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GUSTAVO V. CAMACHO
Mayor

November 16, 2020

The Honorable Rex Richardson, President
Southern California Association of Governments
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700
Los Angeles, California 90017

RE: City of Pico Rivera Support for Request to Convene a Special Closed Meeting of the SCAG Regional Council to Discuss the Recommendations of the SCAG RHNA Litigation Committee

President Richardson:

We have been monitoring the information and discussions that have been raised by jurisdictions on whether the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) followed housing law in issuing a housing need of 1.34 million units to the SCAG region. This was an issue raised by SCAG staff in its own September 18, 2019 objection letter to HCD, and a reason why SCAG initially established and convened meetings of a SCAG RHNA Litigation Committee back in late 2019. At that time, it was reported that no litigation would be pursued.

Since that time, and at the request of SCAG RHNA Subcommittee Chair Peggy Huang, we understand that you reconvened the SCAG RHNA Litigation Committee. Further, a meeting was held on November 2, 2020, to continue discussions on the issue. You reported out at the November 4, 2020 SCAG Executive/Administration Committee meeting and the November 5, 2020, SCAG Regional Council meeting that there was a general consensus of the RHNA Litigation Committee that SCAG did not pursue any litigation actions against HCD.

At the November 5, 2020, Regional Council meeting, two Regional Council members asked if a special closed session of the SCAG Regional Council could be scheduled to further discuss the recommendation of the RHNA Litigation Committee and receive the information that was presented to the RHNA Litigation Committee. You responded that you needed to hear from a cross-section of members and be respectful of all viewpoints to see if there are any concerns with the recommendation of the RHNA Litigation Committee.

The City of Pico Rivera is responding to your outreach. We support the request that the SCAG Regional Council conduct a special closed meeting to discuss the RHNA Litigation Committee's recommendation.

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As a SCAG member jurisdiction, we feel this discussion has direct relevance to our jurisdiction and our RHNA allocation and merits the Regional Council's additional consideration and recommendation. We hope that this special meeting can be convened immediately.

If you have any questions, please call Julia Gonzalez, Community and Economic Development Deputy Director, at (562) 801-4447.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gustavo V. Camacho".

Gustavo V. Camacho
Mayor
City of Pico Rivera

cc: Kome Ajise, SCAG Executive Director
Gateway Cities Council of Governments