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The Honorable Peggy Huang, Chair RHNA Subcommittee
Southern California Association of Governments
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RE: 6th Cycle of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment Allocation

Dear Ms. Huang,

The City of Norco 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 Norco 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 Norco, 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 Norco has reviewed each of the three RHNA draft methodology options released for public input. Based on our review, the City supports Option 3 as the preferred option for the region due to the following reasons:

- Population estimates are based on local input and better reflect local knowledge and experience for what is attainable regarding affordable housing units.
- This option most closely aligns with what SCAG has done in past RHNA cycles.
- This option attains the highest number of units towards reaching the RHNA determination for the SCAG region.
- Option 3 promotes the highest social equity adjustment, affirmatively furthering fair housing objectives of the State.

The City 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 Norco supports RHNA Methodology Option 3 because it is most appropriate for the SCAG Region. The City appreciates the opportunity to provide input into the RHNA process. Should you have any questions, please contact me at sking@ci.norco.ca.us or (951) 270-5662.

Sincerely,

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City of Norco

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