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## MEETING OF THE

# COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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***Thursday, April 4, 2024  
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.***

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Burbank, AVCJPA
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Southern California Association of Governments  
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 - Policy B Meeting Room  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
**Thursday, April 4, 2024**  
**9:30 AM**

The Community, Economic and Human Development Committee may consider and act upon any of the items on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as Information or Action items.

## **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** *(The Honorable Frank Yokoyama, Chair)*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Matters Not on the Agenda)**

This is the time for public comments on any matter of interest within SCAG's jurisdiction that is **not** listed on the agenda. For items listed on the agenda, public comments will be received when that item is considered. Although the committee may briefly respond to statements or questions, under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon at this time.

## **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

### **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – February 1, 2024 PPG. 9

#### Receive and File

2. CEHD Agenda Outlook and Future Agenda Items PPG. 17

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

3. Tribal Data Needs Assessment for Tribal Resilience Project 15 Mins. PPG. 22  
*(Victor Negrete, Manager of Inclusive Economic Growth, SCAG; Robert Maxim, Fellow, Brookings Institution)*
4. Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Panel 45 Mins. PPG. 29  
*(Zacharias Gardea, Associate Regional Planner, SCAG; Marnie Primmer, Executive Director, Orange County Council of Governments; and Ashley Hoang, Senior Associate, AECOM)*



## COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

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5. SCAG Region Job Quality Index (JQI) Framework

20 Mins. PPG. 43

*(Victor Negrete, Manager of Inclusive Economic Growth, SCAG and Dr. David Roland-Holst, Executive Director, Berkeley Economic Advising & Research)*

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

*(The Honorable Frank Yokoyama, Chair)*

### **STAFF REPORT**

*(Ivette Macias, Government Affairs Officer, SCAG Staff)*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD)**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD). A VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING OF THE FULL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>.

The Community, Human and Development Committee (CEHD) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

**Members Present:**

<b>Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Chair</b>	<b><i>Cerritos</i></b>	<b>District 23</b>
<b>Hon. David Shapiro, Vice Chair</b>	<b><i>Calabasas</i></b>	<b>District 44</b>
Hon. Gary Boyer	<i>Glendora</i>	District 33
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Tanya D. Doby	<i>Los Alamitos</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Debra Dorst-Porada	<i>Ontario, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Bobby Duncan	<i>Yucaipa</i>	SBCTA
Ms. Lucy Dunn		Ex-Officio
Hon. Keith Eich	<i>La Cañada Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. Bob Engler	<i>Thousand Oaks</i>	VCOG
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Hon. Tony Wu	<i>West Covina</i>	SGVCOG

### **Members Not Present**

Hon. Ashleigh Aitken	<i>Anaheim</i>	OCTA
Hon. Cindy Allen	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Valerie Amezcua	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. Al Austin, II	<i>Long Beach</i>	GCCOG
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## CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Frank Yokoyama called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and asked Councilmember Rocky Rhodes, Simi Valley, District 46, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

## PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Yokoyama provided detailed instructions and general information on how to provide public comments. Additionally, he noted that public comments received via email to [CEHDPublicComment@scag.ca.gov](mailto:CEHDPublicComment@scag.ca.gov) after 5pm on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, would be announced and included as part of the official record of the meeting.

Chair Yokoyama opened the public comment period and noted this was the time for members of the public to offer comment for matters that are within SCAG's jurisdiction but are not listed on the agenda.

SCAG staff noted there were no written public comments received via email before or after the 5pm deadline on Wednesday, January 31, 2024. SCAG staff also noted that there were no public comments for matters not listed on the agenda.

Chair Yokoyama closed the public comment period for matters not listed on the agenda.

## REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no reprioritizations made.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

### Approval Items

1. Minutes of the January 4, 2024 Meeting

### Receive and File

2. CEHD Agenda Outlook and Future Agenda Items
  3. Connect SoCal 2024: Draft Plan Release Activities
  4. Connect SoCal Connect SoCal 2024 Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) (State Clearinghouse No.: 2022100337): Status Update on Additional Stakeholder Outreach and Preliminary Outline for the Proposed Final PEIR
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A MOTION was made (Hupp) to approve Consent Calendar Items 1; and Receive and File Items 2 through 4. Motion was SECONDED (Rhodes) and passed by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Boyer, Bucknum, Duncan, Eich, Engler, Espinoza, Gabbard, Garcia, Henderson, Hupp, Kelly, LaVere, Leano, Marshall, Masiel, McKeon, Mirisch, Mojado, Morabito, Mullins, G. Nava, Pe, Perez, Puza, Reyes, Rhodes, Shapiro, Shevlin, Waronek, Wu and Yokoyama (31)

**NOES:** (0)

**ABSTAIN:** (0)

There was no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **5. Governor's Budget Update: Regional Early Action Planning Grant 2021 (REAP 2.0)**

Chair Yokoyama provided background information on Governor Newsom's proposed budget that includes \$1.2 billion in cuts for housing programs funding. He asked Ms. Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs officer, to provide additional details and steps that SCAG is taking to preserve the REAP 2.0 program.

Ms. Cartagena provided background information and discussed the potential impacts the cuts would have on the housing crisis and to the REAP 2.0 funding program. She highlighted the funding in projects currently in progress across the six-county Southern California region and tribal communities, as well as describing the important connections between Connect SoCal and Greenhouse Gas strategies. Ms. Cartagena explained that SCAG authored a budget advocacy letter in response to the Governor's budget, including requests that REAP 2.0 funding be protected; the letter and talking points were distributed to the Budget Committee and to members of the Assembly and Senate budget committees in advance of their hearings. She noted that SCAG leadership continues to advocate and engage with stakeholders to save the REAP 2.0 funding program, including the distribution of a legislative toolkit.

Staff responded to comments and questions expressed by the Councilmembers including responses for a SCAG leadership advocacy letter to be signed by Regional Council members, impacts and implications to REAP 2.0 grant funding already awarded, and exploring internal collaborative partnerships to mitigate pausing work orders. Additionally, staff indicated they would provide a list of projects along with a listing of the Assembly Members and Senate district offices.

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This item was a verbal report. There were no public comments on Item No. 5.

#### 6. City of Los Angeles Housing Element Assessment of Fair Housing

Chair Yokoyama provided remarks and asked Ma'Ayn Johnson, SCAG staff, to provide background information and to introduce City of Los Angeles speakers who would present an update on the City of L.A.'s 2023-2028 Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) project.

Ms. Johnson highlighted status REAP 1 projects and provided background information on the AFH's mission of addressing racial and wealth income gaps through home ownership. Ms. Johnson introduced Ms. Jackie Cornejo and Ms. Maya Abood, Finance Development Officers, City of Los Angeles Housing Department, and Ms. Nancy Twum-Akwaboah, Housing, Planning & Economic Analyst, City of Los Angeles Housing Department, whose presentations covered background information and an overview of the AFFH analysis project, funded under the REAP 1.0 Subregional Partnership program.

Highlights of the presentation included discussion of the Housing Department's REAP 1.0 activities and goals, the importance of addressing fair housing needs at the local level, the challenges faced in the Housing Element adoption process, the measures taken to ensure compliance with state law, and the strategies implemented to overcome fair housing issues. Additional highlights focused on the city of Los Angeles' current AFH process, key findings of the data and quantitative analysis of segregation patterns and resource allocations within the city.

Staff responded to comments and questions expressed by the Councilmembers including responses to what role or obstacles income and wealth inequality contributed to limitations within the AFH process, consideration for adopting a local — Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA) or Community Opportunity to Purchase Act (COPA) policy in the Housing Element and addressing the education component as it relates to quality housing and home ownership.

Staff noted that the PowerPoint presentation: City of Los Angeles Housing Element Assessment of Fair Housing and a link to the California School Dashboard website would be provided to the CEHD Committee members after the meeting.

There were no public comments on Item No. 6.

#### 7. Preservation Strategy: Project Update

Chair Yokoyama made opening remarks noting that the REAP 1.0 work program directed REAP funding into projects and programs that would increase housing supply and accelerate housing production in the region. He asked presenters Paul Silvern and Adad Peng, Consultants, HR&A Advisors, Inc. (HR&A), who were selected for the Preservation Strategy project, to share

background information, updates on the project progress to-date, and their findings and key recommendations.

Mr. Silvern and Ms. Peng's presentation focused on a high-level overview of the preservation of At-Risk Deed-Restricted Affordable Housing and At-Risk Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) projects. Some highlights included market contexts and regional variance data, members' experience feedback, key observations, and NOAH preservation strategies.

Staff responded to comments and questions expressed by the Councilmembers including responses to lengths of terms for affordability covenants, cost comparisons of preservation units versus investments in new production and transitional rules and regulations that govern income for unequal distribution of resources and education.

Staff noted that the PowerPoint presentation: Preservation Strategy: Project Update, would be provided to the CEHD Committee members after the meeting.

There were no public comments on Item No. 7.

#### 8. SCAG Region Demographic Update

Chair Yokoyama made opening remarks and asked Kevin Kane, SCAG staff, to provide an overview of the SCAG Region Demographic Update.

Kevin Kane's presentation included a brief update which focused on the most-up-to-date population and housing growth information for the SCAG region. He noted that demographic and trends were important in understanding "who we're planning for," a key step in development and implementation of Connect SoCal.

There were no public comments on Item No. 8.

The comprehensive staff report, Charts and PowerPoint presentation: DemogUpdate\_CEHD\_Feb2024, were provided in the agenda packet.

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Yokoyama welcomed Councilmembers Joseph Murphy (Pechanga Band of Indians, Tribal Rep.) and Ashleigh Aitken (OCTA), to the CEHD Committee.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Yokoyama provided highlights of the Chair’s Report. He reported on the following SCAG activities and noted that additional information could be found on SCAG’s website. He shared that the SCAG Scholarship Program and Call for Applications was due by March 22, 2024. He noted that the Go Human Call for Applications would close Friday, February 2, 2024. He reported that SCAG colleagues, President Art Brown and CEHD Chair, Frank Yokoyama, attended the LA County Mobile Workshop on January 19, 2024. Lastly, he reported that elected officials, SCAG President Art Brown, CEHD Chair, Frank Yokoyama and SCAG colleagues attended the new Southeast Gateway Line light rail event in Bellflower, CA.

