

# Welcome to SCAG: New Member Orientation

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# **ABOUT SCAG**

# The SCAG Region

6 COUNTIES

16
TRIBAL
GOVERNMENTS

191

18.7M
RESIDENTS



38,618 **SQUARE MILES** 

\$1.6T REGIONAL GDP

**15TH** 

LARGEST ECONOMY WORLDWIDE

47.6%

OF STATE POPULATION

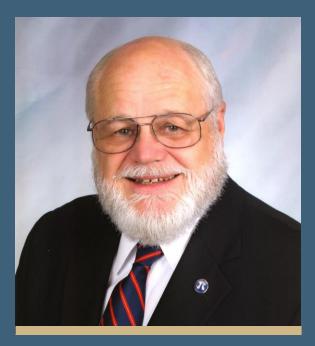
#### **Our Vision**

Southern California's Catalyst for a Brighter Future

#### **Our Mission**

To foster innovative regional solutions that improve the lives of Southern Californians through inclusive collaboration, visionary planning, regional advocacy, information sharing and promoting best practices.

## 2023-2024 Regional Council Board Members









**Art Brown PRESIDENT**City of Buena Park

**Curt Hagman FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**County of San Bernardino

Cindy Allen

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

City of Long Beach

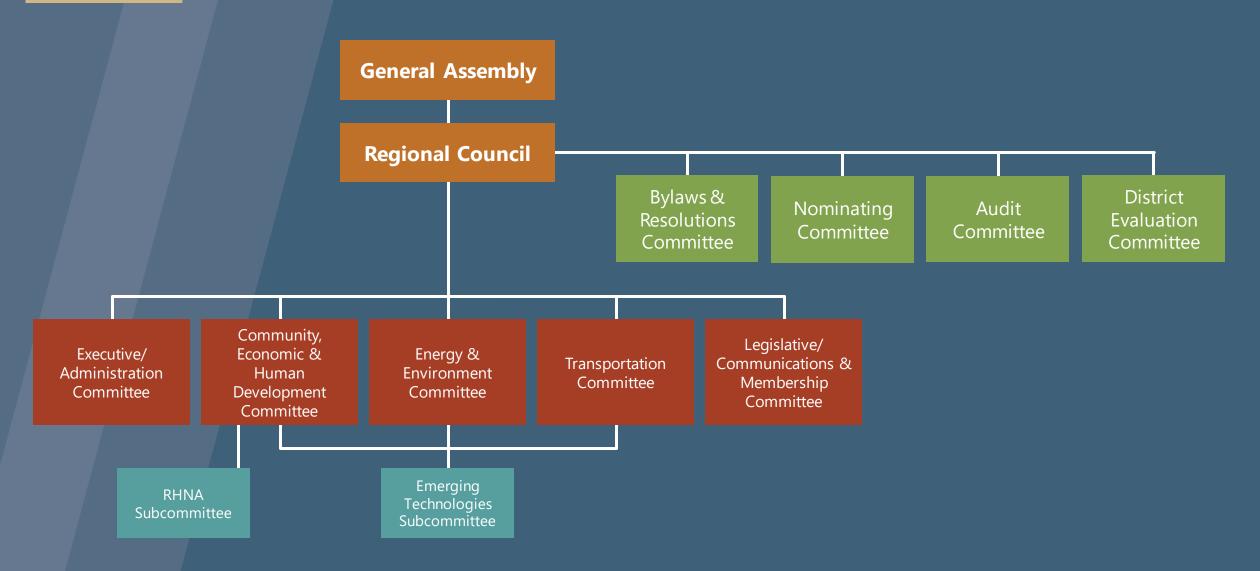
Jan Harnik

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Riverside County

Transportation Commission

# **Governing Structure**



# **Policy Committees**

- Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD) Programs include the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), growth visioning and forecasting, and regional economic analysis
- Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) Programs include environmental impact analyses, environmental justice, air quality, water quality and habitat preservation
- Transportation Committee (TC) Programs include the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, transportation finance and conformity, transit and rail, and aviation

#### **Vision & Plan**

SCAG serves as a catalyst for a brighter future for Southern California by leading a vision to elevate the region and creating the holistic plan to achieve our unified goals.



