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NO. 614 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS REGIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

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: <u>http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/</u>

In conjunction with the Regional Conference and General Assembly, the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting at the SCAG main office, 900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

Members Present

Hon. Bill Jahn, President	Big Bear Lake	District 11
Hon. Rex Richardson, 2 nd Vice President	Long Beach	District 29
Hon. Clint Lorimore	Eastvale	District 4
Hon. Alan D. Wapner, Imm. Past Pres.	Ontario	SBCTA
Supervisor Luis Plancarte		Imperial County
Supervisor Kathryn Barger		Los Angeles County
Supervisor Karen Spiegel		Riverside County
Supervisor Linda Parks		Ventura County
Hon. Jan Harnik	Palm Desert	RCTC
Hon. Mike T. Judge	Simi Valley	VCTC
Hon. Ben Benoit	Wildomar	Air District Representative
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker	El Centro	District 1
Hon. Kathleen Kelly	Palm Desert	District 2
Hon. Rey Santos	Beaumont	District 3
Hon. Frank Navarro	Colton	District 6
Hon. Larry McCallon	Highland	District 7
Hon. Deborah Robertson	Rialto	District 8
Hon. L. Dennis Michael	Rancho Cucamonga	District 9
Hon. Ray Marquez	Chino Hills	District 10

OUR MISSION

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



REPORT

Members Present...continued

Hon. Michael Carroll Hon. Steve Nagel Hon. Cecilia Iglesias Hon. Charles Puckett Hon. Stacy Berry Hon. Art Brown Hon. Marty Simonoff Hon. Sonny Santa Ines Hon. Sean Ashton Hon. Emma Sharif Hon. Ali Saleh Hon. Dan Medina Hon. Margaret Clark Hon. Steve De Ruse Hon. Jorge Marquez Hon. Margaret E. Finlay Hon. Teresa Real Sebastian Hon. Steve Tye Hon. Tim Sandoval Hon. James Gazeley Hon. Judy Mitchell Hon. Meghan Sahli-Wells Hon. Jess Talamantes Hon. Steven Hofbauer Hon. David Shapiro Hon. Carmen Ramirez Hon. David Pollock Hon. Tim Holmgren Hon. Joe Buscaino Hon. Steve Manos Hon. Lyn Semeta Hon. Rita Ramirez Hon. Megan Beaman Jacinto Hon. Hector Pacheco Hon. Rusty Bailey Hon. Marisela Magana Mr. Randall Lewis

Irvine	District 14
Fountain Valley	District 15
Santa Ana	District 16
Tustin	District 17
Cypress	District 18
Buena Park	District 21
Brea	District 22
Bellflower	District 22
Downey	District 25
Compton	District 26
Bell	District 27
Gardena	District 28
Rosemead	District 32
La Mirada	District 31
Covina	District 33
Duarte	District 35
Monterey Park	District 34
Diamond Bar	District 37
Pomona	District 38
Lomita	District 39
Rolling Hills Estates	District 40
Culver City	District 41
Burbank	District 42
Palmdale	District 43
Calabasas	District 44
Oxnard	District 45
Moorpark	District 46
Fillmore	District 47
Los Angeles	District 62
Lake Elsinore	District 63
Huntington Beach	District 64
Victorville	District 65
Coachella	District 66
San Fernando	District 67
Riverside	District 68
Perris	District 69
Lewis Group of Companies	Business Representative





Members Not Present

Holtville

Yorba Linda

Laguna Niguel

Mission Viejo

Westminster

Long Beach

Los Angeles

La Cañada Flintridge

Anaheim

Supervisor Don Wagner Supervisor Hilda Solis Supervisor Curt Hagman Hon. James Predmore Hon. Peggy Huang VACANT Hon. Fred Minagar Hon. Wendy Bucknum Hon. Trevor O'Neill Hon. Tri Ta VACANT Hon. Lena Gonzalez Hon. Jonathan Curtis Hon. Gilbert Cedillo Hon. Paul Krekorian Hon. Bob Blumenfield Hon. David Ryu Hon. Paul Koretz Hon. Nury Martinez Hon. Monica Rodriguez Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr. Hon. Herb Wesson, Jr. Hon. Mike Bonin VACANT Hon. Mitch O'Farrell Hon. José Huizar Hon. Brian McDonald Hon. Eric Garcetti

Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer Joann Africa, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services **Orange County** Los Angeles County San Bernardino County ICTC TCA District 5 District 12 District 13 District 19 District 20 District 23 District 30 District 36 **District 48** District 49/Public Transit Rep. District 50 District 51 District 52 District 53 District 54 District 55 District 56 District 57 District 58 District 59 District 60 District 61 Tribal Gov't Reg'l Plng Board Member-at-Large



Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer Julie Loats, Chief Information Officer Sarah Jepson, Interim Director of Planning Tess Rey-Chaput, Office of Regional Council Support

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Bill Jahn, President, asked the members to observe a moment of silence and remember the victims who were impacted by the devastation of the hurricane in the Bahamas; the victims of the recent shootings in Texas and including the families of the victims of the vessel fire in Santa Cruz, California.

President Jahn called the meeting to order at 12:15PM and asked First Vice President Rex Richardson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Jahn introduced two of SCAG's Scholarship Award recipients who are in the audience today, Morgan Kopecky and Shaun Howard.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Jahn announced that the public comment cards that were received were regarding Agenda Item No. 2. He stated that he will be announcing the speakers at the time when the item is taken up.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

President Jahn announced that Agenda Item Nos. 3 through 11 of the Consent Calendar will be acted upon first, followed by Agenda Item Nos. 1 and 2.

President Jahn noted that Agenda Item No. 9, 'September' is Pedestrian Safety Month, is dedicated to educating drivers and pedestrians about safe roadway habits. He asked the members to stop by the Reception area as Go Human is showcasing a 'pop-up' parklet from the Go Human Challenge. SCAG staff will be available to answer questions and provide a demonstration to help support member jurisdiction's efforts and deepen community engagement related to traffic safety.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items



- 3. Minutes of the Meeting August 1, 2019
- 4. 2021 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Guidelines
- 5. SB 664 (Allen) Electronic Toll and Transit Fare Collection Systems
- 6. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships
- 7. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 18-040-C01, Regional Data Platform

Receive and File

- 8. Monthly State and Federal Legislative Update
- 9. 'September' is Pedestrian Safety Month
- 10. Purchase Orders \$5,000 \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 \$199,999; and Amendments \$5,000 \$74,999
- 11. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Walker) to approve the Consent Calendar, Agenda Item Nos. 3 through 7; Receive and File Items 8 through 11. Motion was SECONDED (Navarro) and passed by the following votes:

- FOR: Ashton, Bailey, Barger, Beaman Jacinto, Benoit Berry, Brown, Buscaino, Carroll, Clark, De Ruse, Finlay, Gazeley, Harnik, Hofbauer, Holmgren, Iglesias, Jahn, Judge, Kelly, Lorimore, Magana, Manos, J. Marquez, R. Marquez, McCallon, Medina, Mitchell, Nagel, Navarro, Pacheco, Parks, Plancarte, Pollock, Puckett, C. Ramirez, R. Ramirez, Real Sebastian, Richardson, Robertson, Sahli-Wells, Saleh, Sandoval, Santa Ines, Santos, Semeta, Shapiro, Sharif, Simonoff, Spiegel, Talamantes, Tye, Viegas-Walker, and Wapner (54).
- AGAINST: None (0)
- ABSTAIN: None (0)

President Jahn announced that former City of Murrieta Councilmember and SCAG's First Vice President Randon Lane accepted a position in the U.S. Department of Transportation in Washington, D.C. Because Councilman Lane was not able to formally express his good wishes to the Regional Council, President Jahn announced that staff had arranged for him to appear live on-





screen. Randon Lane made remarks.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Nomination for SCAG 2019-2020 Second Vice President Resulting from SCAG Vacancy

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

Chair Wapner reported the Nominating Committee met and reviewed applications from six (6) candidates for the open position to serve as Second Vice President for the balance of the 2019-20 term. While all candidates were equally qualified, Chair Wapner stated the Nominating Committee unanimously nominated Councilmember Clint Lorimore, Eastvale, District 4. A MOTION was made (Wapner) to approve the nomination of Clint Lorimore as Second Vice President for the balance of the 2019-20 term as recommended by the Nominating Committee MOTION was SECONDED (Spiegel).