**STAFF REPORT**

Ivette Macias, Senior Government Affairs Officer, SCAG staff, reported that CEHD Chair and Vice Chair nominations would take place during the April CEHD meeting. She noted that an email with more information would be sent in mid-February regarding information on nominating someone or themselves. Ms. Macias reiterated that next month, all three policy committees would meet in a Joint Policy Meeting to discuss revisions for Connect SoCal 2024 and Draft PEIR.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Yokoyama requested the CEHD Committee’s participation at the March Joint Policy Meeting on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

There being no further business, Chair Yokoyama adjourned the meeting of the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee at 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Carmen Summers  
Community, Economic and Human Development Committee Clerk

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COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT																
2023-24																
MEMBERS	Representing	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total Mtgs Attended To Date		
Aitken, Ashleigh	Anaheim, OCTA									0				0		
Allen, Cindy	Long Beach, RC District 30		1	1		0	1		1	0				4		
Amezcuca, Valarie	Santa Ana, RC District 16	1	1	1		0	0		1	0				4		
Austin, II, Al	Long Beach, GCCOG	0	0	0		0	0		0	0				0		
Boyer, Gary	Glendora, RC District 33	1	1	1		1	1		1	1				7		
Boyles, Drew	El Segundo, RC District 40	0	0	1		0	1		1	0				3		
Bucknum, Wendy	Mission Viejo, RC District 13	1	1	1		1	1		1	1				7		
Caskey, Don	Laguna Hills, OCCOG	1	0	1		0	1		1	0				4		
Doby, Tanya D.	Los Alamitos, OCCOG		0	1		0	1		1	1				4		
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Duncan, Bobby	Yucaipa, SBCTA								1	1				2		
Dunn, Lucy	Business Representative	1	1	1		1	1		1	1				7		
Eich, Keith	La Cañada Flintridge, RC District 36	1	0	1	D	1	1	D	1	1				6		
Engler, Bob	Thousand Oaks, VCOG	1	0	1		1	1		1	1				6		
Espinoza, Rose	La Habra, OCCOG	1	1	1		1	1		1	1				7		
Fermon, Waymond	Indio, CVAG	1	1	1		0	0		0	1				4		
Finlay, Margaret E.	Duarte, RC District 35	0	1	0		1	1		0	1				4		
Frometa, Claudia M.	Downey, RC District 25	1	0	0		0	0		1	0				2		
Gabbard, John	Dana Point, District 12		1	1		0	0		0	1				3		
Garcia, Camilo	Imperial County CoC		1	0		1	1		0	1				4		
Goodman, Marshall R.	LaPalma, RC District 18	1	0	1	A	0	0	A	1	1				4		
Henderson, Mark E.	Gardena, RC District 28	1	1	1		1	1		1	1				7		
Hupp, Cecilia	Brea, OCCOG	1	1	1		0	1		1	1				6		
Johnson, Lynda	Cerritos, GCCOG	1	1	1		1	1		1	0				6		
Kelly, Kathleen	Palm Desert, RC District 2	1	1	1		1	1		1	1				7		
Kim, Tammy	Irvine, RC District 14	0	1	1		1	1		0	0				4		
Kleiman, Lauren	Newport Beach, RC District 15	1	1	1		1	1		0	0				5		
LaVere, Matt	Ventura County CoC	1	0	1		1	1		1	1				6		
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Leon, Carlos A.	Anaheim, RC District 19								1	0				1		
Marshall, Anni	Avalon, GCCOG	1	1	1		1	1		1	1				7		
Masiel, Sr., Andrew	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians Tribal Gov Reg Planning Board	1	0	1		1	0		1	1				5		
McKeon, Casey	Huntington Beach, RC District 64	1	1	1		0	1		1	1				6		
Mirisch, John	Beverly Hills, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	1	1	1		1	1		1	1				7		
Mojado, Geneva	Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians					1	1		1	1				4		
Mullins, Zizette	Burbank, AVCJPA						1		1	1				3		
Morabito, Joseph	Wildomar, WRCOG	1	1	1	K	1	1	K	1	1				7		
Murphy, Joseph	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians									1				1		
Nava, George A.	Brawley, ICTC	0	0	1		1	1		1	1				5		
Nava, Marisela	Perris, RC District 69	1	1	1		1	0		0	0				4		
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Perez, Misty	Port Hueneme, Pres. Appt. (Member at Large)	0	1	0		0	0		0	1				2		
Puza, Freddy	Culver City, WCCOG			0		1	1		1	1				4		
Raman, Nithya	Los Angeles, RC District 51	0	0	0		0	0		0	0				0		
Reyes, Gabriel	San Bernardino County CoC	0	0	0		0	1		0	1				2		
Rhodes, Rocky	Simi Valley, RC District 46	1	1	1		1	1		1	1				7		
Santa Ines, Sonny	Bellflower, GCCOG	1	1	1		0	0		1	0				4		
Sarega, Andrew	La Mirada, RC District 31	1	1	1		0	0		0	0				3		
Shapiro, David J.	Calabasas, RC District 44	1	1	1		1	1		1	1				7		
Shevlin, Becky A.	Monrovia, SGVCOG	1	1	1		1	1		1	1				7		
Solorio, Mary	San Fernando, SFVCOG		1	0		1	0		1	0				3		
Tran, Helen	San Bernardino, SBCTA	1	1	1		0	1		0	1				5		
Waronek, Mark	Lomita, SBCCOG	1	0	1		1	0		1	1				5		
Warren, Acquanetta	Fontana, SBCTA	0	1	0		0	1		1	0				3		
Wu, Tony	West Covina, SGVCOG	0	1	1		0	0		0	1				3		
Yokoyama, Frank A.	Cerritos, RC District 23	1	1	1		1	1		1	1				7		
Zerunyan, Frank	Rolling Hills Estates, SBCCOG	1	1	1		1	0		1	0				5		
<b>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</b>		<b>34</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>40</b>		<b>32</b>	<b>36</b>		<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>						



**AGENDA ITEM 2**  
**REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments  
April 4, 2024

**To:** Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL**

**From:** Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director  
(213) 236-1801, carvajal@scag.ca.gov

**Subject:** CEHD Agenda Outlook and Future Agenda Items

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Receive and File

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*The draft Policy Development Framework (“Framework”) for Connect SoCal 2024 was presented to the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD) on April 7, 2022. Following the Regional Council adoption of the Framework on June 2, 2022, staff developed a 12-month Committee CEHD Outlook, to realize the goals and discussions committed to in the Framework and develop consensus around the policy priorities that will become final recommendations in Connect SoCal 2024. For FY2024, the CEHD Outlook reflects outcomes of the 2023 Executive Administration Committee (EAC) Retreat and discussions with the CEHD Chair and Vice Chair. The Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items will be updated monthly as a receive and file item.*

**BACKGROUND:**

**Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024**

The draft Policy Development Framework (“Framework”) for Connect SoCal 2024 was presented to the CEHD on April 7, 2022, and was adopted by the Regional Council at the June 2, 2022 meeting. The Policy Framework is intended to facilitate the engagement of SCAG’s Policy Committees in the data, emerging issues and policy recommendations that will be presented in Connect SoCal 2024. In furtherance of the adopted Policy Development Framework, staff have developed a “Committee Outlook” for each of the three policy committees (CEHD, TC and EEC) organized around three areas: Connect SoCal, Local Assistance Program, and Regional Updates.

## CEHD Committee Outlook and Framework

Building on the Policy Framework and the commitment to creating more transparency and engagement in the policy development process, staff updated the Outlook for the CEHD Policy Committee for FY2024.

The Committee Outlook organizes content into three programmatic areas:

- 1. Connect SoCal:** Items within this area will center on efforts to implement Connect SoCal 2020, updates on the plan development process for 2024, and discussion of key policy issues and emerging trends for the 2024 Connect SoCal Plan. Presentations will offer best practices, lessons learned and emerging trends in key policy areas centered on land use, housing, and economic development. The FY2024 Outlook summarizes the items that will be coming before the CEHD Committee that will related to the development of Connect SoCal 2024.
- 2. Local Assistance Program:** In this programmatic area, staff will present informational and action items related to programs that provide assistance to local partners. Currently, the main programs that will be highlighted through the CEHD committee are: the in-progress \$47 million REAP (Regional Early Action Planning) Grant program and the implementation of REAP 2.0, with a focus on the Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) and Subregional Partnership Program 2.0 components.
- 3. Regional Updates:** This programmatic area will focus on regional policy issues, such as RHNA, implementation of the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) through SCAG's one-time state funding, and the related coordination with the State's new Community Economic Resiliency Fund (CERF) program, Connect SoCal 2024 Growth Forecast, and Regional Economic Analysis. Committee members may also recommend other policy topics for exploration.

The Committee Outlook is tracked to when the draft 2024 Connect SoCal will be published. Staff will ensure that the various policy and strategy recommendations in Connect SoCal 2024 will be reviewed and discussed by SCAG's policy committees through April 2024. The topics and panels covered may change based on speaker availability, progress on the targeted programs, and other requests from the Committee Chair and Vice Chair as well as members. To request future agenda items, Policy Committee members may request that the agenda item be pulled for discussion, or they may send a request directly to the Chair or committee staff for consideration and reporting out at the next meeting. Agenda items that are recommended by Policy Committee members will be discussed with the Chair and Vice Chair to assess relevance to the CEHD and the considerations noted above.



**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with this item is included in the FY24 Indirect Cost Program (810.0120.20: Planning Policy Development).

