

Regional Housing

From: John Mirisch <jmirisch@beverlyhills.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2018 3:21 PM
To: Regional Housing; Kome Ajise
Cc: phuang@yorbalindaca.gov; Finlay, Margaret E.; Wapner, Alan D.
Subject: RE: SCAG RHNA Subcommittee Kick-off Meeting on October 29
Attachments: SCAG presentation

Dear Kome,

Thanks so much for this email. While I do intend to attend as many RHNA subcommittee meetings as possible as a member of the CEHD committee, I will be unable to attend the Oct. 29 meeting due to our city's annual trade mission.

Also, please allow me to state that I think Margaret Finlay is an outstanding choice as a representative for LA County and look forward to sharing my thoughts with her throughout the entire process.

However, I want to express my concern about the inclusion of Paavo Monkkonen as an ex officio member of the subcommittee. After his presentation at the June SCAG meeting I reached out to him (please see attachment) looking to engage in a dialogue with him about housing. Sadly, Professor Monkkonen did not respond or favor me with any kind of response whatsoever. Our work with RHNA is extremely important and, as such, it would be critical to include a representative from academia who has an open mind and is willing to engage in an active and open dialogue with our members.

While I believe it would make sense to replace Professor Monkkonen with someone else who is more willing to engage in dialogue with our members, at the very least his appointment should be counterbalanced with another scholarly viewpoint, someone who understands the importance of regional cooperation combined with decision-making as close to home as possible; someone who is unbiased, tolerant of a diversity of lifestyle and housing choices; and someone who is willing to listen to and discuss various positions. We need open-minded individuals who are willing to look for viable solutions in a complex housing eco-system, in which one-size-fits-all mandates will invariably undermine individual communities. My suggestion would be Joel Kotkin of Chapman University who has written numerous books on cities and urban development and who is intimately familiar with the housing problem faced by our state. Joel Kotkin would serve as an important counterbalance to Professor Monkkonen, and his inclusion would serve to activate and enhance the level of dialogue on this crucial subject with an aim to working towards sustainable and dynamic solutions.

Thanks again for this email and I look forward to future involvement with the process; please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

All the best,
John (Mirisch)
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From: Housing, Regional <Housing@scag.ca.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 8, 2018 12:22 PM
To: John Mirisch <jmirisch@beverlyhills.org>
Cc: Adrienne Tarazon <atarazon@beverlyhills.org>
Subject: SCAG RHNA Subcommittee Kick-off Meeting on October 29

Dear Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Interested Parties:

This is to invite you to attend the RHNA Subcommittee Kick-off Meeting on October 29 from 10am to noon at SCAG Main Offices with video-conference available (see details below). We will also inform you when the agenda is available prior to the meeting.

SCAG President recently appointed the membership for the RHNA Subcommittee (6th Cycle) as below:

1. **Imperial County** - **Primary:** Jim Predmore, ICTC / **Alternate:** Bill Hodge, Calexico
2. **Los Angeles County** -**Primary:** Margaret Finlay, Duarte / **Alternate:** Rex Richardson, Long Beach
3. **Orange County** - **Primary:** Peggy Huang, TCA (**CHAIR**) / **Alternate:** Mike Posey, Huntington Beach
4. **Riverside County** - **Primary:** Rusty Bailey, Riverside / **Alternate:** Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs
5. **San Bernardino County** - **Primary:** Bill Jahn, Big Bear Lake / **Alternate:** Jim Mulvihill, San Bernardino
6. **Ventura County** -**Primary:** Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard / **Alternate:** Mike Judge, VCTC
7. **Ex-officio Academia:** Paavo Monkkonen, UCLA Urban Planning
8. **Ex-officio Non-profit/Advocate:** Cesar Covarrubias, Executive Director, The Kennedy Commission
9. **Ex-officio Building Industry:** Jeff Montejano, CEO, BIA of Southern California

The kickoff meeting of the RHNA Subcommittee will be held on Monday, October 29, 2018 from 10 a.m. to noon at the SCAG downtown Los Angeles office with videoconferencing available at the SCAG Imperial, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura offices and at the Coachella Valley Association of Governments office. For more information on meeting locations, please visit <http://www.scag.ca.gov/about/Pages/SCAGOffices.aspx>.

If you plan to participate, please RSVP by just replying to this email (to housing@scag.ca.gov) & indicating which SCAG office you plan to attend. This will help us to plan ahead. As mentioned above, we will also inform you when the agenda is available prior to the meeting. Thank you for your interest in regional housing issues and we look forward to your participation in the 2020 RHNA process.

Sincerely,

KOME AJISE
Director of Planning

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