Before the vote, President Jahn accepted a nomination from the floor from Councilmember Meghan Sahli-Wells, Culver City, District 41, who nominated Supervisor Linda Parks, Ventura County, as Second Vice President for the balance of the 2019-20 term. MOTION was SECONDED (Real Sebastian).

At this point in time because there were two (2) nominations, Nominating Committee Chair Wapner offered that for ease of administration to handle the motions at the same time—whereby when voting on the electronic device for this item only—the selection of number 1 on the device would represent a vote for Councilman Lorimore and the selection of number 2 on the device would represent a vote for Supervisor Parks. Staff confirmed the Regional Council members' understanding before proceeding with the vote which resulted as follows:

VOTE FOR CLINT LORIMORE:

Bailey, Barger, Benoit Berry, Brown, Buscaino, Carroll, Clark, De Ruse, Finlay, Gazeley, Harnik, Hofbauer, Iglesias, Jahn, Judge, Kelly, Lorimore, Manos, J. Marquez, R. Marquez, McCallon, Nagel, Navarro, Plancarte, Puckett, Richardson, Robertson, Saleh, Sandoval, Santa Ines, Santos, Shapiro, Simonoff, Spiegel, Tye, Viegas-Walker, and Wapner (38).

VOTE FOR LINDA PARKS:

Ashton, Beaman Jacinto, Holmgren, Magana, Medina, Mitchell, Pacheco, Parks, Pollock, C. Ramirez, R. Ramirez, Real Sebastian, Sahli-Wells, Semeta, Sharif and Talamantes (16).

After the voting was closed, President Jahn announced there were 38 votes for Clint Lorimore and

16 votes for Linda Parks. On behalf of the Regional Council, President Jahn congratulated Second Vice President Lorimore and asked him to join the Officers on the dais. Second Vice President Lorimore made remarks.

2. Regional Housing Need Determination from HCD

President Jahn introduced the item and reported the State of California Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) provided SCAG a regional housing need determination of 1,344,740 housing units for the SCAG region on August 22, 2019. He stated the agenda item relates to the regional housing need determination and not how we distribute the RHNA allocation or methodology. President Jahn stated that per statute, SCAG may object to the regional determination provided by HCD. Therefore, the recommended action today is to authorize the Executive Director to file an objection to HCD on the regional housing need determination. President Jahn emphasized that policy discussions will be an important next step in the process. He asked Executive Director Kome Ajise to provide background information.

Mr. Ajise stated there are grounds to file an objection to HCD regarding the regional determination. He emphasized the recommended action is not necessarily a protest of the RHNA determination of 1,344,740 housing units for the SCAG region; rather, is based on technical data and the process of a reasonable application of the methodology. Per statute, Mr. Ajise explained that SCAG may file an objection and provide a proposed alternative for the regional housing need determination. Mr. Ajise asked Kevin Kane, SCAG staff, to provide further clarification on the technical basis of the objection.

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Kevin Kane, SCAG staff, provided background information on the consultation process with HCD. Mr. Kane stated the regional determination should be consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan; the region's population; and housing and employment projections which are the basis of the State and federal mandates for regional planning. Mr. Kane provided information for the process for an objection, citing Government Code Section 65584.01(c).

In closing, Mr. Kane stated the staff recommendation is to authorize the Executive Director to file an objection with HCD on the regional determination because of key technical issues such as: HCD did not use the appropriate population forecasts for the determination of the SCAG region's housing needs and did not conduct a reasonable application of the methodology and assumptions pursuant to the statute.

President Jahn opened the Public Comment period.

Councilmember Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita, expressed appreciation for SCAG staff for scheduling a RHNA information session on the draft methodology in the City of Santa Clarita and supported



staff's recommendation to file an objection to HCD regarding the regional housing need determination.

Ben Winter, staff for City of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, encouraged the Regional Council to accept HCD's regional housing need determination for the SCAG region due to the current housing crisis. While the technical recommendation is appreciated, Mr. Winter expressed concerns on some of the recommendations which may result to a much lower housing target than what the state proposed.

Greg Spiegel, Inner City Law Center, expressed support for HCD's regional housing need determination of 1.3 million housing units for the SCAG region. He cited examples of the challenges faced by the Center with families living in deplorable conditions due to lack of affordable housing and asked the Regional Council to support the regional determination that would prioritize social equity for more affordable housing where the jobs are located.

