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REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE ON THE SCAG WEBSITE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>

The Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its meeting telephonically and electronically, given public health directives limiting public gatherings due to the threat of COVID-19 and in compliance with the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20. A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Bill Jahn, President	<i>Big Bear Lake</i>	District 11
Hon. Rex Richardson, 1st Vice President	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Clint Lorimore, 2nd Vice President	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Hon. Alan D. Wapner, Imm. Past President		SBCTA
Supervisor Luis Plancarte		Imperial County
Supervisor Kathryn Barger		Los Angeles County
Supervisor Don Wagner		Orange County
Supervisor Karen Spiegel		Riverside County
Supervisor Curt Hagman		San Bernardino County
Supervisor Linda Parks		Ventura County
Hon. James Predmore		ICTC
Hon. Miguel Pulido		OCTA
Hon. Jan Harnik		RCTC
Hon. Peggy Huang		TCA
Hon. Mike T. Judge		VCTC
Hon. Ben Benoit		Air District Representative
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker	<i>El Centro</i>	District 1
Hon. Kathleen Kelly	<i>Palm Desert</i>	District 2
Hon. Rey Santos	<i>Baumont</i>	District 3
Hon. Zak Schwank	<i>Temecula</i>	District 5

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To foster innovative regional solutions that improve the lives of Southern Californians through inclusive collaboration, visionary planning, regional advocacy, information sharing, and promoting best practices.

OUR VISION

Southern California’s Catalyst for a Brighter Future

OUR CORE VALUES

Be Open | Lead by Example | Make an Impact | Be Courageous

Members Present - continued

Hon. Frank Navarro	<i>Colton</i>	District 6
Hon. Larry McCallon	<i>Highland</i>	District 7
Hon. Deborah Robertson	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
Hon. L. Dennis Michael	<i>Rancho Cucamonga</i>	District 9
Hon. Ray Marquez	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Michael Carroll	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon. Steve Nagel	<i>Fountain Valley</i>	District 15
Hon. Phil Bacerra	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. Charles Puckett	<i>Tustin</i>	District 17
Hon. Stacy Berry	<i>Cypress</i>	District 18
Hon. Trevor O'Neil	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Tri Ta	<i>Westminster</i>	District 20
Hon. Art Brown	<i>Buena Park</i>	District 21
Hon. Marty Simonoff	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Frank Yokoyama	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. Sonny Santa Ines	<i>Bellflower</i>	District 24
Hon. Sean Ashton	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. Emma Sharif	<i>Compton</i>	District 26
Hon. Ali Saleh	<i>Bell</i>	District 27
Hon. Dan Medina	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Jeannine Pearce	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Steve De Ruse	<i>La Mirada</i>	District 31
Hon. Margaret Clark	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
Hon. Jorge Marquez	<i>Covina</i>	District 33
Hon. Teresa Real Sebastian	<i>Monterey Park</i>	District 34
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Jonathan Curtis	<i>La Cañada Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. Steve Tye	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Tim Sandoval	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Judy Mitchell	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	District 40
Hon. Meghan Sahli-Wells	<i>Culver City</i>	District 41
Hon. Jess Talamantes	<i>Burbank</i>	District 42
Hon. Steven Hofbauer	<i>Palmdale</i>	District 43
Hon. David Shapiro	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Carmen Ramirez	<i>Oxnard</i>	District 45



Members Present - continued

Hon. David Pollock	<i>Moorpark</i>	District 46
Hon. Tim Holmgren	<i>Fillmore</i>	District 47
Hon. David Ryu	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Steve Manos	<i>Lake Elsinore</i>	District 63
Hon. Megan Beaman Jacinto	<i>Coachella</i>	District 66
Hon. Hector Pacheco	<i>San Fernando</i>	District 67
Hon. Rusty Bailey	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Marisela Magana	<i>Perris</i>	District 69
Mr. Randall Lewis	<i>Business Representative</i>	Ex-Officio Member

