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**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2019**

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

The Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting at the SCAG main office, 900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

**Members Present**

<b>Hon. Bill Jahn, President</b>	<b><i>Big Bear Lake</i></b>	<b>District 11</b>
<b>Hon. Rex Richardson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b>	<b><i>Long Beach</i></b>	<b>District 29</b>
<b>Hon. Clint Lorimore</b>	<b><i>Eastvale</i></b>	<b>District 4</b>
<b>Hon. Alan D. Wapner, Imm. Past President</b>	<b><i>Ontario</i></b>	<b>SBCTA</b>
Supervisor Luis Plancarte		Imperial County
Supervisor Karen Spiegel		Riverside County
Supervisor Curt Hagman		San Bernardino County
Hon. Jan Harnik	<b><i>Palm Desert</i></b>	RCTC
Hon. Peggy Huang	<b><i>Yorba Linda</i></b>	TCA
Hon. Mike T. Judge	<b><i>Simi Valley</i></b>	VCTC
Hon. Ben Benoit	<b><i>Wildomar</i></b>	Air District Representative
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker	<b><i>El Centro</i></b>	District 1
Hon. Kathleen Kelly	<b><i>Palm Desert</i></b>	District 2
Hon. Rey Santos	<b><i>Beaumont</i></b>	District 3
Hon. Zak Schwank	<b><i>Temecula</i></b>	District 5
Hon. Frank Navarro	<b><i>Colton</i></b>	District 6
Hon. Larry McCallon	<b><i>Highland</i></b>	District 7
Hon. Deborah Robertson	<b><i>Rialto</i></b>	District 8
Hon. L. Dennis Michael	<b><i>Rancho Cucamonga</i></b>	District 9
Hon. Ray Marquez	<b><i>Chino Hills</i></b>	District 10

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

**OUR VISION**

*Southern California's Catalyst for a Brighter Future*

**OUR CORE VALUES**

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

**Members Present - continued**

Hon. Fred Minagar	<i>Laguna Niguel</i>	District 12
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Michael Carroll	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon. Steve Nagel	<i>Fountain Valley</i>	District 15
Hon. Cecilia Iglesias	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. Charles Puckett	<i>Tustin</i>	District 17
Hon. Stacy Berry	<i>Cypress</i>	District 18
Hon. Trevor O’Neill	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Art Brown	<i>Buena Park</i>	District 21
Hon. Marty Simonoff	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Frank Yokoyama	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. Sonny Santa Ines	<i>Bellflower</i>	District 24
Hon. Sean Ashton	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. Emma Sharif	<i>Compton</i>	District 26
Hon. Ali Saleh	<i>Bell</i>	District 27
Hon. Dan Medina	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Jeanne Pearce	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Margaret Clark	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
Hon. Jorge Marquez	<i>Covina</i>	District 33
Hon. Teresa Real Sebastian	<i>Monterey Park</i>	District 34
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Steve Tye	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Tim Sandoval	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Judy Mitchell	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	District 40
Hon. Meghan Sahli-Wells	<i>Culver City</i>	District 41
Hon. Carmen Ramirez	<i>Oxnard</i>	District 45
Hon. David Pollock	<i>Moorpark</i>	District 46
Hon. Tim Holmgren	<i>Fillmore</i>	District 47
Hon. Gilbert Cedillo	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 48
Hon. Paul Krekorian	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 49/Public Transit Rep.
Hon. Bob Blumenfield	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 50
Hon. David Ryu	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Paul Koretz	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 52
Hon. Nury Martinez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 53
Hon. Monica Rodriguez	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 54
Hon. Herb Wesson, Jr.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 57



Hon. Mike Bonin	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 58
Hon. John Lee	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 59
Hon. Mitch O’Farrell	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 60
Hon. Steve Manos	<i>Lake Elsinore</i>	District 63
Hon. Lyn Semeta	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Rita Ramirez	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Megan Beaman Jacinto	<i>Coachella</i>	District 66
Hon. Hector Pacheco	<i>San Fernando</i>	District 67
Hon. Rusty Bailey	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Mr. Randall Lewis	<i>Lewis Group of Companies</i>	Business Representative
Hon. Eric Garcetti	<i>Los Angeles</i>	Member-at-Large