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. April 2024 CEHD Outlook

# CEHD Committee Agenda Outlook for FY2024

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
July - Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connect SoCal Performance Measures</li> <li>Connect SoCal Outreach update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>REAP 1 Program Bi-Annual Status report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RHNA Reform (Action)</li> </ul>
Sep	<b>Joint Policy Committee: Connect SoCal 2024 Draft Plan Review</b> EAC: REAP 2: RUSH Industry Forum Summary and PATH Guidelines Update (Action)		
Oct - Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connect SoCal Implementation Strategies</li> <li>Connect SoCal Work from Home Assumptions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>REAP 1: Metrolink TOD Study Update</li> <li>REAP 1: Preservation Study</li> <li>REAP 2: NOFA and HIPP Funding Awards (Action)</li> <li>REAP 1: VCOG and VCTC Regional CEQA Streamlining Project</li> <li>REAP 1: Development Streamlining Efforts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CEHD 12-Month Outlook</li> <li>Inclusive Economic Contracting Toolkits</li> <li>IERS Grant: Job Quality Index Update</li> </ul>

# CEHD Committee Agenda Outlook for FY2024

Date	Connect SoCal	Local Assistance Program	Regional Update
Jan - Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connect SoCal Implementation Strategies</li> <li>Connect SoCal Work from Home Assumptions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>REAP 1: Bi-Annual Report</li> <li>REAP 1: Housing and Sustainable Development Update</li> <li>REAP 1: Metrolink TOD Study Update</li> <li>REAP 1: Preservation Study</li> <li>REAP 2: RUSH Funding Awards (Action)</li> <li>REAP 1: City of LA Housing Element Assessment of Fair Housing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IERS Grant: Tribal Data Needs Assessment</li> <li>IERS Grant: Job Quality Index Update</li> <li>SoCal Demographic Update</li> </ul>
Mar	<b>Joint Policy Committee:</b> Connect SoCal 2024 Final Review		
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connect SoCal Final Adoption</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>REAP 1: Metrolink TOD Study Update</li> <li>REAP 1: Housing and Sustainable Development Updates and REAP 1 – SRP Project Panel (ADU Panel)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IERS Grant Update: Economic Analyses</li> <li>IERS Grant: Tribal Data Needs Assessment</li> <li>IERS Grant: Job Quality Index Update</li> </ul>
May	<b>General Assembly</b>		
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Homeownership Strategies (Speaker)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>REAP 1: Metrolink TOD Study Update</li> <li>REAP2 – PATH &amp; SRP2 Program Updates</li> <li>REAP 1 – SRP Project Panel</li> <li>United Way ProHousing Toolkit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IERS Grant Update</li> <li>IERS Grant Update: Economic Analyses</li> </ul>



**AGENDA ITEM 3**  
**REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments  
April 4, 2024

**To:** Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL**

**From:** Anna Van, Associate Regional Planner  
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**Subject:** Tribal Data Needs Assessment for Tribal Resilience Project Update

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Information Only – No Action Required

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians. 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy. 3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region. 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies' planning and operation and promote regional collaboration.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*In July 2021, the Regional Council adopted the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) to implement SCAG Resolution No. 20-623-2 (regarding racial and social equity). The IERS sets forth strategies for SCAG’s role in advancing equitable regional economic recovery and growth. With support from Senator Susan Rubio, SCAG received one-time grant funding from the State to implement several core recommendations developed in the IERS. This report provides an overview regarding one of the deliverables under this grant – the Tribal Data Needs Assessment for Tribal Resilience Project.*

**BACKGROUND:**

In July 2021, the Regional Council adopted the Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) to implement SCAG Resolution No. 20-623-2 (regarding racial and social equity). The IERS sets forth strategies for SCAG’s role in advancing equitable regional economic recovery and growth. With support from Senator Susan Rubio, SCAG received a one-time grant funding from the State to implement several core recommendations developed in the IERS. One of the deliverables under this grant is a study on the unique economic and demographic data needs of Tribal and Indigenous communities in the SCAG region. This report provides an overview of the project background and next steps.

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### **Project Context**

As sovereign nations, Tribal governments need accurate and relevant data to effectively carry out economic and workforce development initiatives. However, Native American and Indigenous communities are often misrepresented in traditional federal and state data collection methods. Data about Native Americans from government sources such as the Census Bureau or Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is often incomplete, frequently due to small sample sizes. In other cases, government agencies or researchers may report data that fails to encompass the full population of Native Americans, such as excluding multiracial Native Americans. This shortcoming is especially topical for the SCAG region given the 16 federally recognized Tribal Nations and many more Tribal communities that have called this region home since time immemorial.

Through the IERS grant funding, SCAG, in partnership with the Brookings Institution, will engage with Tribal leaders and other Native American-serving organizations in the region to explore their unique data needs and develop strategies to improve data collection to serve Tribal communities' economic development needs. The Tribal Data Needs Assessment for Tribal Resilience Project builds upon Brookings Metro's landmark Black Progress Index, which provided an unparalleled look into the social factors contributing to Black life expectancy in the United States. Brookings Metro will work with SCAG and its Tribal partners to develop strategies for improved data collection, reporting and analysis to provide a similarly groundbreaking look at the factors affecting Native American economic progress and well-being.

### **Project Overview**

This effort will be made with Tribal- and Native American-serving organizations in mind as the primary users. In this regard, partnerships will be critical to ensure that the final project deliverable meets the needs of Tribal leaders and Native American-serving organizations. Brookings has a successful history of such collaborations, including working with the NAACP to create the Black Progress Index as a resource about Black communities for use by Black communities.

In collaboration with Tribal communities, this project will (1) identify critical economic and demographic data required for the development of Tribal economic development strategies and policies, (2) identify shortcomings in U.S. federal and state data about Native Americans and Tribal Nations, and (3) develop actionable recommendations addressing these shortcomings. The final work product will be a publicly accessible research report co-published by Brookings and SCAG and will identify and document strategies that can inform more inclusive data collection efforts for Tribal communities and can accurately inform the design of future data and policy analysis tools. Ultimately, this work product will offer valuable insights to help drive policy change to provide Tribal leaders and Native American-led organizations access to more significant resources to meet their own needs as sovereign governing entities.

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### **Project Timeline**

The project kicked off in March 2024. Brookings and SCAG staff will begin engagement with Tribal leaders, Tribal-and Native-serving organizations, and Tribal representatives with economic, policy, business, development and data expertise through Summer 2024. At the same time, Brookings will conduct an assessment of Tribal economic and demographic data needs and resources. Findings from initial Tribal stakeholder engagement and research will inform development of actionable strategies and recommendations for creating more inclusive economic and demographic data collection on Tribal communities for data sovereignty. In addition to the initial stakeholder engagement process, Tribal communities and SCAG stakeholders will have opportunities to provide feedback throughout report development between Summer and Fall 2024. The final research report is expected to be completed by December 2024.

Today's presentation on the project overview to the CEHD Committee will be provided by Robert Maxim, Fellow for Brookings Metro.

### **Presenter Bio**

Robert Maxim is a fellow at Brookings Metro. Maxim conducts research and designs policy proposals exploring how technological change and other economic trends affect people and places. His recent work has focused on measuring federal investments into place-based industrial policy, developing more inclusive state innovation economies, broadening access to highly digital employment, and supporting the missions of regional public universities.

Maxim is an enrolled citizen of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, and leads Brookings Metro's research around Native American communities. His research has focused on the exclusion of Native Americans in U.S. federal government datasets, as well as how federal data misrepresents Native American identity. He has also conducted research on Native Americans' access to the remote work economy and the role of Native American community development financial institutions in Tribal economies. Within Brookings, he has led efforts to resurface the Institution's historic engagement in Tribal communities, including the landmark 1928 Meriam Report, and to engage with Native-led organizations on enabling future research centering Native American people.

Maxim has also written on the effects of automation and artificial intelligence on U.S. workers, encouraging economic growth and inclusion in U.S. Heartland states, the geography of the COVID-19 recession, the gig economy and contingent work, and the effects of U.S. tariffs and trade policy.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Work associated with this item is included in the FY 2023-24 Overall Work Program in 320-4902.01 (Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) Implementation Grant).

### **ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. PowerPoint Presentation - Tribal Data Needs Assessment Project
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# Tribal Data Needs Assessment for Tribal Resilience Project

CEHD Committee

April 4, 2024

Victor Negrete, Manager of Inclusive Economic Growth, SCAG

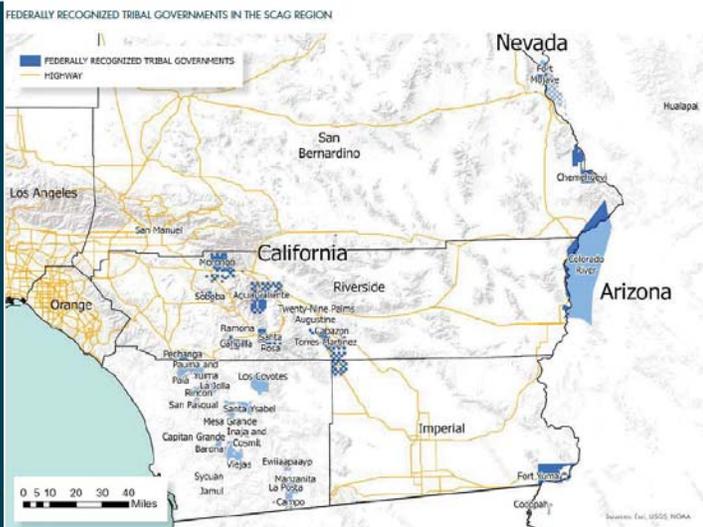
Robert Maxim, Fellow, Brookings Metro

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Tribal Data Needs Assessment for Tribal Resilience

## Project Background

- TRIBAL RESERVATIONS IN THE SIX-COUNTY REGION**
- Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
  - Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians
  - Cabazon Band of Mission Indians
  - Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians
  - Chemehuevi Indian Tribe
  - Colorado River Reservation
  - Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
  - Fort Yuma (Quechan Tribe) Reservation
  - Morongo Band of Mission Indians
  - Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians
  - Romona Band of Mission Indians
  - San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
  - Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians
  - Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians
  - Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
  - Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians



