled to vote.

As noted above, having at large members is NOT designated in the by-laws. It was adopted in June of 2011 when the Nominating Committee recommended that due to the fact that the number of SBCCOG committees had been reduced and in the interest of preparing members to serve as future SBCCOG officers and ensuring a quorum, 4 members should be nominated to serve as at large members of the Steering Committee.

Options

1. Continue to designate 4 at large members. The by-laws allow any board member or alternate to attend the Steering Committee and vote as long as there is only one vote per city. Designating four at large members therefore, can be seen as duplicative of this provision. Additionally, attendance of the designated members has not always been consistent over the years.
2. Add an additional at large member as discussed at the Board meeting. For the reasons stated in #1, this is probably not necessary. Also, when considering the 3 officers and the past chair plus the existing at large members, that totals 8. Adding another member would constitute a quorum of the Board.

3. Removing at large members and encouraging all delegates and alternates to attend when they can. Designated officers and committee chairs would be expected to attend.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Steering Committee recommends that the Board adopt Option 3 – removing the at large members and encouraging all delegates and alternates to attend when they can. Designated officers and committee chairs would be expected to attend.

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TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Nominating Committee, Olivia Valentine, Chair

RE: Nominating Committee Recommendation for 2021-2022 SBCCOG Officers

Adherence to the Strategic Plan

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The Nominating Committee, whose members are Olivia Valentine, Britt Huff, Christian Horvath, and Jim Gazeley, presents the following slate of officers for the 2021-2022 fiscal year starting July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Chairman: Drew Boyles
Mayor, El Segundo

1st Vice Chair John Cruikshank
Council Member, Rancho Palos Verdes

2nd Vice Chair Cedric Hicks
Council Member, Carson

The Board previously approved nominating 4 additional at large members to the Steering Committee in order to more deeply engage city council members in the work of the SBCCOG and to better prepare members to serve as future SBCCOG officers.

Recommended at large nominees to the Steering Committee are:

1. Hildy Stern, Council Member, Manhattan Beach
2. Rodney Tanaka, Council Member, Gardena
3. James Butts, Mayor, Inglewood
4. George Chen, Council Member, Torrance

All candidates have agreed to serve if elected.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Steering Committee recommends that the Board receive the report of the Nominating Committee and accept nominations for all offices from the floor, close nominations and proceed to the election of officers but **not** the at large Steering Committee members.