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## CITY OF WALNUT

**February 27, 2020**

Kome Ajise, Executive Director  
Southern California Association of Governments  
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

**RE: Request to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) to Amend the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Methodology for the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle**

Dear Mr. Ajise:

The City of Walnut requests that SCAG amend the RHNA methodology based on a recently submitted proposal from the City of Cerritos dated February 4, 2020. The proposed amendment recommends that household growth forecasts be reintroduced back into the calculations for the existing need as follows: household growth (33.3%), job accessibility (33.3%), and population within high quality transit areas (33.3%). As stated in the staff-recommended RHNA methodology staff report for the November 7, 2019, Regional Council meeting, the reintroduction of household growth into the existing need would further the five (5) objectives of State Housing Law.

We are also requesting that SCAG object again to the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) in that they did not follow State Law with the regional determination [see Government Code Section 65584.01(a)].

We request that the RHNA Subcommittee, CEHD Policy Committee, and Regional Council consider these two (2) recommendations prior to the adoption of the RHNA. We recognize that there are time constraints established by State Law; however, the RHNA will have significant impacts on jurisdictions over the next decade. Therefore, it is imperative that the RHNA be finalized in a way that is equitable and attainable in responding to the housing crisis.

Sincerely,

Rob Wishner  
City Manager  
City of Walnut