Members Not Present

Supervisor Hilda Solis		Los Angeles County
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	Tribal Gov't Reg'l Planning Brd.
Hon. Fred Minagar	<i>Laguna Niguel</i>	District 12
Hon. Gilbert Cedillo	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 48
Hon. Paul Krekorian	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 49/Public Transit Rep.
Hon. Bob Blumenfield	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 50
Hon. Paul Koretz	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 52
Hon. Nury Martinez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 53
Hon. Monica Rodriguez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 54
Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 55
Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 56
Hon. Herb Wesson, Jr.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 57
Hon. Mike Bonin	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 58
Hon. John Lee	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 59
Hon. Mitch O'Farrell	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 60
Hon. José Huizar	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 61
Hon. Joe Buscaino	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Lyn Semeta	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Rita Ramirez	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Eric Garcetti	<i>Los Angeles</i>	Member-at-Large

Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director
Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer

Justine Block, Acting Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs
Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning
Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer
Julie Loats, Chief Information Officer
Peter Waggoner, Office of Regional Council Support
Tess Rey-Chaput, Office of Regional Council Support

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Bill Jahn called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and asked Councilmember Ray Marquez, Chino Hills, District 10, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Jahn opened the Public Comment Period for items not on the agenda. He announced that comments would be limited to one and a half minutes for each speaker.

Dr. Holly Osborne, a resident of Redondo Beach, commented on COVID-19 and the role of density in its spread. She recounted her proposal made at the March 5, 2020 Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee and stated that the Final Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Methodology does not benefit high-density cities. She recommended a hybrid model in which high-density and low-density cities apply different methodologies.

There being no other public comment speakers, President Jahn closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no request to prioritize agenda items.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Nominations for the 2020-21 SCAG Officer Positions

President Jahn introduced the item and asked Nominating Committee Chair Alan Wapner, SBCTA, to provide a report.

Nominating Committee Chair Wapner outlined the process of the Nominating Committee in considering nominations. He announced that the Nominating Committee recommended the following candidates for 2020-21 SCAG Officer positions: current First Vice President Rex Richardson, Long Beach, District 29, for the position of President; current Second Vice President Clint Lorimore, Eastvale, District 4, for the position of First Vice President; and Regional Councilmember Jan Harnik, RCTC, for the position of Second Vice President.

A MOTION was made (Wapner) to approve the nominations for the SCAG 2020-21 Officer positions as submitted by the Nominating Committee. Motion was SECONDED (Navarro).

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made (Nagel) to nominate Regional Councilmember Peggy Huang, TCA, for Second Vice President. The motion was SECONDED (Bacerra).

Board Counsel Ruben Duran clarified the process for nominations from the floor and stated that the substitute motion should be taken up first.

Nominees for Second Vice President Peggy Huang, TCA, and Jan Harnik, RCTC, made brief statements to the Regional Council regarding their qualifications.

SCAG staff confirmed that no public comments were received for Agenda Item No. 1.

The floor was opened to comments from Regional Councilmembers. Regional Councilmember Margaret Finlay, Duarte, District 35; Regional Councilmember Trevor O'Neil, Anaheim, District 19; Regional Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1; Regional Councilmember Linda Parks, Ventura County; Regional Councilmember Stacy Berry, Cypress, District 18; Regional Councilmember Michael Carroll, Irvine, District 14; First Vice President Rex Richardson, Long Beach, District 29; and Regional Councilmember Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8, commented on the candidates.