- **16** federally recognized Tribal Governments + **many more Tribal communities**
- Data about Native American communities from government sources is often incomplete

## Project Background

### B | Brookings Metro

This project builds upon the Brookings Institution's landmark **Black Progress Index**



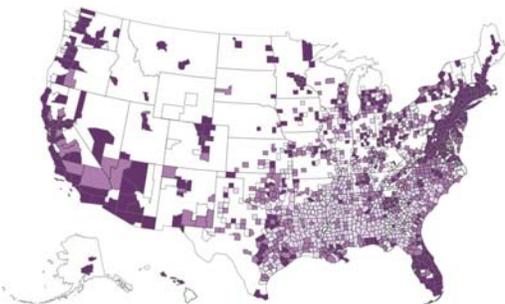
Brookings Metro & SCAG will develop foundation for creating a tool that provides similarly groundbreaking look at factors affecting **Native American economic progress and well-being**

## Project Background

### B | Brookings Metro

Black Progress Index by County

Predicted life expectancy (years)  
□ < 72.5    ■ 72.5 - 74.9    ■ ≥ 74.9



RESEARCH  
**Why the federal government needs to change how it collects data on Native Americans**

Robert Maxim, Gabriel R. Sanchez, and Kimberly R. Huyser  
March 30, 2023



## Project Goal

Produced in **collaboration with Tribal leaders and communities**, the Tribal Data Needs Assessment report will identify and document strategies that can inform **more inclusive data collection efforts for Tribal communities** and can accurately inform the design of future data and policy analysis tools.

## Project Timeline





# THANK YOU!

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**AGENDA ITEM 4**  
**REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments  
April 4, 2024

**To:** Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL**

**From:** Zacharias Gardea, Associate Regional Planner  
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**Subject:** Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Panel

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Information Only – No Action Required

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians. 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*Changes in state law in recent years have increased the potential for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) to support increased housing supply. New laws have addressed barriers to their implementation at scale, such as setting development criteria for ADUs, streamlined processing, and limiting impact fees. Implementation of state law requires updating local ordinances, estimating ADU capacity when used to address regional housing need allocations (RHNA) in housing element updates, and a creating a housing element program to incentivize and promote ADUs that can be offered at affordable rents.*

*SCAG has funded a variety of ADU support activities, including several with Regional Early Action Planning 1.0 (REAP 1.0) funds for subregions, local governments, and housing stakeholder partnerships. It is anticipated that adoption of common practices and tools, particularly within subregions, will accelerate ADU development, have potential to contribute significantly to addressing RHNAs, generate new housing at more affordable levels, foster streamlined permit processing, and offer homeowners a source of income.*

*Panelists from two projects that SCAG funded through REAP 1.0 will present overviews of key technical work pieces, including various reports and tools developed for jurisdictions, as well as share general lessons learned that can serve as best practices throughout the SCAG region.*

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2019 SCAG was awarded \$47 million in Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) funding from Assembly Bill (AB) 101 to provide housing planning and process improvement services to cities and

counties. Two of SCAG's REAP funding programs - Subregional Partnership Program (SRP) and Sustainable Communities Program Housing and Sustainable Development (HSD) Call for Applications – included a focus on supporting and accelerating the development of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) throughout the region. SCAG allocated approximately \$23 million of its REAP funding to SRP to fund 15 subregions in planning activities that will accelerate housing production and facilitate implementation of each jurisdiction's 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). Additionally, HSD provided planning assistance for jurisdictions and agencies to support local planning, and to serve as a key implementation tool of Connect SoCal, SCAG's Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS).

Through SRP, SCAG and its subregional partners collectively identified the increase in production of ADUs as a priority in supporting jurisdictions toward reaching their RHNA goals, particularly in lower density communities. Subregions are leading various ADU encouragement strategies, such as capacity analysis, pre-approved designs, and development guidelines to support expedited ADU permit processes. Together, Orange County Council of Governments, Ventura County Council of Governments, and Gateway Cities Council of Governments developed a suite of tools to assist residents of their member jurisdictions learn more about the process of financing, permitting, and developing ADUs. The project includes a Housing website, ADU How-To toolkit, housing-related model ordinances, an ADU amnesty program, and a program to promote affordable ADU rents that may be tailored to each COG. For more information on the ADU efforts that SRP funded, please visit [https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/reak\\_srp\\_adu\\_projects.pdf?1625003609](https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/reak_srp_adu_projects.pdf?1625003609).

Through HSD, SCAG provided grant funding for approximately 25 jurisdictions to complete local planning efforts that both accelerate housing production as well as enable implementation of the Sustainable Communities Strategy of Connect SoCal. ADU technical assistance was one of the program's three project categories for funding. The intent of this project type was to provide planning resources to help jurisdictions develop implementation policies and programs focused on affordable rental ADU programs and ordinances required for housing element programs to be updated for consistency with State law. Eight (8) cities were awarded under the ADU category and grouped across three separate project bundles. The lead consultant on one of the ADU project bundles will present key takeaways that benefited the cities of Laguna Beach, Pasadena, and Santa Monica.

The panelists speaking today are:

- Marnie Primmer, Executive Director, Orange County Council of Governments and
- Ashley Hoang, Senior Associate, AECOM

Panelists will summarize the workplan of their ADU projects and share specific findings that can serve as best practices for jurisdictions throughout the SCAG region. Below is a brief biography of the speakers:

Marnie Primmer, Executive Director, Orange County Council of Governments

Marnie is the Executive Director of Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG), the County's official planning subregion. With a 27-member Board of Directors, OCCOG represents Orange County in the Southern California Association of Governments.

Ms. Primmer has 5 years of experience in land use and housing policy as well as more than two decades of experience in transportation and infrastructure planning, programming, project delivery and policy development. She has held leadership positions in the private sector, public sector and non-profit organizations throughout California.

She graduated magna cum laude from Amherst College, attended the University of Chicago, and received her MBA from the University of California at Irvine.

Ashley Hoang, AICP, Senior Associate, AECOM

Ashley is an urban planner with formal training in public administration and has 17 years of experience in managing and supporting complex long-range citywide and district/neighborhood policy documents, development project planning and entitlements, transportation modeling and study plans, and environmental analysis in urban to rural landscapes. Her breadth of planning experience includes land use, housing, mobility, equity, urban design, historic preservation and design, grant administration, and environmental planning. Ashley has worked with and for various local agencies, from small suburban and rural towns to dense urban communities. She believes in improving the quality of life for communities now in ways that will make life even better for the next generation.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Staff's work budget and funding for the selected consulting teams were included in the FY2023-2024 Overall Work Program (OWP) tasks 300-4887.01 (2020 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) – Housing and Sustainable Development (HSD) (AB 1010)) and 300-4889.01 (Subregional Partnership Program (AB 101)).

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. PowerPoint Presentation - AECOM

# Los Angeles ADU Bundle Project

Featuring Santa Monica and Pasadena

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## Contents

- Project Overview & Outreach
- Technical Work
- ADU Planning Tools

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# Project Overview & Outreach

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## Project Overview

- Accelerate Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) production as part of the housing crisis solution
- Assess and modernize ADU permitting processes and policies
- Develop an ADU Handbook and other tools as best practices for other cities to use
- Bundle cities: Pasadena, Santa Monica, Laguna Beach
- Consultant team: AECOM, RHLA, Office of Office, Community Planning Collaborative (formerly Baird + Driskell Planning)
- Timeline: Fall 2021 to Fall 2022



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## All SCAG ADU Project Deliverables

### Technical Work

- Needs Assessment Report
- Interest and Experience Surveys Summary
- Opportunities and Constraints Assessment Recommendations
- Financial Assistance Program Report
- Monitoring Assessment Report
- Legalization Report

### ADU Planning Tools

- Handbook
- Prototype Design Options
- Checklist/Process Diagram
- Online Cost Estimator Tool
- Permit Application

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## Outreach Overview

- Two workshops for each city
  - Review project goals and objectives
  - Discuss how ADUs serve State and local housing needs
  - Brief on ADU State law and City regulations
  - Present findings and recommendations from technical work
  - Hear initial input at first and then gather feedback on draft tools at second workshop
- Study sessions
  - Pasadena Economic Development & Technology Committee
  - Santa Monica Planning Commission and two neighborhood meetings

### WHAT WE HEARD

#### Questions

- ✓ ADU Ordinance regulation changes
- ✓ ADU permitting process timeline
- ✓ ADU grant applications
- ✓ How ADUs affect property taxes
- ✓ How to connect with contractors/designers
- ✓ Health and safety issues

#### Interests

- ✓ Pre-approved ADU designs
- ✓ ADU funding availability/reduced fees
- ✓ Allowing ADUs above garages and designs
- ✓ ADU dashboard with mapping
- ✓ Legalizing unapproved ADUs
- ✓ Addressing privacy with two-story ADUs
- ✓ Deed restricting two-story ADUs as affordable
- ✓ Sustainability and equity emphasis

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# Technical Work

- Needs Assessment Report
- Interest and Experience Surveys Summary
- Opportunities and Constraints Assessment
- Financial Assistance Program Report
- Monitoring Assessment Report
- Legalization Report

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## Needs Assessment Report

- Assess experience with ADU ordinance updates
- Outline best practices
- Summarize ADU applications, permits, and completions
- Address staffing needs to support compliance with State law
- Recommendations for permit process streamlining and updating policies

Table 2: Pasadena ADU Permit Status

STATUS	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	TOTAL
Applied	3	14	25	87	234	363
Issued	1	3	17	34	94	152
Completed	0	1	11	16	42	73

