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

**SUBJECT:** City of Rosemead - Support for Request to Convene a Special Closed Meeting of the SCAG Regional Council to Discuss the Recommendations of the SCAG RHNA Litigation Committee

Dear President Richardson,

The City of Rosemead has 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 in its own objection letter to HCD, dated September 18, 2019, 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, and further, that a meeting was held on November 2, 2020 to continue discussions on the issue. At the November 4, 2020 SCAG Executive/Administration Committee meeting and the November 5, 2020 SCAG Regional Council meeting, you reported that there was a general consensus from the RHNA Litigation Committee that SCAG not pursue any litigation actions against HCD.

At the November 5, 2020 Regional Council meeting, two members of the Regional Council questioned if 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. 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 Rosemead is responding to your outreach. We support the request that the SCAG Regional Council conduct a special closed session 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. It also merits the additional consideration and recommendation of the Regional Council. We hope that this special meeting can be convened immediately. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the City's Director of Community Development, Angelica Frausto-Lupo, at (626) 569-2261 or [afrausto-lupo@cityofrosemead.org](mailto:afrausto-lupo@cityofrosemead.org).

Sincerely,

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Mayor  
City of Rosemead

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