Immediate Past President Alan Wapner made a MOTION TO AMEND to approve the nominations for the SCAG 2020-21 President and Vice President positions as submitted by the Nominating Committee. Motion to amend was SECONDED (Navarro) and passed by the following roll call votes:

FOR: ASHTON, BACERRA, BAILEY, BARGER, BEAMAN-JACINTO, BENOIT, BERRY, BROWN, BUCKNUM, CARROLL, CLARK, CURTIS, DE RUSE, FINLAY, GAZELEY, HADJINIAN, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HOFBAUER, HOLMGREN, HUANG, JAHN, JUDGE, KELLY, LORIMORE, MAGANA, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, McCALLON, MICHAEL, MITCHELL, NAGEL, NAVARRO, O'NEIL, PACHECO, PARKS, PEARCE, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, PREDMORE, PUCKETT, PULIDO, C. RAMIREZ, RICHARDSON, ROBERTSON,

RYU, SAHLI-WELLS, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTA INES, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SHARIF, SIMONOFF, SPIEGEL, TA, TALAMANTES, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER and YOKOYAMA (64)

AGAINST: NONE (0)

ABSTAIN: NONE (0)

Regional Councilmember Margaret Finlay, Duarte, District 35; Regional Councilmember Hon. Kathleen Kelly, Palm Desert, District 2; and Supervisor Karen Spiegel, Riverside County, provided further comments on candidates.

A vote was taken for the two (2) nominations received for the position of SCAG 2020-21 Second Vice President: Regional Councilmember Jan Harnik, RCTC; and Regional Councilmember Peggy Huang, TCA. Regional Councilmembers were directed to vote by stating the name of their selected nominee, whether “Harnik” or “Huang.” Regional Councilmember Jan Harnik for SCAG 2020-21 Second Vice President was approved by the following roll call votes:

HARNIK: BAILEY, BARGER, BEAMAN-JACINTO, BENOIT, CURTIS, FINLAY, HADJINIAN, HARNIK, HOFBAUER, JAHN, KELLY, LORIMORE, MAGANA, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MICHAEL, MITCHELL, NAVARRO, PEARCE, PLANCARTE, POLLOCK, RICHARDSON, ROBERTSON, RYU, SAHLI-WELLS, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHARIF, SPIEGEL, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER and WAPNER (36)

HUANG: ASHTON, BACERRA, BERRY, BROWN, BUCKNUM, CARROLL, CLARK, DE RUSE, GAZELEY, HENDERSON, HOLMGREN, HUANG, JUDGE, NAGEL, O’NEIL, PACHECO, PARKS, PREDMORE, PUCKETT, PULIDO, C. RAMIREZ, SANTA INES, SHAPIRO, SIMONOFF, TA, TALAMANTES, WAGNER and YOKOYAMA (28)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

President Jahn offered congratulations to the approved SCAG 2020-21 Officers: current First Vice President Rex Richardson, Long Beach, District 29, for the position of President; current Second Vice President Clint Lorimore, Eastvale, District 4, for the position of First Vice President; and Regional Councilmember Jan Harnik, RCTC, for the position of Second Vice President.

Regional Councilmember Jan Harnik, RCTC; Regional Councilmember Peggy Huang, TCA; First Vice President Rex Richardson; and Second Vice President Clint Lorimore, Eastvale District 4, provided remarks.

2. Proposed Final Connect SoCal (2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR))

President Jahn noted that all policy committees unanimously forwarded recommendations for adoption of Resolution No. 20-621-1 to the Regional Council. President Jahn introduced Executive Director Kome Ajise to provide a brief report on the nature of Connect SoCal. Mr. Ajise then introduced Director of Planning Sarah Jepson to share a presentation on Connect SoCal. Ms. Jepson began by highlighting differences between the Draft Connect SoCal and the proposed Final Connect SoCal. Based on comments received, clarifications were made to confirm local control and authority of general plans; reinforce housing variety and affordability; and clarify source and use of entitlement data. Language was also added about the process for adding projects and amending the Plan, emission reduction strategies, transportation conformity and response to the pandemic.

Ms. Jepson explained the recommendation for a 120-day delay in approving the Plan in its entirety, except as required for federal transportation conformity purposes, in order to have deeper conversation with stakeholders about issues they are facing in light of the pandemic. Longer-term impacts will be included in the Plan update, beginning next spring. Ms. Jepson then reviewed technical updates made to the proposed Final Connect SoCal, shared an overview of plan performance and explained the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR). She concluded by outlining recommended actions for the Regional Council and next steps for federal and state review.

