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September 18, 2025

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### **RE: REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE – SB 233 (Seyarto) – Regional Housing Need: Determination: Consultation with Council of Governments**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the Southern California Association of Governments, I am pleased to support Senate Bill (SB) 233, authored by Senator Seyarto, which would require the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to meet with councils of governments (COGs) regarding RHNA methodology at least 38 months before the scheduled revision of the housing element.

Under current law, HCD is required to provide a regional determination to COGs at least 26 months before their housing element due date. As such, SB 233 would provide an additional 12 months for COGs to begin working on the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process. Thus, SB 233 would ensure that there is more time available to coordinate with the concurrent Sustainable Communities Strategy, prepare the RHNA methodology, increase local engagement, and allow for additional time for the appeals process.

For these reasons, SCAG respectfully requests that you sign SB 233 into law. We look forward to working with you and your staff to ensure its successful passage. If we can be of any assistance, please contact Mr. Kevin Gilhooley, Legislation Manager, at (213) 236-1878 or via e-mail at [gilhooley@scag.ca.gov](mailto:gilhooley@scag.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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