Steven Johnson, Tena Foundation, expressed support for HCD's regional housing need determination of 1.3 million housing units which is necessary to the population of Southern California.

Terry Luedecke, Abundant Housing L.A., expressed concerns with the considerable amount of people living in the streets in tents or motor homes which is a result of a housing crisis that will need to be addressed and distribute affordable housing where the jobs and opportunities exist, regardless of any income level. He stated there is an opportunity now to make an improvement.

Leonora Camner, Abundant Housing L.A., expressed support for HCD's regional housing need determination of 1.3 million housing units and will support an objection for a higher number of housing units to address homelessness in the SCAG region.

Connor Finney, CA Yimby, expressed support for HCD's regional housing need determination and RHNA allocation strategy to address a housing crisis and urged SCAG to embrace solutions.

Michele Martinez, former SCAG President, stated that resources and funding are needed to allow growth for our communities and urged the members to negotiate future tax allocation.

Elizabeth Hansburg, People for Housing in Orange County, echoed comments made by Michele Martinez; expressed support for HCD's regional housing need determination of 1.3 million housing units; and stated that cities must have good development.

President Jahn closed the Public Comment period.



President Jahn asked Chief Counsel Joann Africa to also acknowledge receipt of several public comment letters regarding Agenda Item No. 2. Ms. Africa noted for the record there were 46 letters that opposed HCD's regional housing need determination; three (3) letters received in support of HCD's regional housing need determination; one letter in support of SCAG's filing an objection to HCD; and three (3) letters related to the RHNA methodology which will be reviewed by staff in the context of the methodology discussion.

For clarification purposes, Executive Director Kome Ajise stated that the recommended action by the Regional Council is to authorize the filing of an objection to HCD. He welcomed the comments that were expressed today and while acknowledging the importance to address the State's housing crisis, he also noted the importance of ensuring a continued integrity in the regional planning process.

President Jahn opened the floor for comments from the members of the Regional Council.

Regional Council member Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles, District 62, stated he understands the concerns expressed today. The shortage of housing for all income levels is apparent due to homelessness or increased rents or housing prices that makes it very difficult to own a home. Councilmember Buscaino expressed his opposition to SCAG filing an objection to HCD on the regional housing need determination and urged the Regional Council to do the same.

Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Los Angeles County, asked for clarification regarding the RHNA determination of 1.3 housing units. Kome Ajise, Executive Director, responded that the objection to HCD is not the 1.3 housing units; rather the methodology that was used. Supervisor Barger emphasized the importance of a bottom-up approach and cautioned the members regarding unintended consequences. While she echoed the comments made by Mayor Garcetti at last month's meeting, Supervisor Barger stated that "being bold will need to be done in a smart fashion."

Regional Council member Meghan Sahli-Wells, Culver City, District 41, expressed opposition and stated that local input is based on local planning which created the housing crisis and cited her city as an example. She stated that sending an objection letter to HCD symbolizes an objection to the housing need determination of 1.3 million housing units which she believes is not unreasonable nor impossible.

Regional Council member Steve Manos, Lake Elsinore, District 63, stated there is no zoning or funding attached to HCD's regional housing need determination of 1.3 million housing units. He stated CEQA, redevelopment agencies, affordable housing funds, reduction of mental health funds, displacement of mental health patients, increasing housing building standards and other causes result to a housing shortage. He stated this will only cause liability to cities and counties which the



City of Huntington Beach can attest to. Councilmember Manos urged support for an objection to the regional housing need determination.

Regional Council member Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard, District 45, cited her city as an example needing support, funding and resources to build affordable housing.

Regional Council member Rusty Bailey, Riverside, District 68, stated he is in agreement with the comments made today and sees this is an opportunity to exercise leadership and understanding that the SCAG region is unique. He emphasized the importance of sending a message to HCD that SCAG is a collaborative partner in solving the housing crisis. While the regional housing need determination of 1.3 million housing units is aspirational, it may not be reasonable and it is important for it to be provided with funding and resources.

Regional Council member Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8, asked a question if the cost-burden rate includes the resources to sustain the current population. Kevin Kane, SCAG staff, provided clarification.

Regional Council member Steve Hofbauer, Palmdale, District 43, echoed comments made by Regional Council member Steve Manos especially the loss of redevelopment funds. He expressed disappointment regarding the absence of funding support and cited examples of the challenges many cities face with building affordable homes.