Source: City of Pasadena, 2021

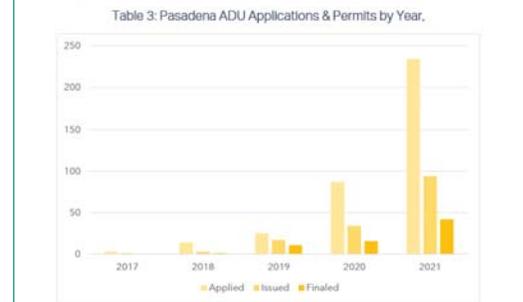
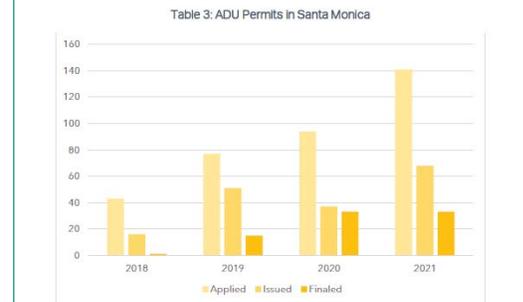


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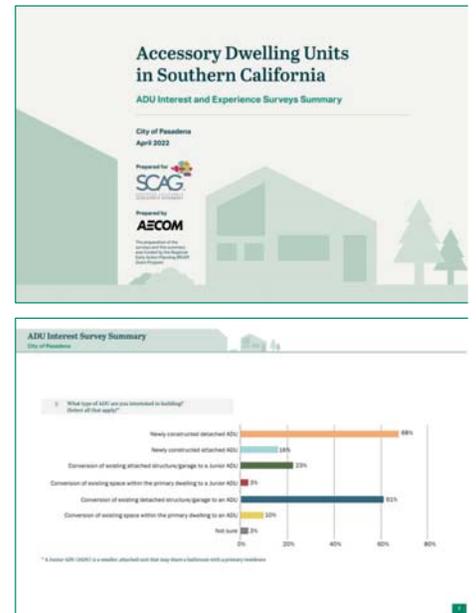
STATUS	2018	2019	2020	2021*	TOTAL
Applied	43	77	94	141	355
Issued	16	51	37	68	172
Finalized	1	15	33	33	82

Source: City of Santa Monica, 2021; \*Through November



## Interest and Experience Surveys

- To help the cities understand how best to support ADU development and improve the process
- Interest Survey (29 Pas/285 SaMo respondents)
  - Majority of participants interested in detached ADUs
  - Almost unanimous interest in ADU development, mostly to housing a family member/acquaintance and generating supplemental rental income
- Experience Survey (50 Pas/112 SaMo respondents)
  - Focused on decision-making factors that influenced application, process, and cost experiences
  - Biggest barriers builders have experienced are lack of clarity in permitting process and timeline
  - Nearly all would recommend building an ADU to a friend

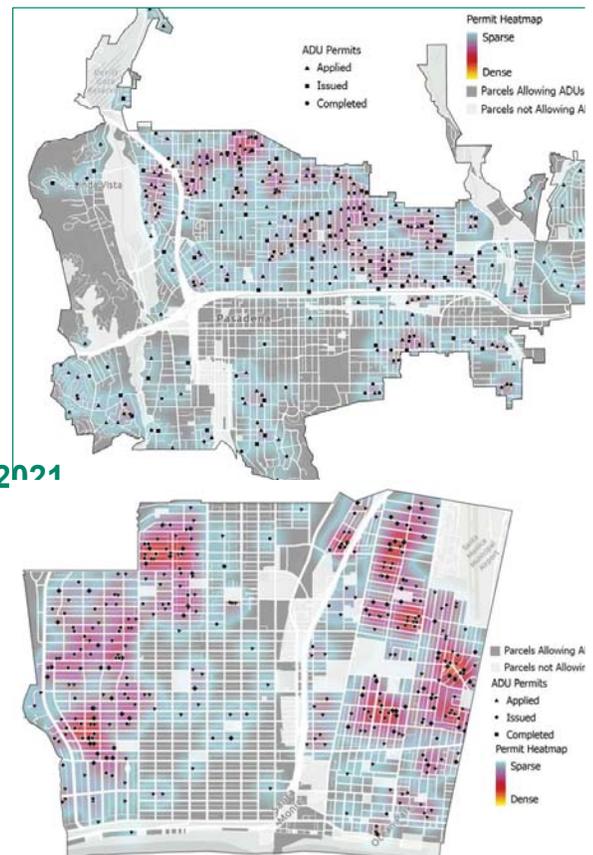


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## Opportunities and Constraints Assessment

- Mapping residential/mixed-use lots in the city to assess spatial constraints
  - Demographics
  - Zoning/land use
  - Lot width
  - Buildable area
  - Historic districts/properties
  - Slope
  - Hazards
- Assessing regulatory findings on code requirements, permit processing, and impact fees
- Provide opportunity recommendations on fees/funding, streamlining/automation, staffing/contacts, and information sharing

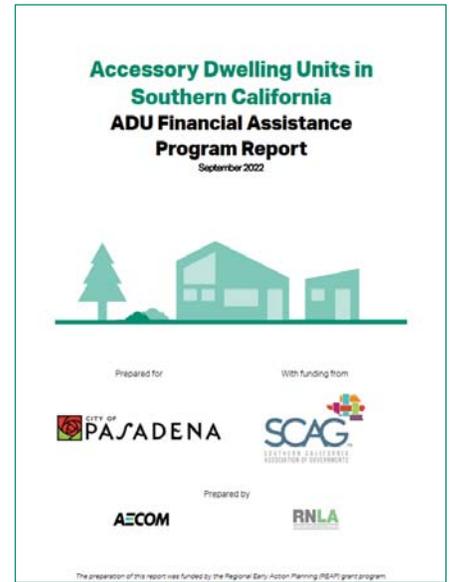
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## Financial Assistance Program Report

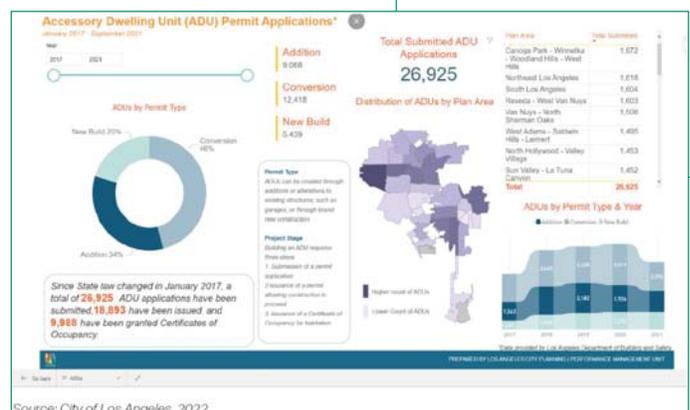
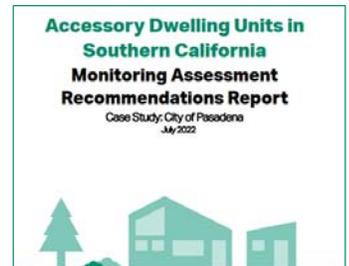
- Summarize best practice research to identify case study affordability programs and financing opportunities
- Identify programs types:
  - Financial Only – loans and grants
  - Financial and Technical Assistance – homeowner/landlord education, tenant matchmaking, construction management, and standard plans
  - End-to-End – financial support plus coordination during the design, permitting, and construction of ADU
- Conduct market analysis to identify the annual gap between market and HUD fair market ADU rental rates
- Pasadena’s Second Unit Program
  - Offering deferred interest loans for new construction legalization ADUs – potentially reopening for applications Spring 2023



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## Monitoring Assessment Report

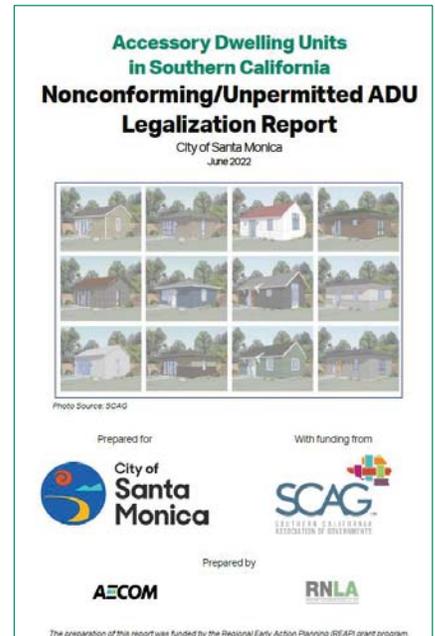
- Assess City’s existing ADU monitoring process
- Increase internal and public understanding of progress
- Study best practices, e.g., City of Los Angeles interactive quarterly housing report
- Provide monitoring and reporting evaluation and recommendations
  - Monitoring Program Next Step Actions
  - Factors Affecting Development
  - Tracking and Mid-Point Evaluation



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## Legalization Report – Santa Monica

- Understand the extent ADU legalizations, including location, age, and type
- Identify case studies from other jurisdictions
- Summarize City staff roundtable held to discuss existing practices and concepts for pathways to legalization
- Provide recommendations for strategies to improve upon the City's current approach to a legalization pathway
  - Community education
  - Standardizing fees
  - Funds and financing
  - Building inspections
  - Process streamlining
  - Non-profit partners



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## ADU Planning Tools Overview

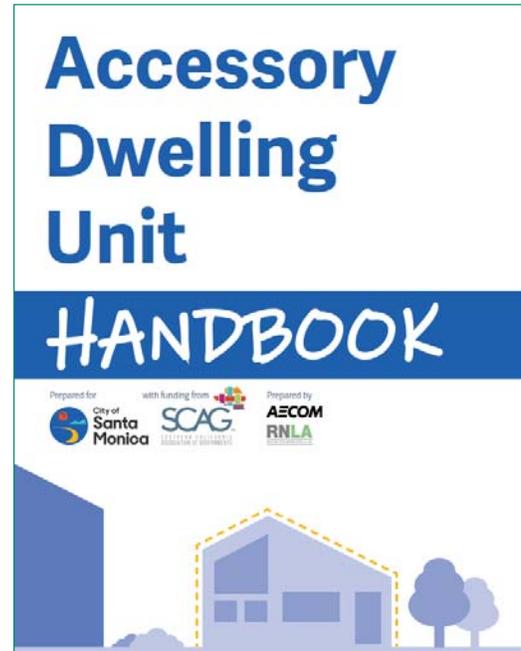
- Handbook
- Prototype Design Options
- Checklist/Process Diagram
- Online Cost Estimator Tool
- Permit Application

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# Handbook

- What you need to know about building an ADU on your property
  - Rules governing ADUs
  - Evaluate your property for an ADU
  - Various ADU types and costs
  - Design, permitting, and construction process steps
  - FAQs
  - Links to resources



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# Handbook

1. Introduction.....
2. ADU types.....
3. ADU regulations.....
4. Process overview.....
  - a. Decide.....
  - b. Design.....
  - c. Permit.....
  - d. Build.....
5. ADU cost estimates.....
6. Frequently asked questions.....
7. Resources and tools.....