**Members Not Present**

Supervisor Kathryn Barger		Los Angeles County
Supervisor Hilda Solis		Los Angeles County
Supervisor Don Wagner		Orange County
Supervisor Linda Parks		Ventura County
Hon. James Predmore	<i>Holtville</i>	ICTC
Hon. Tri Ta	<i>Westminster</i>	District 20
Hon. Steve De Ruse	<i>La Mirada</i>	District 31
Hon. Jonathan Curtis	<i>La Cañada Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. Jess Talamantes	<i>Burbank</i>	District 42
Hon. Steven Hofbauer	<i>Palmdale</i>	District 43
Hon. David Shapiro	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 55
Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 56
Hon. José Huizar	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 61
Hon. Joe Buscaino	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Marisela Magana	<i>Perris</i>	District 69
Hon. Brian McDonald		Tribal Gov’t Reg’l Plng Board

**Staff Present**

- Kome Ajise, Executive Director
- Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
- Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer
- Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
- Joann Africa, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services
- Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer
- Julie Loats, Chief Information Officer

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Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs  
Sarah Jepson, Interim Director of Planning  
Tess Rey-Chaput, Office of Regional Council Support

### **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Bill Jahn called the meeting to order at 12:15PM and asked Supervisor Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comment speakers for items not on the agenda.

### **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

In the interest of time, President Jahn announced that Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5 through 15 will be taken immediately followed by Presentation Item No. 1 and Action/Discussion Item Nos. 2, 3 and 4.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### Approval Items

5. Minutes of the Meeting – October 3, 2019
6. Approval for Additional Stipend Payments
7. SCAG Participation at the CIRC 2019 Opening Forum – Yangtze River Delta Rail Transit Integration, November 10 – 14, 2019
8. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

#### Receive and File

9. SCAG Objection Letter to HCD, dated 09-18-19
  10. HCD Response Letter to SCAG, dated 10-15-19
  11. Summary of Written Comments Received
  12. State and Federal Legislative Update
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13. Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999; and Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999
14. Caltrans Audits' Corrective Action Plans Status Update
15. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Puckett) to approve Consent Calendar Agenda Item Nos. 5 through 8; Receive and File Items 9 through 15. Motion was SECONDED (Ashton). The motion passed by the following votes:

**FOR:** Ashton, Bailey, Beaman Jacinto, Benoit, Berry, Blumenfield, Bonin, Brown, Bucknum, Carroll, Cedillo, Clark, Garcetti, Gazeley, Hagman, Harnik, Holmgren, Huang, Iglesias, Jahn, Judge, Kelly, Koretz, Krekorian, Lee, Lorimore, Manos, J. Marquez, R. Marquez, McCallon, Medina, Michael, Minagar, Mitchell, Nagel, Navarro, O'Farrell, O'Neil, Pacheco, Pearce, Plancarte, Pollock, Puckett, C. Ramirez, Real Sebastian, Richardson, Robertson, Rodriguez, Ryu, Sahli-Wells, Saleh, Sandoval, Santos, Schwank, Semeta, Sharif, Simonoff, Spiegel, Tye and Viegas-Walker (60)

**AGAINST:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)

#### **PRESENTATION ITEM**

1. Highlights from the 2019 Legislative Session – Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (D-Lakewood)

President Jahn welcomed and introduced Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Rendon to provide highlights from the 2019 Legislative Session.

