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**From:** Christopher Koontz <Christopher.Koontz@longbeach.gov>  
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Good morning,

The purpose of this email is to provide the City of Long Beach's position in regards to pending RHNA appeals before SCAG. The City of Long Beach seeks to meet its housing needs and obligations for the benefit of Long Beach residents and the region. Our allocation was extremely large and presents a planning and financing challenge for the City. Nonetheless we chose not to appeal our allocation because the allocation process was fair and transparent including taking the City of Long Beach's input into consideration.

We oppose and will not accept any transfer of additional allocation due to the pending appeals. We note that within our area, the Gateway COG, appeals are pending from Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Huntington Park, La Mirada, Lakewood, Pico Rivera, and South Gate. Each of these appeals should be evaluated by SCAG on the merits, however Long Beach opposes any transfer of allocation to our City. It would be inappropriate to transfer a further burden to Long Beach when we have already accepted a large allocation and have done more than many cities in the region to accommodate housing growth under the current RHNA cycle, including fully meeting our market-rate RHNA allocation.

The City of Long Beach will continue to work with SCAG and our neighbor jurisdictions to address the housing needs of our residents.

We thank you for consideration and please do not hesitate to contact the City regarding our position.

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