**Transportation** 



Housing



Collaboration & Advocacy



Tools & Resources

# **Organizational Chart**



**Cindy Giraldo**Chief Financial Officer

Javiera Cartagena Chief Government & Public Affairs Officer Carmen Flores
Chief Human
Resources Officer

Julie Shroyer
Chief Information
Officer

**Michael Houston**Chief Counsel/Director
of Legal Services

**Sarah Jepson**Chief Planning Officer

# Primary Roles & Responsibilities

- Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
- 2 Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)
- Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

- Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)
- **5** Regional Data & Information Center
- **6** Forum for Issues of Regional Significance





# Planning for the Region

Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning

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#### What is Connect SoCal?

# A 20+ Year Plan with 6,000+ Transportation Projects, Regional Development Pattern, and Goal-Oriented Programs and Strategies

- Invests over \$638 billion on transportation improvement projects.
- Locates housing, jobs and transit closer together in priority areas while preserving natural lands and open spaces.
- Meets Mobility, Environmental, Community, and Economic Goals, including:
  - Reduce Congestion and Travel Times
  - Increase Opportunities to Walk, Bike or Take Transit
  - Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Other Pollutants
  - Facilitate Efficient and Resilient Goods Movement
- Generates approximately 432,900 jobs annually.



#### **Connect SoCal 2020**



COMPLETE STREETS INVESTMENT



DEMAND & SYSTEM MANAGEMENT



GOODS MOVEMENT



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



SYSTEM PRESERVATION & RESILIENCE



TRANSIT BACKBONE



SHARED MOBILITY & MOBILITY AS A SERVICE



SMART CITIES & JOB CENTERS



ACCELERATED ELECTRIFICATION



**GO ZONES** 



HOUSING SUPPORTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE

#### **Connect SoCal Schedule**

Foundations & Frameworks

Data Collection & Policy Development

Outreach & Analysis

**Plan Adoption** 

2021

2022

2023

2024

#### **COMPLETED MILESTONES**

- ✓ Draft Goals & Vision
- ✓ Draft Performance Measures
- ✓ Local Data Exchange
- ✓ Project List

#### **MILESTONES FOR 2023**

- Public Outreach and Engagement
- Plan Modeling, Analysis, Writing
- Draft Release in Fall 2023

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# **REAP 2.0 Implementation**



- REAP 2.0 seeks to accelerate infill housing, reduce VMT, increase housing supply at all affordability levels, affirmatively further fair housing, and facilitate the implementation of adopted regional and local plans to achieve these goals
- \$246 million across three program areas; 80% sub-allocated
- Transformative planning and implementation activities that implement the regional Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) at the local, sub-regional, and county levels, including CTCs



# **TRANSPORTATION**

**Mobility Planning** 

**Goods Movement** 

**Technology & Innovation** 

**Integrated Planning & Programming** 



#### LAND USE & HOUSING

**Sustainable & Resilient Development** 

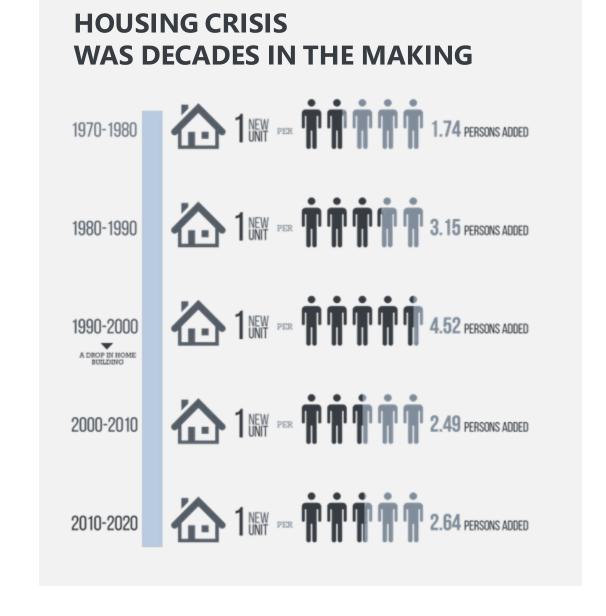
**Housing Planning** 

Housing & Special Programs (REAP)