President Jahn opened the Public Comment Period for Agenda Item No. 2 and provided instructions for public comments. Board Counsel Ruben Duran provided further clarification on public comment procedures per SCAG's Bylaws.

Richard Lambros, Southern California Leadership Council, spoke on behalf of a coalition of business groups and commented in support of adopting Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Melanie Schlotterbeck spoke on behalf of multiple conservation and community groups and commented in support of the natural and farmland policies included in Connect SoCal.

Tracy Hernandez, BizFed, commented in support of adopting Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Jeff Montejano, Building Industry Association of Southern California, commented in support of adopting Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Maria Salinas, LA Chamber of Commerce, commented in support of adopting Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Dan Silver, Endangered Habitats League, commented in support of the natural and farmland policies included in Connect SoCal.

Mike Lewis, Construction Industry Air Quality Coalition, commented in support of adopting Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Leonora Camner, Abundant Housing LA, commented in opposition to the 120-day delay included in Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Ron Miller, Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building Trades, commented in support of adopting Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Justin Robertson, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, commented in support of adopting Resolution No. 20-621-1 and future updates to promote public health and address COVID-19.

David Wheatley, resident of Los Angeles, commented in support of additional focus on historic preservation and community engagement.

Connor Medina, Orange County Business Council, commented in support of adopting Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Brad Jensen, San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, commented in support of adopting Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Megan Kirkeby, California Department of Housing and Community Development, commented and provided information on housing elements' due date, which is scheduled for October 15, 2021.

Bill Sadler, Public Health Alliance of Southern California, commented in support of the integration of public health within all elements of the Plan, including investments in active transportation and transportation safety.

Elizabeth Hansburg, People for Housing Orange County, commented on goals for RHNA and spoke to the difference between density (dwelling units per acre) and housing overcrowding in viral transmission.

Luis Portillo, Inland Empire Economic Partnership, commented in support of adopting Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Dr. Holly Osborne, a resident of Redondo Beach, commented on the impact of density on public

health considering COVID-19 and suggested a new RHNA algorithm.

Christine Bos, Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, commented in support of adopting Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Paavo Monkkonen, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, commented in opposition to the 120-day delay included in Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Anthony Dedousis, Abundant Housing LA, commented in opposition to the 120-day delay included in Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Robert Ackerman, Alliance for a Regional Solution to Airport Congestion, commented in support of adding airport regionalization in the Aviation Element of Connect SoCal.

Laura Foote, YIMBY Action, commented in opposition to the 120-day delay included in Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Kristopher Fortin, Santa Ana Active Streets, commented in support of further consideration of COVID-19 impacts within Connect SoCal.

Demi Espinoza, Safe Routes Partnership, commented in support of support of further consideration of COVID-19 impacts within Connect SoCal.

Ray Baca, Engineering Contractors' Association, commented in support of adopting Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Mark Baza, Imperial County Transportation Commission, commented in support of adopting Resolution No. 20-621-1.

Board Counsel Ruben Duran announced that 112 comments for Agenda Item No. 2 were received before the 5pm deadline on Wednesday, May 6. These comments have been posted to SCAG's website, and a link was shared with committee members. Mr. Duran read into record comments received after the deadline from Richard Lambros et al., Southern California Leadership Council et al; Paavo Monkkonen, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs; Daniel Poineau, resident of Los Angeles, CA; Ann Bickerton, resident of Los Angeles, CA; Ryan Koyanagi, resident of Pomona, CA; Michael Dworsky, resident of Los Angeles, CA; Chris Edgar, resident of Ladera Ranch, CA; Zachary Steinert-Threlkeld, resident of Los Angeles, CA; Matt Stauffer, resident of Los Angeles, CA; Gregory Dina, resident of Los Angeles, CA; Denny Schneider and Robert Acherman, Alliance for a Regional Solution to Airport Congestion; Anthony Dedousis, Abundant Housing LA; Jerard Wright, BizFed; Jordan Fanaris, resident of Venice, CA; and David Wheatley, resident. Mr. Duran noted that these

comments will also be posted to SCAG's website.

