

## Regional Housing

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 5, 2019 7:14 PM  
**To:** Ma'Ayn Johnson; Regional Housing  
**Cc:** Sahli-Wells, Meghan  
**Subject:** Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) consultation package

Dear Ms. Johnson,

I hope you are well. I would like to submit the following public comment regarding the RHNA consultation package as presented to the SCAG Board Meeting on Thursday, June 6, 2019:

SB 828 was an important step towards addressing our dire housing shortage. It acknowledged that our previous failures to build enough housing should be factored into our next housing goals.

SCAG's recent RHNA consultation package adopts a flawed methodology that runs counter to SB 828. The consultation package waters down our regional housing goals and fails to address our region's housing crisis.

I would like to urge the SCAG Regional Council to reject the proposed RHNA consultation package until the RHNA number takes full account of cost-burdened households that are struggling to keep up with rising housing costs and addresses the region's immediate housing needs.

We need more housing, and a diluted RHNA number will only make our current housing crisis worse.

Some cities like my hometown Santa Monica are building housing -- not enough to be sure. Its 3 units per 1,000 residents average over the last several years is an important contribution that exceeds many similar-sized communities. More SCAG communities need to do their fair share, especially the region's smaller cities served by our high-quality transit lines.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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Santa Monica resident, urban planner, housing advocate

cc Mayor Sahli-Wells, my representative for SCAG RC District #41

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