

August 30, 2019

The Honorable Peggy Huang, Chair  
RHNA Subcommittee  
Southern California Association of Governments  
900 Wilshire Blvd, Ste. 1700  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

**RE: 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment Allocation**

Dear Ms. Huang,

The City of Menifee would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) draft methodology options for the SCAG region. We would like to stress that the City of Menifee is an active partner in this process and is willing to take on its fair share of the region's housing needs; however, it is important for Menifee, as well as for all of the partnering jurisdictions, that the selected RHNA allocation methodology is equitable, achievable, and results in sustainable development.

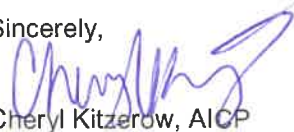
The City of Menifee has reviewed each of the three RHNA draft methodology options released for public input. Based on our review, the City of Menifee supports Option 2 as the preferred option for the region due to the following reasons:

- Does not differentiate between existing and projected housing need;
- Population share is objective, not based on projections and assigns 80 percent of the regional housing need based on regional population share; and assigns 20 percent of the regional housing need based on a jurisdiction's share of regional population within a high quality transit corridor (HQTA). Which in turn places housing in proximity to transit and is consistent with state and regional goals to reduce vehicle miles travelled (VMT) and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.
- Least complex of the methodologies

The City of Menifee also recommends that SCAG appeal the regional determination number provided by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) as we believe SCAG has substantial basis to do so.

For the reasons identified above, the City of Menifee supports RHNA Methodology Option 2 because it is most appropriate for the SCAG Region. The City of Menifee appreciates the opportunity to provide input into the RHNA process. Should you have any questions, please contact me at [ckitzerow@cityofmenifee.us](mailto:ckitzerow@cityofmenifee.us) or (951)-723-3706.

Sincerely,



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