Regional Council member Jan Harnik, RCTC, reminded the members of the recommended action today is about 'process' and not about the number [total housing units] and referenced the supplemental report that was provided to the members regarding staff's technical analysis regarding the objection.

Regional Council member Kathleen Kelly, Palm Desert, District 2, stated the future conversations are not to be about the reasonableness of the allocation; rather about the next steps which are essential whether it is funding or public-private collaboration. She noted her support for Councilman Bailey's comments on SCAG and HCD needing to be partners and including this part of the objection.

Supervisor Karen Spiegel, Riverside County, echoed the comments made by former SCAG President Michele Martinez. She emphasized the importance of the availability of resources as this is beyond building houses. Supervisor Spiegel also echoed the comments made by Councilman Bailey and acknowledged that the City of Riverside is the only city in the state trying to solve veteran homelessness. She stated the issue is about the process and not the number [housing units].

Regional Council member Margaret Finlay, Duarte, District 35, stated she is in agreement with the



comments made and explained the unintended consequences of Proposition 13. She suggested incentivizing corporations to build and attract jobs in parts of the state such as Visalia, Bakersfield, Fresno, etc.

Regional Council member Michael Carroll, Irvine, District 14, commented that the only level and place where the public derives a sense of trust is at the local government level. He expressed support for staff's recommendation.

First Vice President Rex Richardson, Long Beach, District 29, asked a question regarding the consultation process with HCD. Kevin Kane, SCAG staff, responded regarding the two-stage consultation process with HCD.

Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Los Angeles County, asked for clarification regarding the methodology. Kevin Kane, SCAG staff, responded that the objection was based on SCAG's growth forecast not being used; not using a comparable region standard; improved vacancy rate comparison; and other additional considerations such as excluding tribal lands and use of current data.

A MOTION was made (Bailey) to approve staff's recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to file an objection to HCD on the regional housing need determination pursuant to Government Code Section 65584.01 (c) with direction to staff add that it is being done in collaborative spirit between SCAG and HCD and that SCAG proposes a robust and reasonable planning target to address the state housing crisis. Motion was SECONDED (Kelly) and approved by the following votes:

- FOR: Ashton, Bailey, Barger, Beaman Jacinto, Berry, Brown, Carroll, Clark, De Ruse, Finlay, Gazeley, Harnik, Hofbauer, Holmgren, Iglesias, Jahn, Judge, Kelly, Lorimore, Manos, J. Marquez, R. Marquez, McCallon, Medina, Mitchell, Nagel, Navarro, Pacheco, Parks, Pollock, Puckett, C. Ramirez, R. Ramirez, Real Sebastian, Richardson, Robertson, Saleh, Sandoval, Santa Ines, Santos, Semeta, Shapiro, Sharif, Spiegel, Talamantes, Tye, Viegas-Walker, and Wapner (48).
- AGAINST: Buscaino and Sahli-Wells (2)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

BUSINESS REPORT

As the business representative, Ex-Officio Member Randall Lewis, advised the members that when working with their respective city staff to redefine "What is a house?" and "Where does the house go?" He stated that new solutions are different from the solutions of the past, such as an additional dwelling unit (ADU) or multi-generational house, a container, shelter or a smaller unit as there are a



number of housing innovations on where will the house go. Mr. Lewis suggested marketing the housing crisis to the general public and developers, HCD, the Governor and the entire state.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Jahn welcomed the following new members:

- RC Member Hector Pacheco, San Fernando, representing District 67
- SGVCOG subregional appointments of Cory Moss, City of Industry, to the Transportation Committee; Ed Reece, City of Claremont, to the Transportation Committee; and Tony Wu, City of West Covina, to the CEHD Committee

President Jahn also appointed the Councilmember Margaret Finlay to the Audit Committee and a President's Appointment of Councilmember Jeremy Smith, Canyon Lake, to the Transportation Committee.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, thanked staff and acknowledged their work to get the Supplemental Report regarding the objection to HCD to the Regional Council while also working on Connect SoCal. Mr. Ajise also thanked the Regional Council for an inspiring conversation—not only regarding housing—but also working collaboratively across jurisdictions to address the much-needed resources and capacity to build housing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Jahn adjourned the Regional Council meeting at 2:03PM.