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Kome Ajise, Executive Director
Southern California Association of Governments
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700
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Regional Council - RHNA Litigation Study Team, Closed Session

Dear Mr. Ajise:

On behalf of the Lakewood City Council, I request that the SCAG Regional Council conduct a closed session to discuss the RHNA Litigation Study Team's findings regarding the regional determination of 1.34 million housing units for the SCAG region.

Regional Council President Rex Richardson, has expressed a willingness to hold a closed session to discuss this issue and possible legal action against the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The closed session discussion would allow Regional Council members to discuss the information presented in order to provide an opportunity for Regional Councilmembers to determine whether or not to pursue litigation.

The City of Lakewood has been working closely with SCAG staff throughout the 6th Housing Cycle process, and we have voiced our concerns over the RHNA housing determination and allocation process. Most recently, we submitted a formal request for an appeal of our RHNA allocation of 3,914 housing units. While we have expressed our concern over the RHNA allocation, our more significant objection is with HCD's housing determination methodology, in particular that they did not adhere to the provisions of the State Government Code.

We appreciate that SCAG also raised this concern, however, HCD chose to ignore these concerns in finalizing their housing determination. While the RHNA appeals process would merely reallocate housing units from one jurisdiction to another within our Gateway Cities Council of Governments, a possible legal action that would lead to a reduction of the regional determination would be much more impactful for the SCAG member cities.

The City of Lakewood appreciates SCAG's efforts on the RHNA process to date and requests your continued support to facilitate the Regional Council closed session meeting. Should you have any questions regarding our request, please contact Abel Avalos, Director of Community Development, (562) 866-9771, ext. 2301, or aavalos@lakewoodcity.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Todd Rogers".

Todd Rogers
Mayor

Lakewood