



**Honorable Mayor and Members of the Hermosa Beach City Council**

**APPROVE THE FIFTH AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT  
FOR THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

(Interim City Manager Steve Napolitano)

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**Recommended Action:**

Staff recommends City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Fifth Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG), which allows the City of Los Angeles to designate a non-elected senior staff member as an alternate to the SBCCOG Governing Board representative.

**Executive Summary:**

At the request of Los Angeles City Councilmember Tim McOsker (Council District 15), the SBCCOG Board of Directors recommends the Fifth Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, to allow the City of Los Angeles to appoint a non-elected senior staff alternate to its Governing Board seat. Per the terms of the JPA, amendments require approval by two-thirds (2/3) of all SBCCOG member agencies before they become effective. Each member City's governing body must therefore take formal action to approve the amended agreement.

**Background:**

The SBCCOG is a joint powers authority composed of 16 cities and the County of Los Angeles that collaborate on regional and subregional issues, including transportation and land use, energy and sustainability, homelessness, and more. The SBCCOG was originally formed in 1995 through a JPA which has since been amended four times to reflect evolving membership and governance needs.

On August 21, 2025, Los Angeles City Councilmember Tim McOsker (Council District 15) submitted a request to amend the Joint Powers Agreement to allow the City of Los Angeles to designate a non-elected alternate representative. Under the existing JPA, only another elected official could serve as an alternate for city members of the SBCCOG. Council District 15 is the only Los Angeles City Council district within the SBCCOG's jurisdiction. Council District 11 has historically served as the alternate representative, but has no jurisdictional ties to the South Bay subregion.

The SBCCOG Steering Committee reviewed this request and recommended approval, with the stipulation that the language mirror the provision for the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors' alternates, allowing either the chief of staff or a senior staff person to serve in this role.

At its meeting on October 23, 2025, the SBCCOG Board of Directors voted to recommend member agencies adopt the Fifth Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement incorporating this amendment.

**Discussion:**

The proposed amendment updates Section 5(a)(2) of the JPA to read:

*"The 15th Council District Representative of the City of Los Angeles shall designate their chief of staff or a senior staff person from their office as the City of Los Angeles's Alternate Governing Board Representative."*

This change ensures consistent representation of the City of Los Angeles within the SBCCOG Governing Board, even when the elected Councilmember is unavailable to attend meetings. The amendment also maintains parity with the alternate designation provision for the County of Los Angeles. A red-lined version of the JPA is included in this item.

Per the terms of the JPA, amendments require approval by two-thirds (2/3) of all SBCCOG member agencies before they become effective. Each member City's governing body must therefore take formal action to approve the amended agreement.

Staff recommends approval of the Fifth Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, as recommended by the SBCCOG Board of Directors on October 23, 2025, to allow the City of Los Angeles to appoint a non-elected senior staff alternate to its Governing Board seat.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with approving the Fifth Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement.

**Attachments:**

1. Letter from Councilmember Tim McOsker (August 21, 2025)
2. Red-lined Fifth Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement for the South Bay Cities Council of Governments
3. Final Fifth Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement for the South Bay Cities Council of Governments

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