



President and Board Elections 2025

**Election of
Director**

Inner Metropolitan South East Region

Voting instructions,
candidates' statements
and photographs

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HOLLINGSWORTH, Lisa

Dear Fellow Councillor, I seek your support to elect me as our shared region Board representative. If appointed, I assure you I will be a diligent, attentive, collaborative and inclusive delegate that listens to your voice and provides powerful advocacy on matters that we, collectively, agree are key priorities. Together, we can address our communities growing and evolving needs as we fulfil our obligation to serve in their best interest by applying a strategic and visionary lens. I am an experienced Councillor, first elected 2016, I have served multiple years as MAV Delegate understanding the importance of productive relations with LGA colleagues, whilst ensuring adherence to the parameters of good governance, ethical leadership and sound financial management. I am a Fellow Graduate Australian Institute Company Directors, hold a Graduate Certificate in Applied Business, Boroondara's immediate past Mayor and have a professional background in housing, planning and heritage conservation. I have worked closely with MAV promoting the merits of the Electric Line Clearance Consultative Committee established to appeal to Government to reduce aggressive nature-strip tree pruning, helping protect canopy coverage to reduce heat island impacts. As a true independent I have respected relationships with State and Federal MP's. Regards, Lisa: 0417908485

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EL MOUALLEM, Hanna

This is my second term as Councillor and Mayor of Bayside City Council. With extensive experience in the private and public sectors, I have worked across most of our regions municipalities over the past 25 years. I understand the challenges councils face balancing financial constraints, stretched infrastructure, and community expectations. During my previous mayoral term, Bayside secured several state and federal grants for the delivery of regional projects, addressing our growing need for open spaces and sports facilities as population density increases. I have also championed inter-municipality collaboration, forging strong partnerships to benefit our entire region. Strong leadership and strategic planning are essential to delivering results for our communities. To support our communities and accommodate future growth, we need clear, consistent frameworks that strengthen local government finances and service delivery while anticipating challenges from early learning facilities to drainage systems. Serving on the Board would provide an opportunity to drive positive change across the region. Collaboration with state and federal governments, as well as with neighbouring councils, is critical to addressing the pressures facing local councils. As an independent representative, I bring a neutral, community focused perspective, free from party politics, and will continue to advocate for our regions success.

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ZHANG, Li

With an MBA from the University of Melbourne and over 20 years of business experience, I bring a strategic, community-focused approach to local governance. As a second-term Councillor and former Deputy Mayor, I've prioritised responsible rates, quality services, green spaces, and community safety. If elected Regional Director, I will focus on regional challenges impacting our councils. I will advocate for meaningful engagement with all levels of government on legislative and policy changes, ensuring fair funding for local programs and reducing state and federal cost-shifting. Strengthening partnerships between all tiers of government is crucial for better outcomes for vulnerable residents. As a trilingual advocate, and recognised in the Victorian Multicultural Commission's Honour Roll, I understand the importance of community inclusion and strengthening local governance and representation. Addressing climate change and advancing a circular economy will require decisive action, and I'm committed to securing the necessary funding and policy support for councils to lead these efforts in partnership with their communities. I will also champion investment in local governance to ensure our councils can continue to serve their communities effectively.