## 4 Process overview

There are several stages in the process of building your ADU. This section outlines the various stages of the process including timelines, various steps, and contact information. The Pasadena ADU Process Diagram/Checklist in Section 7 summarizes the key steps and information needed. Process-related contacts for the City and related utility providers are included at the end of this section.

Decide      Design      Permit      Build

**Decide**

The first step in building an ADU is to determine feasibility of an ADU on your property. There are three aspects of feasibility to consider: zoning feasibility, physical feasibility, and financial feasibility. The information on the following pages is a simple 'do-it-yourself' feasibility assessment, to help you understand which ADU would be most appropriate for your property.

New Construction Checklist	Conversions Checklist
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☑ <b>Zoning</b> Follow setbacks, height limits, minimum distance from primary unit, and maximum size</li> <li>☑ <b>Physical</b> Assess site conditions such as slope/drainage, fire hazards, and hillside requirements</li> <li>☑ <b>Financial</b> Estimate project budget from permit fees and construction costs, which vary based on size, type of utility connections, and quality of fixtures/finishes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☑ <b>Zoning</b> Allowed 'as is' if converting legal structure</li> <li>☑ <b>Physical</b> Assess site conditions such as slope/drainage, fire hazards, and hillside requirements</li> <li>☑ <b>Financial</b> Estimate project budget from permit fees and construction costs, which may fluctuate during construction due to discovery of unanticipated site and building conditions</li> </ul>

4 Process overview

**Zoning feasibility**

**What is allowed and where?**

The diagrams on the right illustrate where ADUs/JADUs can be located on a residential zoned property within an existing single-family residence.

**Conversions** of an existing space, do not need to meet height or setback requirements as long as the structure being converted is legally permitted and complies with fire safety requirements.

For **legalizations**, always conduct due diligence by verifying the permit status of the structure with the Building and Safety Division.

For properties in landmark or historic districts, only conversion ADUs (including JADUs) or newly constructed ADUs that are not visible from the public right-of-way are permitted. Newly constructed ADUs are not allowed on individually designated historic properties.

If there are nearby overhead power lines or if the ADU will be located near public utility equipment, contact the Pasadena Water & Power (PWP) to determine any conflicts with public utility equipment or easements.

**New Construction - Detached**

\*ADUs can be 3 stories if the primary residence is 2 stories.

**New Construction - Attached**

\*ADUs can be 3 stories if the primary residence is 2 stories.

**Conversions and Legalizations**

An entrance must be provided into the unit from the outside and cannot be on the same facade as the entry door of the primary residence.

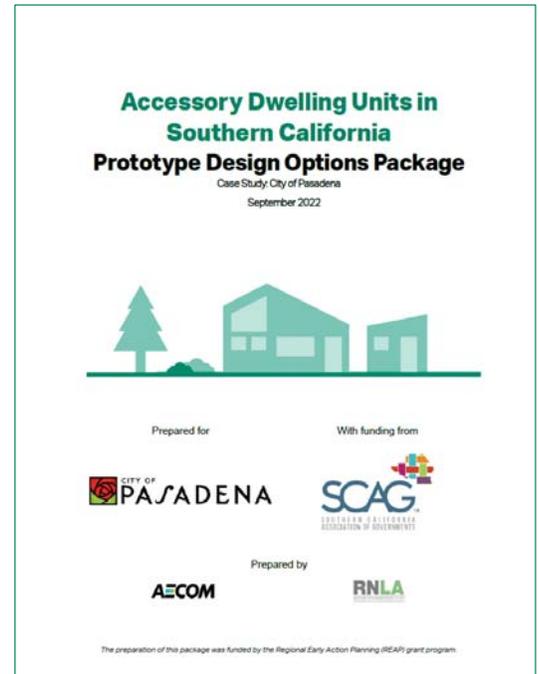
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## Prototype Design Options

- Get a basic understanding of ADUs and what plans may include
- Five design options of various sizes and layouts
- Informed by past trends, neighborhood and site considerations, and regulatory conditions

### ADU Prototype Recommendations

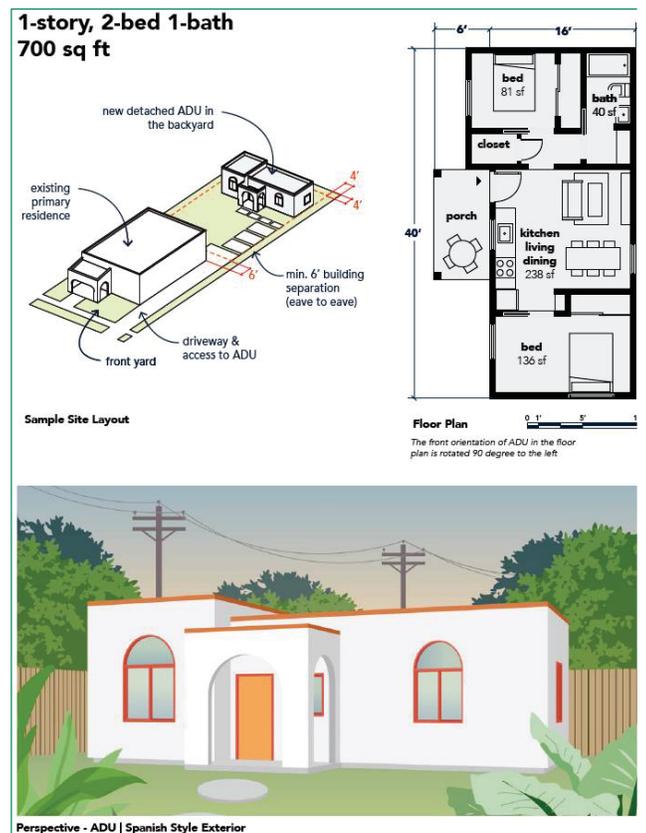
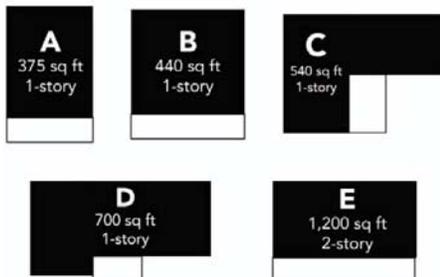
<b>Type</b>	Detached new construction and garage conversions
<b>Size</b>	1-, 2-, & 3-bedroom options
<b>Height</b>	Four 1-story and one 2-story designs



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## Prototype Design Options

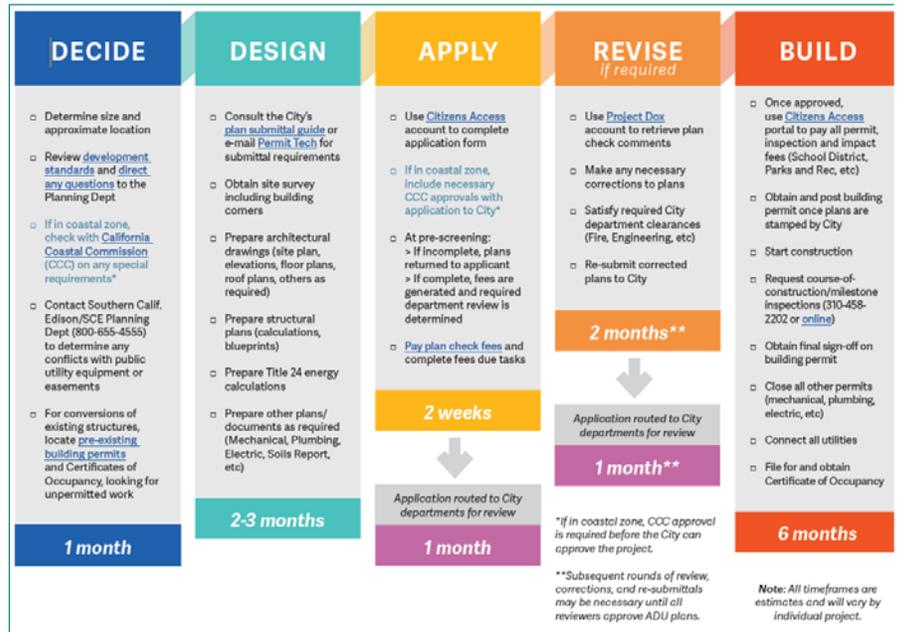
- 1-story studio 1-bath, 375 sf
- 1-story 1-bed 1-bath, 440 sf
- 1-story 1-bed 1-bath, 540 sf
- 1-story 2-bed 2-bath, 700 sf**
- 2-story 3-bed 2.5 bath, 1,200 sf



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## Checklist/Process Diagram

- Provides a clear and concise checklist/diagram of the City's ADU application and approval process
- Information for each phase
  - milestones
  - timelines
  - fees
  - contact information
  - required documents
  - links to resources



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## Online Cost Estimator Tool

- Online interactive estimator based on site specifics and ADU types included in the design options package
- Provides a rough idea of ADU project design, permit, construction, and utility connection costs and identifies cost reduction methods
- Fees are averaged for feasibility assessment only; actual fees are determined upon submittal

### [lacounty.aducalculator.org](http://lacounty.aducalculator.org)

Accessory Dwelling Unit Calculator

Estimate the cost of converting part of your home or constructing a rental unit.