**Economic Empowerment** 

#### Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan

- 6th Cycle RHNA Allocation: 1.3M Units
  - More than 3x the 5th cycle allocation
- RHNA Methodology Distribution
  - Future Household Growth
  - Access to HQTAs (2045)
  - Access to Jobs *(2045)*
  - Disadvantaged Communities
- 52 Appeals Filed
  - Two Appeals Granted
- Housing Elements Due Oct 2021
   with extension to Oct 2022



# Housing Planning & Technical Assistance

**Regional Early Action | Planning Grant \$47M** 

#### **Partnerships & Outreach**

- Subregional Partnerships
- Outreach & Education
- Partnerships with Non-Profits and CBOs

#### Housing Policy Solutions

- Toolkits & Best Practices
- Data & Technical Assistance

#### SCS Integration

- Priority Growth Areas
- Housing Near Transit Infrastructure



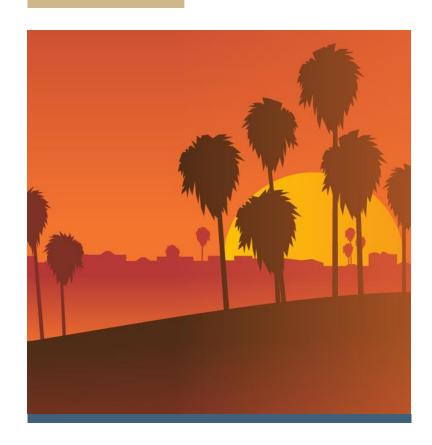


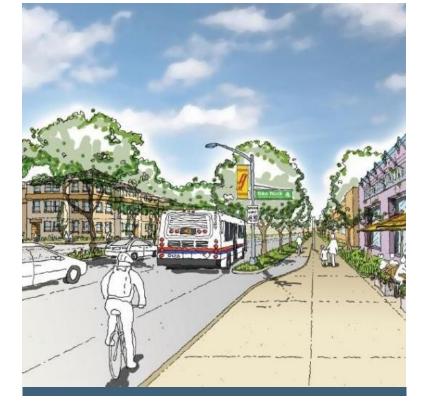
# **Member Resources**

Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer

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# **Grant Programs**



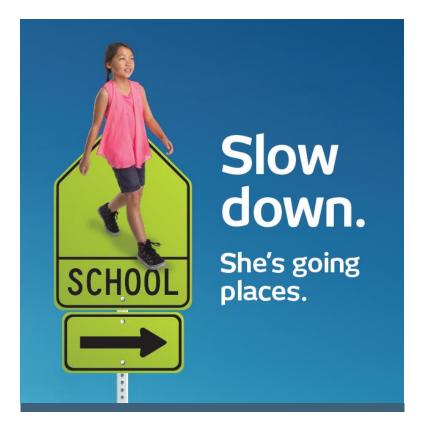


**REAP 2.0** 

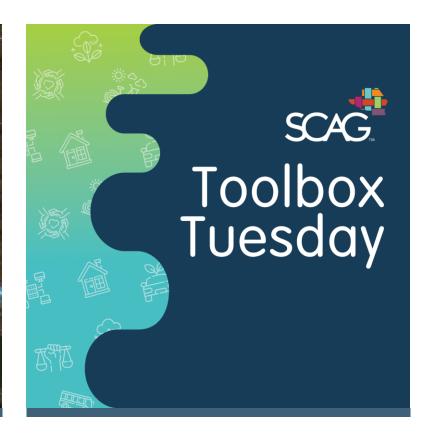
**Last Mile Freight Program** 

**Sustainable Communities Program** 

### **Tools, Data & Training**









**Regional Data Platform** 

**Toolbox Tuesday Trainings** 

# **A Unique Regional Forum**



Regional Conference & General Assembly



**Southern California Economic Summit** 



**Demographic Workshop** 





#### **STAY CONNECTED**

Sign up for newsletters or working groups and stay up-todate on specific programs: **scag.ca.gov/subscribe-updates** 

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**Southern California Association of Governments** 







