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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BYLAWS & RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

**Monday, March 2, 2015
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

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BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING Monday, March 2, 2015 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Committee Members	Tele/Videoconference Locations
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, representing Imperial County	Teleconference: 1498 W. Main Street El Centro, CA 92203
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Hon. Art Brown, representing Orange County	Teleconference: City of Buena Park City Hall 6650 Beach Blvd., Buena Park, CA
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**SPECIAL MEETING
BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
AGENDA
MARCH 2, 2015**

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The Bylaws and Resolution Committee may consider and act upon any of the items listed on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as information or action items.

CALL TO ORDER

(Hon. Michele Martinez, Chair)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – Members of the public desiring to speak on items on the agenda, or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Nominating Committee, must fill out and present a Public Comment Card to the Assistant prior to speaking. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker provided that the Chair has the discretion to reduce this time limit based upon the number of speakers. The Chair may limit the total time for all public comments to twenty (20) minutes.

ACTION ITEM

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| 1. <u>Proposed Resolution for Consideration By The General Assembly – Five-Year Moratorium On Laws That Negatively Impact California Businesses</u>
<i>(Joann Africa, Chief Counsel)</i> | Attachment 1 |
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Recommended Action: That the Committee review the following revised General Assembly resolution proposed by City of Irvine Mayor Steven Choi which supports a five-year moratorium on laws that negatively impact California businesses; provide direction to staff; and forward its recommendation to the Regional Council.

STAFF REPORT

(Joann Africa, Chief Connsel)

ADJOURNMENT



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DATE: March 2, 2015

TO: Bylaws and Resolutions Committee

FROM: Joann Africa, Chief Counsel; (213) 236-1928; africa@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution for Consideration By The General Assembly – Five-Year Moratorium On Laws That Negatively Impact California Businesses

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL: 

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Committee review the following revised General Assembly resolution proposed by City of Irvine Mayor Steven Choi which supports a five-year moratorium on laws that negatively impact California businesses; provide direction to staff; and forward its recommendation to the Regional Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each year, in preparation for the annual General Assembly meeting, proposed resolutions and proposed amendments to the SCAG Bylaws are considered by both the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee (Committee) and the Regional Council, prior to submission to the General Assembly. SCAG staff received originally a proposed resolution from City of Irvine Mayor Steven Choi which supported a five-year moratorium on additional financial burdens to California businesses. This original resolution was reviewed by the Committee on February 18, 2015. The Committee concluded that the resolution needed to be revised to be more in line with SCAG's prior actions supporting the State's economic recovery and encouraging business-friendly local practices. Thereafter, staff worked with Mayor Choi on the revised resolution attached with this report. The Committee is requested to review the revised resolution; provide direction to staff; and formally provide its recommendation to the Regional Council on March 5, 2014.

STRATEGIC PLAN: This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal 1 (Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective C (Provide practical solutions for moving new ideas forward).

BACKGROUND:

The SCAG Bylaws provides the opportunity for any Official Representatives of SCAG to propose any policy matter for action by the General Assembly by way of submittal of a resolution. Irvine Mayor Choi originally submitted to staff a proposed General Assembly resolution supporting a five-year moratorium on additional financial burdens to California businesses. This original resolution was reviewed by the Committee on February 18, 2014, whereby the Committee concluded that it needed to be revised to be more in line with SCAG's prior actions supporting the State's economic recovery and encouraging business-friendly local practices.

Thereafter, staff worked with Mayor Choi to revise the original resolution which included changing the title of the resolution and modifying the recitals. The revised resolution is attached herein for the Committee's

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consideration. The Committee is asked to review the revised resolution proposed by Mayor Choi, provide direction to staff and formally provide its recommendation to the Regional Council to be presented on March 5, 2015.

Please note that because the March 5th Regional Council agenda packet was posted and distributed prior to today's meeting, the report from the Committee to the Regional Council regarding the revised resolution shall be sent under separate cover to the Regional Council and publicly posted after this meeting

ATTACHMENT:

Revised Resolution proposed by City of Irvine Mayor Steven Choi proposing General Assembly resolution in support of a five-year moratorium on laws that negatively impact California businesses



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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS IN
SUPPORT OF A FIVE-YEAR MORATORIUM ON LAWS THAT
NEGATIVELY IMPACT CALIFORNIA BUSINESSES**

WHEREAS, the economy of State of California is in the midst of a recovery from the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression;

WHEREAS, California businesses have left the State to find relief from the unfavorable regulatory and operating environments associated with doing business in California;

WHEREAS, California has the highest corporate tax rate in the west, causing corporations looking to relocate, or even establish a business in California, to look at other opportunities;

WHEREAS, California has the second highest unemployment rate in the nation;

WHEREAS, over 3.2 million individuals out of the six-county SCAG region’s 18.5 million residents are living in poverty;

WHEREAS, 170 cities and 6 counties in the Southern California have adopted “Business Friendly Principles,” showing a commitment to work together to keep businesses within California and remove impediments to economic growth;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS DOES
HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. The General Assembly approves to support a five-year moratorium on any new laws or regulatory rules that would have a negative impact on businesses and job creation in the State of California.

SECTION 2. The General Assembly approves to support comprehensive business-friendly initiatives and funding opportunities that encourage California business to continue operating within the state or that will attract new businesses.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at the General Assembly Meeting of the Southern California Association of Governments at its meeting held on the 7th day of May, 2015.

Hon. Carl E. Morehouse
President, SCAG
Councilmember, City of San Buenaventura

Attested by:

Hasan Ikhata
Executive Director

Approved as to Form:

Joann Africa
Chief Counsel