

## Regional Housing

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Dear Southern California Association of Governments.

I am a resident in West Los Angeles and I have owned my single family residence for over 40 years. I have a few comments concerning the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle RHNA for our region.

It is my understanding that the Department of Housing and Community Development (“HCD”) has recently indicated that a minimum 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle housing need for our region is over 1.3 million units. It is my opinion that this greatly overstates the actual housing needs for our region and appears to feed off the push in Sacramento for housing based on a “need” to build 3.5 million units. This is clearly pushed by pro-developer interests. The 3.5 million figure is based on a flawed McKinsey & Company 2016 report using New York as a reference point. There is a recent Embarcadero Institute report which points out the flaws in the McKinsey report. The report can be found at <https://embarcaderoinstitute.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Californias-3.5M-Housing-Shortage-Number-Faces-Questions.pdf>.

The real housing needs for the SCAG region are more in line with SCAG’s original RHNA of 430,000 units. Most importantly, it appears that the housing development being promoted does not address several issues, such as affordability, infrastructure and keeping in tack modest single family residential areas. I urge the SCAG to utilize the more reasonable housing units found in the RHNA and to consider how to deal with the low income housing crisis and the needs for infrastructure to support such development.

Thank you.

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