#### **Government Affairs Officers**



**Jonathan Hughes**Orange County



**Ivette Macias**City of Los Angeles



**Erik Rodriguez**Los Angeles County



**David Salgado**Imperial County



**Arnold San Miguel**Riverside & San Bernardino Counties



Rachel Wagner
Ventura County





# **Legislative Advocacy**

**Kevin Gilhooley, Legislation Manager** 

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# Legislative/ Communications & Membership Committee

- Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month
- Recommends a legislative platform, which informs and prioritizes SCAG's advocacy efforts
- Recommends positions to the Regional Council on pending legislation



State Senator María Elena Durazo (D-Los Angeles)

# **Advocacy Efforts**

- Coordinates SCAG's legislative advocacy efforts, such as:
  - Letter-writing campaigns and coalition building efforts
  - "In-district" opportunities for virtual and inperson meetings
  - Sacramento Summit and Washington, D.C. advocacy meetings



Congressman Robert Garcia (D-Long Beach)

### **Consensus-Building**

- Legislation staff provide support for consensus building activities, including:
  - The Southern California Legislative Roundtable
  - The Big Four MPO Legislative Staff calls
  - CalCOG, NARC, Mobility21 and others
  - GLUE Council and sub-regional executive directors



### **Support Letters Program**

- Legislation staff provide support letters to SCAG member jurisdictions
- These letters help SCAG jurisdictions access hundreds of millions in state and federal grant funds from programs like:
  - TIRCP, ATP, RAISE, Mega, AHSC, TCEP, Low-No, Bus/Bus Facilities and others
- In 2022, SCAG provided 230 support letters



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August 31, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

RE: SCAG Support for the City of Pomona's Safe Streets and Roads for All Application – Systematic Traffic Safety Improvements

Dear Secretary Buttigleg

I am writing to express support on behalf of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for the City of Pomona's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant application. The City's proposed project was developed as part of a Local Roadway and Safety Plan (LRSP) process that included the Safe System Approach and Four E's of Safety.

The project will focus on systematic countermeasures at 20 locations that will dramatically improve safety for some of the City's most vulnerable residents who walk or bike to their destinations while reducing rear-end and broadside collisions. One of the proposed primary countermeasures, Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI), has a 60

.RF). While pedestrian-involved collisions accounted citywide, pedestrian-involved collisions comprised a r 39.8 percent of all fatal or severe injury collisions.

al Transportation Planning Agency and Council of counties, including Los Angeles County. The City of SCAG's Connect SoCal, the 2020-2045 Regional Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) goal to improve and travel safety for people and goods.

rove safety for motorized and non-motorized users. ith the policies and goals set forth in Connect SoCal, ectfully request full and fair consideration of the City ave any questions, please do not hesitate to contact by Planning and Goods Movement, at (213) 236-1841

#### **2022 Support Letters**

#### **Federal Grants**

99 Letters

**State Grants** 

100 Letters

Misc. Letters

31 Letters

TOTAL

230 Letters



# Legal Introductions/Brown Act

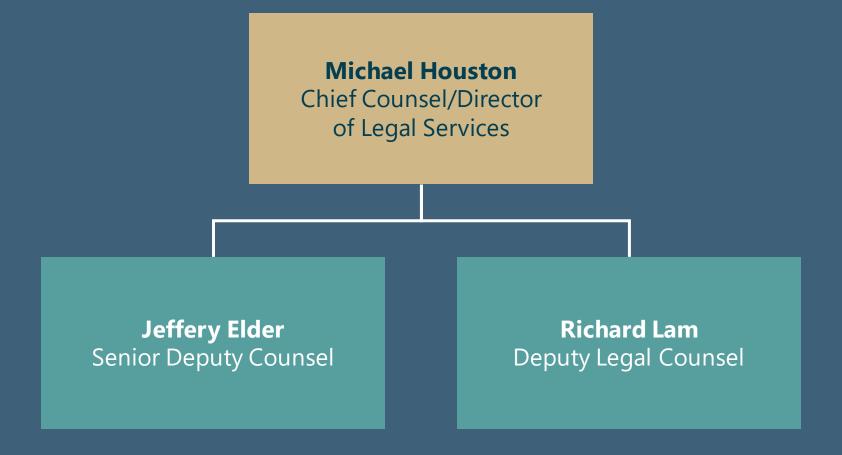
**Jeffery Elder, Senior Deputy Counsel** 

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## **Legal Services Department**

- Primarily serves as counsel to SCAG's Executive Director, executive team, management and staff.
- Provides support to SCAG's legislative bodies, but SCAG maintains separate Board
  Counsel (Ruben Duran, Best Best & Krieger) to directly advise the Regional Council, the
  Executive Administration Committee, Policy Committees and other SCAG legislative
  bodies.