Speaker Rendon thanked the Regional Council for inviting him and noted the remarkable collaboration and effort with working together for regional solutions. He commented the work at the State level will only be effective if the local level work is impactful. He stated 'housing' is one of the key issues that he has been working on in the legislature and the Regional Housing Needs Assessment is a necessary step in fulfilling California's housing needs. Although the numbers may look high, the State cannot—by itself—resolve California's housing crisis. He remarked an innovative and logical way, SB 2, will create a permanent source of funding including another bill to further ease the creation of accessory dwelling units. He discussed a one-time funding of \$250 million to meet the housing needs assessment requirements and other tools to help jurisdictions, such as re-

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zoning, updated planning documents, completing environmental clearances, revamping planning processes and providing infrastructure funds to the 2018 housing bond and infill grant program of 2009, plus four (4) more sources of housing dollars. Speaker Rendon strongly encouraged the members to apply for these funding opportunities. With respect to transportation and rail lines, he asked the members to continue to be creative, especially with the California High-Speed Rail Authority, and discussed a minor change to the Merced to Baker plan—a concept of the possibility of a fully electrified grade separation from Burbank to Union Station to Anaheim; while others align from Palmdale to Burbank and a tunnel to downtown San Francisco and safety upgrades for Caltrain. In closing, Speaker Rendon stated the plan may not be a giant leap forward but if done with bold strides, we will be able to build California a brighter future.

On behalf of the Regional Council, President Jahn thanked Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon and presented him with a token of appreciation.

### **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### 2. Recommendation and Authorization to Release the Connect SoCal Draft PEIR

President Jahn reported that the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) met and recommended that the Regional Council authorize the Executive Director to release the Connect SoCal Draft PEIR within thirty (30) days after the release of the Connect SoCal Plan for public comments.

Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, made comments relative to the Connect SoCal Plan, as discussed at the Joint Meeting of the Policy Committees. She stated there were suggestions for some minor clarifying language and directed staff to: 1) make those modifications prior to the release of the Plan; 2) arrange a follow-up meeting with the California High-Speed Rail Authority; and 3) follow-up on the LAX expansion numbers. She further noted that staff provide a comprehensive response to the questions that were raised at the Joint Meeting of the Policy Committees since a number of those concerns might have been already addressed in the technical report portion of The Plan. Councilmember Viegas-Walker complimented the work that was done in the RTP/SCS process.

President Jahn offered a clarification that the current item before the Regional Council is the recommendation to authorize the Executive Director to release the Draft PEIR of Connect SoCal and not the Plan itself.

Immediate Past President Alan Wapner, SBCTA, thanked staff for the swiftness with providing answers to his questions and requested obtaining information be included when the PEIR is released regarding the cumulative effect of the increased truck traffic demand in the airport plus the new facilities that are being built on the 105 Freeway be taken into consideration. President

Jahn acknowledged the request.

A MOTION was made (Brown) to authorize the Executive Director to release the Connect SoCal Draft PEIR within thirty (30) days after the release of the Connect SoCal Plan for public comments. Motion was SECONDED (Saleh) and passed by the following votes:

**FOR:** Ashton, Bailey, Beaman Jacinto, Benoit, Berry, Blumenfield, Bonin, Brown, Bucknum, Carroll, Cedillo, Clark, Garcetti, Gazeley, Hagman, Harnik, Holmgren, Huang, Iglesias, Jahn, Judge, Kelly, Koretz, Krekorian, Lee, Lorimore, Manos, J. Marquez, R. Marquez, McCallon, Medina, Michael, Minagar, Mitchell, Nagel, Navarro, O'Farrell, O'Neil, Pearce, Plancarte, Pollock, Puckett, C. Ramirez, R. Ramirez, Real Sebastian, Richardson, Robertson, Rodriguez, Ryu, Sahli-Wells, Saleh, Sandoval, Santa Ines, Santos, Schwank, Semeta, Sharif, Simonoff, Spiegel, Tye, Viegas-Walker, Wapner and Wesson, Jr. (63)

**AGAINST:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** Yokoyama (1)

### 3. Recommendation and Authorization to Release the Draft Connect SoCal (RTP/SCS) for Public Review and Comments

President Jahn reported that at the Joint Meeting of the Policy Committees, the members discussed and recommended the Regional Council authorize the Executive Director to release the Draft Connect SoCal (2020 RTP/SCS) for public review and comment. He asked if there were additional comments on the floor.

