SCAG-Sponsored Legislation

Executive/Administration Committee
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• **Why** – Desire to increase the agency’s leadership and legislative advocacy on important policy issues in Sacramento.

• **How** – Brainstorming, discussion, and deliberation of legislative concepts occurred at the September and December 2021 Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee meetings.

• **What** – Almost half of all concepts discussed by Committee Members expressed support for funding tools to help cities/counties implement their local housing programs.
First Choice – Expand Infill Infrastructure Grant Program

• **What:** Advocate for a major expansion and investment in the existing Infill Infrastructure Grant Program to provide for infrastructure that supports infill housing development.

• **Why:** Major capital investment is needed to rehab, expand, or preserve the water pipes, sewer lines, transit shelters, sidewalks, etc. to support housing in infill locations.

• **Who:** Housing & Community Development, SCAG region cities and counties, advocates, builders.

Second Choice – Incentives for RHNA Production

• **What:** Advocate for new incentives that motivate the approval/development of RHNA housing projects.

• **Why:** Incentives are needed to assist municipalities in approving development, especially for responsible projects that may produce some community opposition.

• **Who:** SCAG region cities and counties, sub-regional councils of governments, advocates, builders.
Long Term - California Environmental Quality Act Modernization

**What:** Support the modernization of CEQA to expedite and streamline infill, transit-oriented, and housing projects.

**Why:** Since its inception, CEQA has undergone no major modernization; and at times CEQA, is used to derail responsible community improvements.

**Who:** GLUE Council, advocates, Building Trades and Laborers, Building Industry Association.

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Next Steps

- **January 10, 2022** – Governor Newsom submits his Proposed Budget to the State Legislature

- **February 18, 2022** – Deadline by which new bills must be introduced by State Legislators