Save/Load My Settings | English

Structure | Construction | Finances | Rents | **COSTS** | VALUE | PROJECTIONS

Physical Characteristics

Where will your second unit be built?  
Pasadena

Type of Construction

New Construction  
New construction includes both attached and detached second units.

Conversion of Part of Garage or Pool House  
Taking an existing garage or pool house, and turning it into a second unit.

Monthly Rent  
**\$1,439**

Monthly Expenses  
**\$1,850**

- \$877 Loan Payment
- \$145 Taxes
- \$515 Insurance
- \$101 Management
- \$55 Vacancy Allowance
- \$57 Repairs

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## Permit Application Supplement – Santa Monica

- New ADU permit supplement to Building Permit application package
- Developed with Building and Safety and Planning staff
- To make the application process clearer and faster
  - Supplemental information
  - Links to related resources and code sections
- Pasadena alternatively opted to have its existing e-Permit application reviewed and recommendations were provided to improve

**City of Santa Monica  
Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)  
Permit Application Supplement**

This sheet is required to be submitted with applications for projects involving ADUs and Junior ADUs (JADUs). Guidance on ADUs can be found in the City's ADU Handbook, including a process diagram and checklist, regulations, FAQs, and other helpful information. Properties located in the Coastal Zone require California Coastal Commission (CCC) approval for ADUs and the City strongly recommends contacting CCC South Coast District early in the process. (City/COCIS/Accessories) (03/2016) (642-586-5073)

**Property Information**  
Project Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Assessor's Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**ADU Square Footage & Type**  
Fill in square footage and select all relevant ADU type info by unit (use Other to describe specific conditions if needed)

Unit #	Existing	Remodeled	New	Demolished	Total
Unit #	Basement				
	1st Floor				
	2nd Floor				
	3rd Floor/Other				
	Other				
<input type="checkbox"/> Conversion <input type="checkbox"/> New construction <input type="checkbox"/> ADU attached <input type="checkbox"/> ADU detached <input type="checkbox"/> JADU					
<input type="checkbox"/> Other					
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Attach additional sheets as necessary for multi-family projects.

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# Thank you!

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**AGENDA ITEM 5**  
**REPORT**

Southern California Association of Governments  
April 4, 2024

**To:** Community Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL**

**From:** Kevin Kane, Principal Planner  
(213) 236-1828, kane@scag.ca.gov

**Subject:** SCAG Region Job Quality Index (JQI) Framework

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Information Only – No Action Required

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians. 3: Be the foremost data information hub for the region.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*SCAG’s Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategies Report (IERS), which was adopted by the Regional Council in July 2021, proposed the development and estimation of a subregional (county-level) job quality index (JQI). The JQI aligns with the California Future of Work Commission’s March 2021 Report, which identified a job quality index as a tool for advancing the goal of raising the quantity and share of high-quality jobs. In Spring 2022, SCAG received a one-time grant from the California Workforce Development Board to implement IERS strategies, including development of a JQI for the SCAG Region and counties. As such, the framework of SCAG’s JQI can serve as a template for other regional or subregional indicators in California or nationally.*

*This staff report and presentation provide a preview of the JQI report and data which will be made available next month. Dr. David Roland-Holst, Research Professor at UC-Berkeley and Managing Director of Berkeley Economic Advising and Research (BEAR), will present the background and concepts undergirding the SCAG JQI. He will introduce the 16 indicators that measure a job’s earnings, benefits, workplace conditions, and personal development and discuss the regionally-representative survey of workers in Southern California whose preference ranking of job characteristics informs the JQI.*

**BACKGROUND:**

With technological advances and globalization, the benefits of skill development and specialization have made economies and job markets more complex, increasing wage disparities and risks of mismatch between the skills offered by workers and those demanded by firms. The JQI is intended as a tool for understanding the complexities of local job markets, identifying, and measuring

opportunities and challenges for economic development policy, and addressing regional disparities of opportunity.

SCAG collaborated with a consultant (BEAR), to develop a rigorous, transparent framework for a subregional job quality index that can be readily updated and replicated. The SCAG JQI framework defines job quality based on the latest economic literature and surveys of workers in the region. The SCAG JQI concisely measures labor market conditions and progress toward a more equitable and resilient labor market for each of the region's six counties and the region. Workers and employers will benefit from greater information, facilitating planning, career development, and recruiting for productivity and retention. The SCAG JQI will summarize different dimensions of job quality, such as compensation, benefits, and workplace conditions. Key inputs to the JQI are the specific job attributes and the relative importance of such attributes that best reflect the SCAG region and the six counties.

SCAG and BEAR convened a JQI Technical Advisory Group that met three times in 2023 to discuss the development of the JQI. Members included:

- Marek Gootman, Senior Fellow, Brookings Metro
- Naomi Young, Principal Economist, SANDAG
- Nader Afzalan, Community and Economic Resilience Adviser, CA Office of Planning and Research

The group discussed the appropriateness of the proposed approach, evaluated proposed categories, discussed the potential resonance of the framework with stakeholders, considered the replicability and update frequency of input data, and discussed strategies for ensuring broad support and buy-in. Additional feedback was also solicited from SCAG's Global Land Use and Economic (GLUE) council and Technical Working Group (TWG) in Spring 2023.

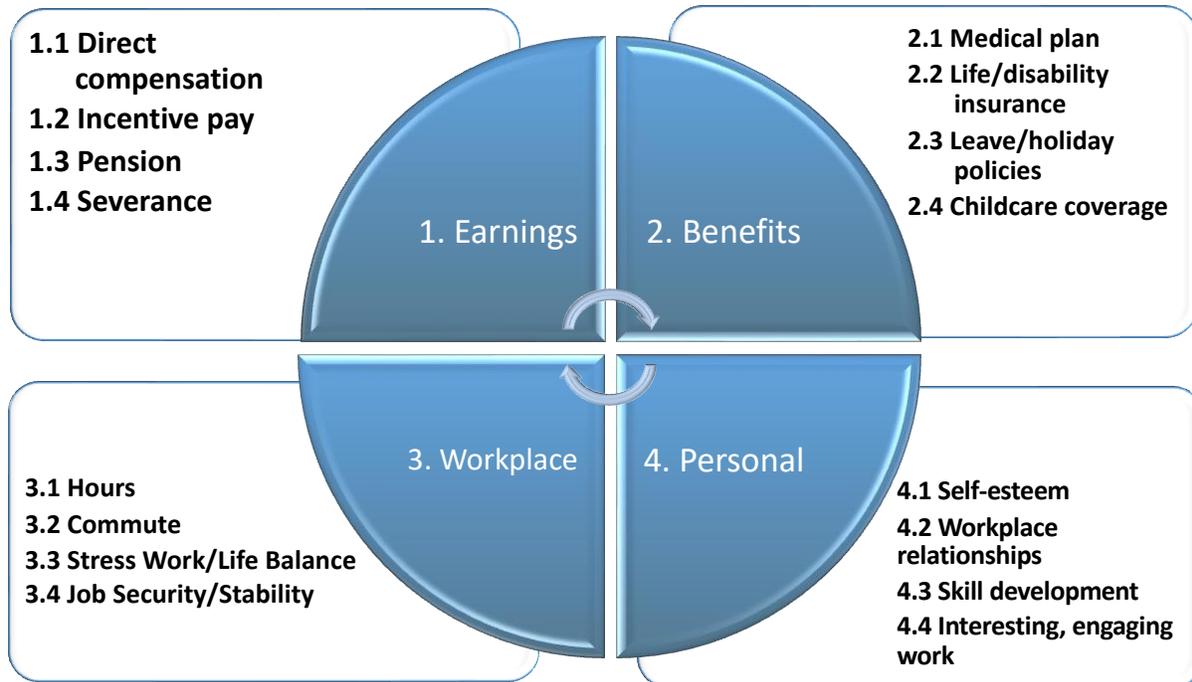
A number of academic and applied researchers have developed job quality indices including Brookings Metro, SUNY Buffalo, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Gallup, the Aspen Institute, and the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) which were reviewed as part of the development of the SCAG JQI.

This project designed a multidimensional Job Quality Index Framework incorporating the latest data and statistical methods. The approach is comprised of two parts:

1. A composite indicator representing different dimensions of job quality.
2. A weighting scheme based on direct surveys of the local working population, rating each sub-indicator in order of personal importance.

Figure 1 shows schematically how job quality can be proxied by the composite indicator and progress tracked and reported at the sub-indicator level with a simple dashboard panel. This approach, a hybrid of methods surveyed above, would be estimated with (ideally) publicly available data and a representative survey of workers across the SCAG region.

Figure 1: A SCAG Job Quality Index aggregating 16 sub-indicators



To calibrate the indicator, the project identified one or more sources of information that can represent the sixteen constituent JQI attributes. In some cases (e.g. direct compensation, benefit coverage), available data measure the job characteristic of interest directly. In others, we can only observe related variables that can serve as a reasonable proxy for the job characteristic (e.g. stress or job security). Moreover, data for indicators are available at different time periods and spatial detail. To communicate and maintain JQI cost-effectively, an effort was made to meet three standards: relevance, geographic detail, and timeliness. While future improvements are certainly possible, Table 1 summarizes the data as it has been assembled in the current effort. Figure 1 shows how these categories are decomposed into four generic groups comprising sixteen individual job quality characteristics.

