



November 18, 2020

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

SUBJECT: City of Rancho Palos Verdes Support for Request to Convene a Special Closed Meeting of the Southern California Association of Government of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council to Discuss the Recommendations of the SCAG RHNA Litigation Committee

President Richardson:

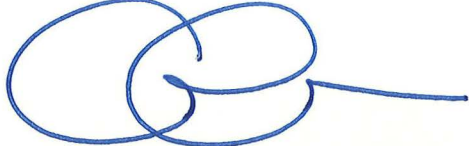
We have been monitoring the information and discussions that have been raised by jurisdictions, on whether the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) followed housing law in issuing a housing need of 1.34 million units to the SCAG region. This was an issue that was raised by SCAG staff as part of an objection letter to HCD dated September 18, 2019, and a reason why SCAG established the SCAG RHNA Litigation Committee and convened meetings 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, and further, that a meeting was held on November 2, 2020, to continue discussions on the issue. You reported 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 not pursue any litigation actions against HCD.

At the November 5, 2020 Regional Council meeting, two Regional Council members inquired as to whether a special closed session of the SCAG Regional Council could be scheduled, to further discuss the recommendation of the RHNA Litigation Committee and to receive the information that was presented to the RHNA Litigation Committee. It is our understanding that in your response you indicated that you needed to hear from a cross-section of members and be respectful of all viewpoints and to see if there are any concerns with the recommendation of the RHNA Litigation Committee.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ara Michael Mihranian, AICP
City Manager
City of Rancho Palos Verdes

cc: Kome Ajise, SCAG Executive Director
SCAG RC District 40 Representative Hon. Drew Boyles of District of the City of
El Segundo
South Bay Cities Council of Governments