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SCAG approves modified plan for allocating 1.34 million units as part of the 6th Cycle RHNA process

Los Angeles – The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) on Thursday approved a modified methodology for distributing a state-mandated 1.34 million housing units in the six-county region over an eight-year period.

The plan goes further in promoting greater housing development near jobs and transit availability than did earlier methodology proposals. The modified plan now goes to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for its approval, which could be finalized by January or February.

The methodology forms the basis for how the regional housing need would be distributed among SCAG’s six counties and 191 cities. After a lengthy process, HCD last month determined that need at 1.34 million units during the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) period, from October 2021 through October 2029.

In addition to employment and transit access, the methodology takes into account a variety of factors, including growth projections and social equity considerations. SCAG has conducted a detailed research, outreach and engagement process in coming up with methodology options

“We value the high level of engagement we’ve had during the RHNA process,” said Kome Ajise, SCAG’s Executive Director. “How we move forward in addressing the region’s housing affordability crisis is a major policy imperative that the SCAG board takes seriously.”

The modified methodology was approved by SCAG’s Regional Council in a 43-19 vote.

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About SCAG

SCAG is the nation’s largest metropolitan planning organization, representing six counties, 191 cities and nearly 19 million residents. SCAG undertakes a variety of planning and policy initiatives to plan for a livable and sustainable Southern California now and in the future. For more information about SCAG’s regional efforts, please visit www.scag.ca.gov.