Immediate Past President Wapner expressed appreciation for SCAG staff for addressing his comments relative to the Plan.

A MOTION was made (Benoit) to authorize the Executive Director to release the Draft Connect SoCal (2020 RTP/SCS) for public review and comment.

Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, asked that the comments she raised earlier relative to the Connect SoCal Plan be considered as a friendly amendment to the motion. The MAKER OF THE MOTION (Benoit) accepted the friendly amendment. Motion was SECONDED (Navarro) and passed by the following votes:

**FOR:** Ashton, Bailey, Beaman Jacinto, Benoit, Berry, Blumenfield, Bonin, Brown, Bucknum, Carroll, Cedillo, Garcetti, Gazeley, Hagman, Harnik, Holmgren, Huang, Iglesias, Jahn,

Judge, Kelly, Koretz, Krekorian, Lee, Lorimore, Manos, J. Marquez, R. Marquez, McCallon, Medina, Michael, Minagar, Mitchell, Nagel, Navarro, O'Farrell, O'Neil, Pearce, Plancarte, Pollock, Puckett, C. Ramirez, R. Ramirez, Real Sebastian, Richardson, Robertson, Rodriguez, Ryu, Sahli-Wells, Saleh, Sandoval, Santa Ines, Santos, Schwank, Semeta, Sharif, Simonoff, Spiegel, Tye, Viegas-Walker, Wapner, Wesson, Jr. and Yokoyama (63)

**AGAINST:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** Clark (1)

#### 4. Recommended Draft RHNA Methodology

In order to provide a fair opportunity for everyone to be heard, including the members of the public, President Jahn announced that all information and comments be provided to the Regional Council before any decision will be made or before any motion will be considered. President Jahn indicated that Executive Director Kome Ajise and key staff will first provide a report on the item; then he will open the floor for public comments; followed by acknowledgement by legal staff of all the written comments received to date regarding this item. President Jahn also announced that he would entertain any motion only after all comments have been heard, including those from the Regional Council.

Executive Director, Kome Ajise, provided background information regarding the RHNA process and timeline beginning from HCD's regional determination. He emphasized the Final RHNA allocation methodology will need to be adopted by the Regional Council before the adoption of the Connect SoCal Plan in April 2020. Mr. Ajise asked Ma'Ayn Johnson, SCAG staff, to provide a presentation on the proposed draft RHNA methodology.

Ms. Johnson began her presentation by providing an overview of the RHNA process; its five (5) objectives; and the staff-recommended allocation methodology based from feedback from the RHNA Subcommittee and stakeholders over the course of nine months. She also discussed the overall approach, which aligns with the main components of the Connect SoCal Plan: growth forecast, transit accessibility and job accessibility. Ms. Johnson discussed the overall approach of the allocation framework based on projected need and existing need; the income categories and social equity adjustment; and the TCAC and HCD opportunity indicators. Ms. Johnson asked Kevin Kane, SCAG staff, to provide information on the analysis of the policy alternative.

As background, Mr. Kane explained that SCAG's technical staff was asked by some of the Regional Council Members to provide an analysis of the alternative methodology which was first introduced as a substitute motion at the RHNA Subcommittee meeting on October 7, 2019. Although the



motion failed, he further explained the substitute motion, in allocating the existing need, will eliminate the household growth factor (2030-2045) and that the 2045 household growth cap [residual] applied to disadvantaged communities only. He discussed the alternative methodology and a comparison by county (including City of Los Angeles) in terms of the share of total RHNA allocation versus and the population share. He also discussed the comparison across the SCAG region by subregion cities.

In closing, Ms. Johnson discussed the schedule and the next steps in the RHNA process. Pending review and approval by the Regional Council, Ms. Johnson stated that HCD will perform its 60-day review from November 2019 through January 2020.

President Jahn opened the Public Comment Period for Agenda Item 4. To allow time for all members of the public to comment, President Jahn announced he will be limiting each speaker's time to a minute and a half.