# **Legal Services Team**



#### **Services Provided**

- Maintain a high level of service to agency in core work program areas
- Agency's leader and partner in governance
- Advance organizational goals through contracting & procurement

## **Brown Act – Key Things to Keep in Mind**

The purpose of the Brown Act is to promote transparency in government decisions and encourage public participation

- A "quorum" cannot meet without complying with Brown Act requirements
- Only matters on the agenda can be discussed by the legislative body
- The public is entitled to participate in the meeting of the legislative body
- There are specific requirements for remote participation by members of the body



# **Office of Regional Council Services**

Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board

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#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

- Stipends and Expense Reports
- Form 700
- Agendas

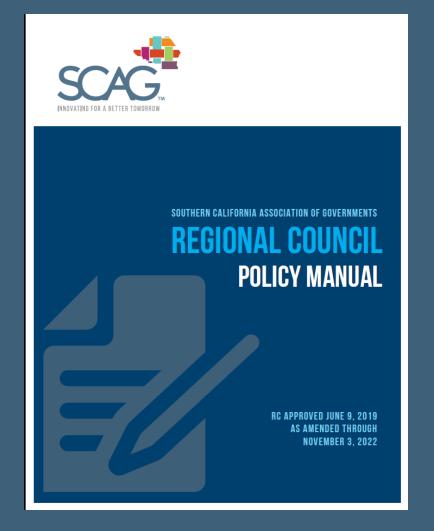
### **Stipends and Expense Reimbursements**

- Regional Council (RC) or Policy Committee (PC)
  members will receive a stipend of \$120 for
  attendance at SCAG-sponsored meetings, events
  or other SCAG business activities.
  - RC Members can receive up to six stipends per month
  - PC Members can receive up to four stipends per month
- A request for a Stipend payment must be made in writing and contain information on the date, time, location and purpose of any such meeting and be submitted to ORCS.



## Stipends and Expense Reimbursements

- Requests for reimbursement must be received by the ORCS no later than 30 days after the close of the fiscal year in which the expense was incurred.
- Additional information as to what qualifies for reimbursement can be found under Article VIII of the Regional Council Policy Manual.



#### Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interest

- New RC and PC members are required to file an Assuming Office Statement within 30 days of assuming office for their positions with SCAG.
- On yearly basis, ORCS will remind you of your annual filing obligations.
- SCAG utilizes NetFile an e-filing system which can be accessed 24/7 at: <a href="https://netfile.com/filer">https://netfile.com/filer</a>

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# Regional Council and Policy Committee Agendas

- ORCS handles the preparation of agenda packets for SCAG's Regional Council, Policy Committees and other committees
- Agendas are transmitted via email a week before the meeting.
- Agendas are available through SCAG's :
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Deborah Robertson, Rial

Transportation Ray Marquez, Chino Hills MEETING NO. 651

**HYBRID (IN-PERSON & REMOTE PARTICIPATION) \*** 

#### REGIONAL COUNCIL

In-Person & Remote Participation\*

Thursday, February 2, 2023 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Members of the Public are Welcome to Attend and Participate In-Person:

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Call-in Number: 1-669-900-6833 Meeting ID: 249 187 052

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Given the declared state of emergency (pursuant to State of Emergency Proclamation dated March 4, 2020) and local public health directives imposing and recommending social distancing measures due to the threat of COVID-19, and pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(A), the meeting will be conducted in a hybrid manner (both in-person and remotely by telephonic and video conference).

If members of the public wish to review the attachments or have any questions on any of the agenda items, please contact Maggie Aguilar at (213) 630-1420 or via email at <a href="mailto:speciago-aguila-geo-agu

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# Wrap-up & Questions

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