Regional Councilmember Meghan Sahli-Wells, Culver City, District 41, asked whether COVID-19 data can be compiled prior to planned report by staff in 60 days and how the proposed delay will affect the RHNA timeline. Kome Ajise reiterated Megan Kirkeby's comment that the delay will possibly affect RHNA and, given the deadline for housing elements, limit cities' time available to prepare housing elements. He elaborated on the amendment process for Connect SoCal to incorporate information beyond the delay period. Regional Councilmember Sahli-Wells further commented on the interconnectedness between health and housing policy.

Regional Councilmember Trevor O'Neil, Anaheim, District 19, commented that the Regional Council was previously told that Connect SoCal adoption cannot be delayed, and given current delay included in staff's current recommendation, alternate RHNA methodologies could have been further considered.

Regional Councilmember Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates, District 40, commented in support of the 120-day delay as part of Resolution No. 20-621-1 to consider impacts of COVID-19.

Regional Councilmember Jeannine Peace, Long Beach, District 30, commented in support of further discussion around impacts of COVID-19 while limiting delay in adopting Connect SoCal.

Regional Councilmember Steve Tye, Diamond Bar, District 37, commented in support of staff's recommendation, including 120-day delay.

First Vice President Rex Richardson, Long Beach, District 29, acknowledged staff's preparation of Connect SoCal and commended stakeholders who have engaged with SCAG, generating input which has been incorporated within Resolution No. 20-621-1.

A MOTION was made (Richardson) to adopt Resolution No. 20-621-1. Motion was SECONDED (Lorimore).

First Vice President Rex Richardson, Long Beach, District 29, made a friendly amendment to his Motion, allowing SCAG staff to make non-substantive corrections to Resolution No. 20-621-1. Second Vice President, Clint Lorimore, Eastvale, District 4, accepted the friendly amendment.

The motion passed by the following votes:

FOR: ASHTON, BACERRA, BAILEY, BARGER, BEAMAN-JACINTO, BENOIT, BERRY, CLARK, CURTIS, DE RUSE, FINLAY, GAZELEY, HARNIK, HENDERSON, HOFBAUER, HOLMGREN, HUANG, JAHN, JUDGE, KELLY, LORIMORE, MAGANA, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R.

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AGAINST: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEM

3. COVID-19: Leading and Learning in Uncertain Times

A report was not provided.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

4. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Final Comprehensive Budget
5. 6th Cycle RHNA Appeals Procedures
6. Minutes of the Meeting - March 5, 2020
7. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 20-035-C01, IT Managed Services
8. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 20-021-C01, Federal Advocacy Services
9. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 20-034-C01, Heat Island Reduction with Urban Greening and Cool Streets
10. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: Contract No. 17-026-C1 Amendment 5, Professional Auditing Services
11. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 20-047-C01, Omnitrans Bus Stop Safety Improvement Plan
12. Approval for Additional Stipend Payments
13. SB 1291 (Senate Committee on Transportation) - FTIP Submissions
14. AB 2011 (Holden) - West San Bernardino County Rail Construction Authority and SB 1390 (Portantino) - Montclair to Ontario Airport Construction Authority

Receive and File

15. May State and Federal Legislative Monthly Update

16. Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999

17. CFO Monthly Report

Regional Councilmember Peggy Huang, TCA, asked to pull Agenda Item No. 5, “6th Cycle RHNA Appeals Procedures.”

Executive Director Kome Ajise provided a clarification on Agenda Item No. 4, “Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Final Comprehensive Budget,” stating that the vacation cashout benefit for staff will be implemented as a pilot for FY 2020-21 and will be reviewed next year.

