

From: Jeff Boynton [<mailto:jboynton@cityoflamirada.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 11:28 AM
To: Ma'Ayn Johnson <johnson@scag.ca.gov>
Subject: City of La Mirada Resolution Opposing Modified RHNA Methodology

Dear Ms. Johnson:

At last night's meeting, the La Mirada City Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 20-06 opposing the modified RHNA methodology approved by the Regional Council in November. Please share the attached certified resolution with those on the CEHD Committee and Regional Council in advance of next week's meetings.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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RESOLUTION NO. 20-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA MIRADA OPPOSING THE MODIFIED REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT ALLOCATION METHODOLOGY PROPOSED BY THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS REGIONAL COUNCIL

A. Recitals.

- (i) California State housing law requires that each city and county plan for existing and future housing needs in accordance with the outcome of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process.
- (ii) The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is responsible for developing a uniform methodology for the distribution of the RHNA allocation among member cities and counties.
- (iii) A transparent and collaborative approach to regional planning, involving opportunity for informed stakeholder input and thoughtful deliberation, is critical to achieving desirable and equitable outcomes.
- (iv) The SCAG process to develop the allocation methodology for the 6th cycle RHNA, covering the planning period from October 2021 through October 2029, included opportunity for stakeholder engagement throughout, including detailed discussion of three draft allocation methodology options during a series of public meetings and hearings intended to ensure robust participation by the public and affected agencies.
- (v) Based in part on stakeholder input, SCAG staff developed a single recommended RHNA allocation methodology which was introduced in September 2019 at a public workshop, subsequently reviewed by the SCAG RHNA Subcommittee and SCAG Community, Economic, and Human Development (CEHD) Committee, and ultimately recommended for SCAG Regional Council consideration and submittal to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).
- (vi) At the November 7, 2019 meeting of the SCAG Regional Council to consider the recommended RHNA allocation methodology, a substitute motion was made by the City of Riverside's representative introducing a modified RHNA methodology, which effectively would shift a significant portion of the 6th cycle RHNA regional allocation away from developing areas such as Riverside and San Bernardino County and toward already congested and impacted coastal areas including Gateway Cities and Orange County jurisdictions.

- (vii) The modified RHNA allocation methodology was approved for submittal to HCD by the SCAG Regional Council despite a lack of detail regarding the associated impacts of the proposed methodology changes, supporting documentation as to the merit of the proposed changes, and any opportunity for informed stakeholder input.
- (viii) The modified methodology fails to adequately account for local input and growth forecast data and, due to the late introduction by substitute motion, was unable to be fully analyzed for potential impacts by SCAG staff before a vote of the Regional Council.
- (ix) In sum, the modified RHNA allocation methodology approved by the SCAG Regional Council effectively sets up many local jurisdictions, including the City of La Mirada, to fail to achieve compliance with State housing laws.

B. Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of La Mirada hereby finds and resolves as follows:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of La Mirada as follows:

1. The recitals provided in this resolution are true and correct and are incorporated into the operative part of this resolution.
2. The City Council is a strong advocate of local control as the best means to protect the City of La Mirada, its residents and business owners, and promote the goals and priorities of the community. The modified RHNA allocation methodology, as well as the manner in which it was approved by the SCAG Regional Council, undermine the integrity of what is mandated to be a collaborative RHNA process, negating months of local participation conducted in good faith and posing a significant threat of lasting damage to the City of La Mirada. The City Council therefore publicly states its opposition to the modified RHNA allocation methodology approved by the SCAG Regional Council and requests reconsideration by SCAG of its action given the related lack of specificity, lack of supporting documentation, lack of vetting by SCAG staff, and near total absence of stakeholder engagement.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting the resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of February, 2020



Steve De Ruse, Mayor

ATTEST:

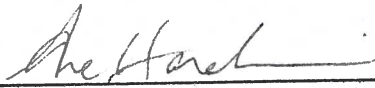
I, Anne Haraksin, City Clerk of the City of La Mirada, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 20-06 was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of La Mirada held on the 25th day of February 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Eng, Mowles, Sarega, Mayor Pro Tem Lewis,
Mayor De Ruse

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Anne Haraksin, City Clerk

I, Anne Haraksin City Clerk of the City
of La Mirada, California, do hereby
certify that Resolution No. 20-06
was adopted at a City Council meeting
held on February 25, 2020
Anne Haraksin 2/26/2020
City Clerk Date
La Mirada, California