Councilmember Sandra Genis, City of Costa Mesa, commented regarding building a 'just society' that provides housing in a fair manner. She cautioned the members on avoiding gentrification of poor working class neighborhoods or approving a methodology that may destroy working class neighborhoods. She asked the members doing their share even those in affluent areas.

Connor Finney, California YIMBY for Greater Los Angeles, encouraged the members to support the October 7 motion.

Shane Phillips, UCLA Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies, asked the members to support a RHNA methodology that allows for more housing in wealthier, job rich, more central and transit-accessible cities and neighborhoods and expressed support for Riverside Mayor Bailey's proposal.

Karissa Willette, BIA of Southern California, commented regarding the current challenges that SCAG is faced with and how to best distribute the RHNA number among its local jurisdictions and suggested that it should be allocated in areas where vacant land exists.

Hank Fung, a resident of Pomona, read an article published in the Los Angeles Times and stated support for Riverside Mayor Rusty Bailey's proposal at the October 7 meeting that is to build more housing and place more zoning capacity in areas where there is more transit and jobs, which will address climate change and meet emission goals.

Jaime Murillo, City of Newport Beach, expressed support for staff recommendation which respects SCAG's growth forecast, addresses GHG emission targets and redistributing growth towards transit and job accessibility.

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Joe Perez, City of South Gate, expressed concerns regarding the proposed methodology that will impact the city of South Gate. As a disadvantaged community, the proposed methodology will not address the city's population density and social justice and asked the members considering these factors in the RHNA methodology.

Anthony Dedousis, Abundant Housing L.A., expressed concerns regarding the proposed methodology that would shift new housing to ex-urban areas away from jobs and job centers with transit. He displayed a chart which illustrated that under the proposed methodology, Coachella would be allocated 11 times more housing than Beverly Hills. He expressed support for Riverside Mayor Bailey's proposal that shifts the allocation towards existing population centers where more housing is badly needed.

Terry Luedecke, Abundant Housing L.A., commented regarding traffic congestion with increasing pollution each year that impacts housing distribution. He suggested "moving people to jobs" where lower commute times will have tremendous impacts in traffic congestion and pollution and echoed support for Riverside Mayor Bailey's proposal.

Leonora Camner, Abundant Housing L.A., expressed appreciation for the Regional Council's decision when voting to address the housing and climate crisis. She also thanked SCAG staff for providing an expanded analysis on the alternative methodology, known as the Riverside Mayor Bailey proposal, which addresses the state's policy objectives and encouraged the members to support the alternative methodology.

Elizabeth Hansburg, People for Housing Orange County, as a resident of Fullerton and Planning Commissioner, expressed support for Riverside Mayor Bailey's proposal on the alternative methodology. She read an excerpt from an article in the New York Times and the MIT Review regarding the impacts of high housing costs and how this affects the workforce and climate change.

Kenneth Stahl, People for Housing Orange County, expressed support for Riverside Mayor Bailey's proposal.

Greg Bonett, staff attorney at Public Counsel, expressed concerns regarding the SCAG recommended draft methodology and explained that it fails to advance the objectives of the statute and incorporate the factors as required by state law.

Tom Elsesser, resident of San Fernando Valley, urged the Regional Council to reject staff's proposed methodology and explained that it does not address jobs-housing imbalance and worsen long commutes while increasing GHG emissions. He expressed support for Riverside Mayor Bailey's proposal and encouraged the Regional Council to do the same.

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Alex Contreras, California YIMBY for Greater Los Angeles, expressed support for Riverside Mayor Bailey's proposal and asked the Regional Council to vote on this alternative methodology.

Greg Spiegel, Inner City Law Center, expressed support for Riverside Mayor Bailey's proposal as it minimizes the impacts of local input.

Michael Shilstone, Central City Association, expressed concerns regarding the proposed draft methodology that does not prioritize sustainability, affordability and equitable access to economic opportunities. He requested that the methodology be amended to encourage housing near transit and jobs with opportunity-rich areas.

