

Regional Housing

From: Henry Fung <[REDACTED]>
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To: Regional Housing
Subject: Comment on possible legal action regarding State HCD determination

Dear SCAG staff and members of the Regional Council,

As a resident and taxpayer in the SCAG region, I state my strong opposition to legal action on the RHNA determination by the State Department of Housing and Community Development. While SCAG staff may disagree with the implementation of the RHNA determination, legal action will only waste hundreds of thousands of dollars on attorneys and not build a single unit of housing, nor help local jurisdictions plan for the necessary changes we must make. SCAG dues will necessarily go up, which will hurt city budgets already impacted by rising health care and pension costs.

Some jurisdictions and councils of governments are asking SCAG to take legal action on the State. Are they planning to fund it themselves? Will they appropriate funds from their budgets for SCAG to pay for attorneys fees, including possible fees for the State should they lose? SCAG needs to spend its money on its award winning programs, like Go Human, and on the important regional transportation planning function, and reject the use of its limited funds on this.

If legal action is discussed, it must be properly agendized on a CEHD and Regional Council agenda and my comments will apply to that closed session item, should it occur.

Sincerely,
Henry Fung