Table 1: Data Sources for JQI Components

Indicator	Category	Proxy Variables	Sources	Region	Frequency
JQI	Job Quality Index				
1	Compensation				
2	Benefits				
3	Workplace				
4	Personal				
1.1	Direct compensation	Weighted average of real wages (occupation and headcount)	BLS, ACS, EDD	County, Census Tract	1,5 year
1.2	Incentive pay	Percentage of workers with bonus or overtime pay	BLS, ACS, EDD	State	Annual
1.3	Pension	Percentage of workers covered	BLS, Fred	National	Annual
1.4	Severance	Weighted average weeks of FTE job tenure	BLS	National	Annual
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Abbreviations: Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), CalEnviroScreen 4.0 (CES4), American Community Survey (ACS), Employment Development Department (EDD) of California, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Fred), Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS), North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), Standard Occupational Code (SOC).

Weighting the 16 components in the JQI was based on a direct survey of job preferences for a representative sample of SCAG's own labor force.

From July 17 to September 12, 2023, BEAR collected 2,900 responses for a Job Quality Survey from respondents living in Southern California. This consisted of 500 responses from 5 counties – Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura – and 400 responses from Imperial County. For each county, the responses were representative based on the latest age, ethnicity, and gender data from the US Census Bureau to ensure they were representative of workers. The survey solicited respondents' age, gender, race/ethnicity, marital status, industry sector, and occupation type and asked them to rank the importance of each of the 16 job quality sub-indicators on a 1-5 scale.

Results varied widely by industry and county, but some consistent themes emerged. While all workers valued direct compensation highly, women showed a much higher preference for workplace conditions, while older workers showed a much lower preference for childcare coverage. Survey results become the weights for the economic components comprising the JQI (Figure 1).

A sample of results can be found in Table 2, which shows JQI results for all workers across all industries and occupations in the SCAG region. Based on this framework, an equivalent table can be generated by county, age category, gender, race/ethnicity, industry, and occupation.

The JQI value column in table 2 can provide a comparison of what sub-indicators are better or worse overall in the SCAG region—for example, provision of health insurance (111.29) scores highest and employer-provided childcare (85.18) the lowest. Note that some sub-indicators are not available for the region, meaning they are derived from national data about industries or occupations—as such, these measures are best interpreted *relative* to other areas or categories of workers.

For example, a user could:

- Compare the *Earnings* indicator in Orange versus Riverside County.
- Compare the *Personal Development* indicator in management occupations versus transportation and material moving occupations, or across all occupation categories.
- Assess whether manufacturing workers in Los Angeles County do better in terms of earnings or in terms of benefits, workplace, or personal categories.

- Use the survey rating to show which factors are most important and least important to workers in the region.

The final, composite indicator could also be compared across county and categories. The final SCAG JQI report and an interactive Excel document will be available in May. Depending on interest and available resources a next step would be to identify and develop tools to facilitate easier comparisons.

Table 2: SCAG Region Total Job Quality Components

<b>SCAG</b>				
<b>Indicator #</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Survey Rating</b>	<b>JQI Value</b>
1	<b>Earnings</b>	-	<b>3.95</b>	<b>100.25</b>
2	<b>Benefits</b>	-	<b>3.93</b>	<b>99.78</b>
3	<b>Workplace</b>	-	<b>4.08</b>	<b>103.50</b>
4	<b>Personal</b>	-	<b>3.80</b>	<b>96.46</b>
1.1	<b>Earnings</b>	<b>Direct Compensation</b>	4.24	107.51
1.2		<b>Incentive Pay</b>	3.89	98.73
1.3		<b>Pension</b>	3.94	99.90
1.4		<b>Severance</b>	3.74	94.87
2.1	<b>Benefits</b>	<b>Medical insurance</b>	4.39	111.29
2.2		<b>Life and Disability Insurance</b>	3.87	98.27
2.3		<b>Leave / Holidays</b>	4.11	104.39
2.4		<b>Employer-provided Childcare</b>	3.36	85.18
3.1	<b>Workplace Conditions</b>	<b>Hours</b>	4.23	107.44
3.2		<b>Commute</b>	3.89	98.81
3.3		<b>Stress</b>	3.85	97.64
3.4		<b>Job Security</b>	4.34	110.13
4.1	<b>Personal Development</b>	<b>Self-esteem</b>	3.85	97.82
4.2		<b>Workplace Relationships</b>	3.52	89.36
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**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. PowerPoint Presentation - Job Quality Index Preview



# SCAG Job Quality Index Preview

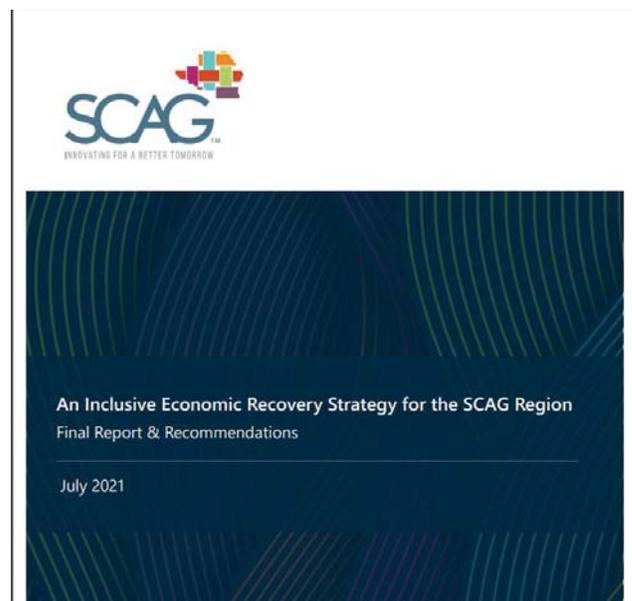
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## Introduction

- Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy
- California Future of Work Report
- State Implementation Grant
- Berkeley Economic Advising & Research (BEAR)



## Agenda

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Previous Approaches to Measuring Job Quality and Insights
- 3 SCAG Job Quality Index (JQI): Framework and Data Sources
- 4 Key Insights



## What is the SCAG Sub-Regional Job Quality Index?

- Comprehensive, standardized indicator
- Based on many region-specific attributes
- Informs decision-making along with other information



# Productivity increased faster than wages

Median Wage Income and per capita GDP in the SCAG Region, 2022 U.S. Dollars



Notes: Wage income computed for adults (age 25+) in the labor force from ACS PUMS, 1-Year Samples 2010-2019, 2021. GDP per capita from REMI. Figures inflated to 2022 dollars using the CPI for Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim MSA.

## Why is a regional job quality index valuable?

### For policymakers

- Identify policy priorities
- Monitor job quality
- Identify areas for improvement
- Assess the impacts of policy interventions



## Why is a regional job quality index valuable?

### For employers

- More competitive
- Improve working conditions
- Equitable and supportive work environment



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## Insights from Existing Job Quality Metrics

**“Heterogeneity is much more important than has been recognized**, in terms of patterns of opportunity, readiness, and outcomes for workers and enterprises. Better information for private and public actors can improve policy as well as labor market outcomes.”

“More transparent and timely data on local job quality can help overcome incentive and information failures, **making it easier for job seekers, educational and training institutions, and employers** to identify and overcome skill and job quality gaps.”

“Improving information and **encouraging workers to acquire skills** remains essential to help them find better jobs, improving productivity and retention.”

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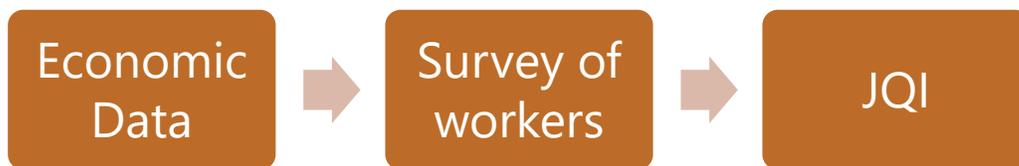
- Workers across income levels generally agree on the most important job quality dimensions.
- Low-income workers are more likely to be “disappointed” with all aspects of job quality.
- Most workers say their pay has improved in the last five years, but other aspects of their job have not.
- Job quality varies significantly and systematically by
  - type of job (full time, part time, multiple),
  - organization size,
  - type of work,
  - occupation, and
  - Industry sector.

## Stakeholder Feedback

- JQI Technical Advisory Group met three times in 2023
  - Marek Gootman, Senior Fellow, Brookings Metro
  - Naomi Young, Principal Economist, SANDAG
  - Nader Afzalan, Community and Economic Resilience Adviser, CA OPR
- JQI also presented to SCAG’s GLUE Council and Technical Working Group in Spring 2023

# SCAG Job Quality Index: Framework

- Develop a framework for a county-level job quality index
  - Comprehensive tool for rating and comparing jobs based on several factors
  - Rating system specific to SCAG counties and region for identifying “good” jobs
  - Understand region’s labor markets and inform policy



# SCAG Job Quality Index Aggregates 16 Sub-Indicators



# SCAG Job Quality Index: Data Sources

- Census, state, and other federal data sources
- Easy to update
- Weighted by preferences in survey
- Normalized to industry sector average

Indicator	Category	Proxy Variables	Sources	Region	Frequency
JQI	Job Quality Index				
1	Compensation				
2	Benefits				
3	Workplace				
4	Personal				
1.1	Direct compensation	Weighted average of real wages (occupation and headcount)	BLS, ACS, EDD	County, Census Tract	1, 5 year
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# Survey of Workers in the SCAG Region

- Sample of 2,900 workers across all six counties
- Reflects local preferences toward job characteristics, as measured by personal ranking of each of the 16 sub-indicators
- Workers' preferences for job quality characteristics vary significantly across counties and among demographic groups.



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# Key Insights

- Diverse preferences in Job Quality Characteristics, e.g.,
  - Women show much higher preference for Workplace Conditions
  - Substantial differences in preferences for Childcare Coverage among various age groups
- Significant variation in job quality across industries
- Workers of different counties prioritize different aspects of job quality

# Communicating Job Quality

- Highest and lowest rated indicators:
- *Examples of the JQI in action:*
  - Compare the *Earnings* indicator in Orange versus Riverside County
  - Compare the *Personal Development* indicator in management versus transportation occupations
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