Denny Zane, Move L.A., commented that transportation is not an effective climate change strategy. He stated there is a need for an ongoing, reliable, multi-year revenue source of consequence to meet the goals of this program [RHNA].

Guadalupe Medina, staff, Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis, referenced the letter that was transmitted to the Regional Council regarding adoption of an alternative methodology that should prioritize jobs and transit accessibility which is aligned with the County of Los Angeles' Sustainability Plan.

Dan Inloes, City of Costa Mesa, expressed concerns with the alternative methodology that will impact the city and stated support for the proposed draft RHNA methodology that has been vetted and evaluated which addresses jobs, transit as well as growth forecast. If the Regional Council will be moving forward with the alternative methodology, he asked the members looking at matching funding and seeking credit for housing that has already been built.

Tara Barauskas, Community Corp of Santa Monica, commented regarding the minimum availability of affordable housing and to consider jobs and high quality schools that are high performing. She asked the Regional Council to be bold and adopt an aggressive RHNA number to address the housing crisis.

Councilmember Alex Fisch, Culver City, commented that the demand for homes close to jobs is not satisfied and asked the Regional Council to think regionally for the future and consider more homes near jobs, transit and opportunities. He stated that if HCD has the final authority to replace the plan to produce 1.3 million housing units, "then we cannot produce the homes planned for Coachella."

There being no more public comment speakers, President Jahn closed the Public Comment Period for Agenda item 4 and asked Joann Africa, Chief Counsel, to acknowledge all the written comments received by SCAG and be noted for the record.

Ms. Africa acknowledged the letters that were transmitted to the Regional Council relative to Agenda Item 4. Ms. Africa noted the letters were also posted on the SCAG website while paper copies have been made available at the back of the room for review by the Regional Council and the members and the public. Ms. Africa stated the letters were received from the following: County of Riverside; City of Rancho Palos Verdes; City of Coachella; City of Los Angeles; Central City Association of Los Angeles; Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG); City of Gardena; City of Huntington Beach; City of Hemet; City of Chino; City of Menifee; City of Newport Beach; City of Fontana; and Temple City.

President Jahn reminded the members that he will entertain a motion only after all comments by the Regional Council have been heard.

Regional Councilmember Rusty Bailey, Riverside, District 68, expressed appreciation for the feedback that he received from Immediate Past President Alan Wapner, Executive Director Kome Ajise and staff for being responsive. Mayor Bailey explained the alternative proposal for the RHNA methodology.

Regional Councilmember David Ryu, Los Angeles, District 51, expressed concerns regarding the staff recommended proposed RHNA methodology which will worsen traffic, sprawl and make the vast socio-economic inequity much worse. He provided examples of the imbalances from cities such as: Perris, Yorba Linda, Palm Desert, Manhattan Beach, Coachella, Culver City, Hemet and Laguna Beach. He stated the problem with the methodology rests on the flawed household growth model. He suggested having a better methodology that is smart on transit and climate while creating a region of opportunity and equity for all. Councilmember Ryu urged the Regional Council to reject the staff recommended methodology.

Regional Councilmember David Pollock, Moorpark, District 46, expressed support for Riverside Mayor Bailey's alternative proposal and urged the members to do the same.

City of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Member at Large, shared insights regarding planning for the region and the state as a whole. He expressed support for Riverside Mayor Bailey's alternative proposal and echoed the comments made by Councilmember Ryu. He urged the Regional Council to vote and think regionally and emphasized considering a couple of amendments to the methodology that the Los Angeles City Council put forward.

Regional Councilmember Chuck Puckett, Tustin, District 17, commented that Riverside Mayor Bailey's alternative proposal is not equitable for the city and will require considerable zoning. Although the city of Tustin is doing its part through inclusionary housing requirements, some cities larger than Tustin that are close to transit and job centers have considerably low RHNA numbers. Councilmember Puckett suggested that the RHNA numbers must be equitable such that all

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jurisdictions must share the responsibility to address the state's housing needs.