A MOTION was made (Navarro) to approve the Consent Calendar, Agenda Item Nos. 4, 6-16. Motion was SECONDED (Tye). The motion passed by the following votes:

FOR: ASHTON, BACERRA, BAILEY, BARGER, BEAMAN-JACINTO, BENOIT, BERRY, BROWN, CLARK, CURTIS, DE RUSE, FINLAY, GAZELEY, HARNIK, HOFBAUER, HOLMGREN, HUANG, JAHN, JUDGE, KELLY, LORIMORE, MAGANA, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MICHAEL, MITCHELL, NAGEL, NAVARRO, O’NEIL, PEARCE, PREDMORE, PUCKETT, PULIDO, C. RAMIREZ, RICHARDSON, SAHLI-WELLS, SALEH, SANDOVAL, SANTA INES, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SHARIF, SIMONOFF, SPIEGEL, TYE, VIEGAS-WALKER, WAGNER, WAPNER and YOKOYAMA (52)

AGAINST: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

Regarding pulled Agenda Item No. 5, Regional Councilmember Peggy Huang, TCA, stated that the CEHD Committee voted to adopt the 6th Cycle RHNA Appeal Process, with a request that the President remove ex-officio members from the RHNA Appeals Board.

A MOTION was made (Huang) to approve pulled Agenda Item No. 5, with a request that the President remove ex-officio members from the RHNA Appeals Board. Motion was SECONDED (Simonoff). The motion passed by the following votes:

FOR: ASHTON, BACERRA, BAILEY, BEAMAN-JACINTO, BENOIT, BERRY, BROWN, CLARK, CURTIS, DE RUSE, FINLAY, GAZELEY, HARNIK, HOFBAUER, HOLMGREN, HUANG,

JUDGE, KELLY, LORIMORE, MAGANA, MANOS, J. MARQUEZ, R. MARQUEZ, MCCALLON, MICHAEL, NAGEL, NAVARRO, O'NEIL, PEARCE, PREDMORE, PUCKETT, PULIDO, C. RAMIREZ, RICHARDSON, SANDOVAL, SANTA INES, SANTOS, SCHWANK, SHAPIRO, SIMONOFF, SPIEGEL, TYE, WAGNER, WAPNER and YOKOYAMA (45)

AGAINST: SAHLI-WELLS and VIEGAS-WALKER (2)

ABSTAIN: JAHN (1)

BUSINESS REPORT

Mr. Randall Lewis provided a report on the economy, considering COVID-19's impact from a real estate point of view. He stated that home sales are down 30-40 percent, but sales are still occurring primarily due to low interest rates. Additionally, he noted that leasing activity has been surprisingly strong, and the vast majority of renters continue to pay their rents. In retail, he has seen a wave of bankruptcy filings, which will continue. He reported that, in the office market, tenants are realizing that less space is required, given the recent prevalence of telework and telemedicine.

Mr. Lewis referred to this time as the "great reset" and the "great accelerator," as it may speed up trends which were previously emerging. He urged councilmembers to be cautious with spending in their respective budgets. He projected increased mixed-use conversions and the return of some localized manufacturing, creating associated opportunities for communities. He stressed the role of technology in improving cities. He also expressed the need to fast-track projects, given the need for economic development. Finally, he presented this as an opportunity to change marketing strategies for cities and develop new reputations. He closed with thoughts on SCAG's regional role in involving the health community, further engaging with the business community and supporting resilience within cities.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Jahn thanked SCAG staff for their work in preparing both the FY 2020-21 budget and Connect SoCal and additionally for positioning SCAG in response to COVID-19.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Kome Ajise thanked Regional Councilmembers for participating in today's meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S



There were no requests for future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENT/S

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

President Jahn adjourned the Regional Council meeting at 3:57 p.m. in the memory of Dennis Hansberger, former San Bernardino County Supervisor and SCAG President.

Respectfully submitted by:
Peter Waggoner
Clerk to the Regional Council

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