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**Subject:** FInal Remarks for Friday Jan. 15, 2021 at SCAG Appeals Board.

Dear SCAG:

Here is an e-mail copy of my remarks as I delivered them this morning. You can put them in the record instead of having to rely on memory.

Thank you so much for allowing me to speak during public comment.

Holly Osborne

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Good morning,

Thank you for allowing me to speak. My name is Holly Osborne, I live in Redondo Beach and I am a registered Professional Engineer in the State of California. I am not an elected person, or on any payroll of any city. I **do** have an obsession for correct data, and have followed the RHNA process from the beginning. It was I who discovered that there were errors in the SCAG data sets for Redondo associated with non existent Metro stops. This is because I live within a couple blocks of one of those "extra" stops: the one that was taken out of the **Metro's** plan in **Sept. 2018**, but it had been left in the **SCAG** data projections **until Jan 2020**. It was a long, frustrating effort just to get the two extra stops removed from the HQTAs plots..

I originally wanted to speak because I wanted to further discuss the HQTAs data which you did not believe Wednesday, but I do not have the energy to continue that battle now.

There is something more important to talk about, which affects every city, and that is the absolute necessity of getting the overall RHNA down and making that data correct.. You have continually said you could do nothing when cities appealed about their allocation, your hands were tied, and although you were sympathetic, that is not sufficient. You said you were taking notes so that you could talk to HCD and improve the RHNA process for next time. Next time will be too late.

One of the city planners from a denser city said it best. "We will be building slums of tomorrow today." If you wait until tomorrow, it will be too late.

Another planner from Huntington Park, a 3. sq mile super dense, lower income city in LA county, said it just as forcefully. In response to the board telling him that **if** his dwellings were crowded, he needed MORE dwellings, he replied, "If I build more dwellings, more people will come, and that will not fix anything." It will not fix his lack of parks, It will not fix his 35 overburdened schools. It will make things worse.

Many have talked about fires. You have all agreed that it does not make sense to build in high burn areas, but say your hands are tied. If you wait 8 years to tell cities they did not have to build homes in fire zones, or dwellings in front of dams, it will be too late.

When you go to Sacramento, to discuss this with HCD, please get your hands untied. and do not come back until you have negotiated a lower RHNA number, in line with what more recent studies have predicted. Then your **current methodology** will more closely reflect achievable RHNA allocations..

One last note on HQTAs. In Redondo the corridor included a cemetery. Other cities have protested the suitability of some of their HQTAs corridors. City planners can decide which is the greater evil: to build on slopes too steep to build; or to desecrate the dead.

Thank you for your time