

Draft Guiding Values for Ad Hoc Board Composition Committee Deliberations

**Ad Hoc Board Composition Committee
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DRAFT GUIDING VALUES FOR GOVERNANCE REVIEW

- **Legal Integrity** – Governance changes shall maintain Metro’s status as an independent legal entity governed by state statute.
- **Intergovernmental Balance** – Metro should remain a regional body that balances county, city, and state interests.
- **Electoral Accountability** – Governance should maintain clear accountability to countywide voters.
- **Regional Equity** – Board composition should reflect the geographic, demographic, and economic diversity of Los Angeles County.
- **Transparency and Public Trust** – Governance structures and any changes should be understandable, explainable, and defensible to the public.

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- **Fiscal Stewardship** – Decision-making authority shall be grounded in responsibility for long-term fiscal risk, including budgets, debt, and capital programs, and shall not impose additional costs to and obligations on taxpayers.
- **Functional Effectiveness** – Governance should support stable oversight, institutional memory, and the Board’s ability to make timely, informed, and high-quality decisions, particularly for multi-decade investments and programs.
- **Customer Experience** – Governance should support decisions that prioritize customer experience, rider outcomes, and system performance.
- **Adaptability** – Governance structures should be resilient and flexible in response to future changes in county or regional governance.

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