Supervisor Karen Spiegel, Riverside County, thanked the Regional Council for a robust discussion and commented that most companies' location preference is not Riverside County. She also stated that public transportation connectivity is an issue due to low ridership and expressed confidence that the Regional Council will 'do the right thing.'

At this point in time, President Jahn announced there are six (6) Regional Councilmembers who will provide comments and thereafter, he indicated entertaining a motion. The six (6) members are: Meghan Sahli-Wells, Kathleen Kelly, Deborah Robertson, Jan Harnik, Clint Lorimore and closing comments by CEHD and RHNA Chair Peggy Huang.

Regional Councilmember Meghan Sahli-Wells, Culver City, District 41, commented regarding the city's jobs-housing imbalance that is so vast that Culver City can no longer build homes fast enough. Although she emphasized the city's commitment to building houses, Mayor Sahli-Wells indicated that a mistake was made during the redevelopment era where the focus was on economic development and not on housing. She stated Culver City has the biggest economic opportunity with 6,000 jobs expected to be available for the next four years from major corporations moving in to the city. She remarked the fundamental issue with local input is based on outdated planning with low density; one-person, one-car; and excess of surface parking where people cannot afford to live where they work.

Regional Councilmember Kathleen Kelly, Palm Desert, District 2, explained the reason as to why it is not sensible to utilize the 2045 projected growth as a factor in existing need is because it reflects behavior trends. She remarked that housing supply is greater in the Inland Empire thus making it less expensive to live.

Regional Councilmember Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8, commented that Rialto ranks fifth as a fast growing city in the San Bernardino County. She echoed comments made by Riverside County Supervisor Karen Spiegel regarding absence of available funds for transit that will allow the city to qualify including other issues such as NIMBYism. She expressed support for the alternative recommendation as proposed by Riverside Mayor Rusty Bailey and Immediate Past President Alan Wapner.

Regional Councilmember Jan Harnik, RCTC, remarked the lower transit ridership should not be a factor and suggested a shift in thinking by "building where we need to."

Second Vice President Clint Lorimore, Eastvale, District 4, remarked that although he understands the intent of the proposed alternative, he noted difficulty with supporting the motion [Bailey proposal] since the city has been building houses and as a result, have remaining less than 10% of

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available land which will need to be allocated for retail and commercial options so the city of Eastvale can benefit from much-needed tax revenues.

Regional Councilmember Sean Ashton, Downey, District 25, expressed concerns and asked a question if the city is unable to build more housing as dictated by HCD, and commented that the city of Downey has no room to build more housing. Kome Ajise, Executive Director, offered a response.

President Jahn thanked the members and asked CEHD Committee and RHNA Subcommittee Chair Peggy Huang to provide closing comments.

CEHD Committee and RHNA Subcommittee Chair Peggy Huang thanked the members for the comments heard today and remarked, based from the discussions, comments and feedback, the importance of housing affordability and how infill projects are becoming more expensive. She urged the Regional Council to support staff recommendation.

First Vice President Rex Richardson, Long Beach, District 29, asked a question regarding the statutory deadline when sending a recommendation to HCD. Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, responded that the draft allocation must be released prior to the approval of the Final RTP in April 2020. Mr. Duran emphasized that postponing an action today will require the Regional Council to schedule a meeting no later than the middle of next month [December]. First Vice President Richardson also asked for clarification if staff had a chance to review and evaluate the difference between the proposed recommendations made by Riverside City Mayor Rusty Bailey, Los Angeles City Mayor Eric Garcetti and Councilmember David Ryu. Executive Director Kome Ajise responded. First Vice President Richardson stated that while he was originally in support of the staff recommendation, he stated seeing merits with connecting opportunities to jobs and transit. Therefore, he expressed support for Riverside Mayor Bailey's proposal, which utilizes more of HQTAs and job accessibility factors.

President Bill Jahn thanked the Regional Council for thoughtful discussions and announced that he will entertain a motion.

President Jahn asked for a motion approving the staff recommended draft RHNA Methodology. A MOTION was made (Carroll) to approve staff recommendation. Motion was SECONDED (Real Sebastian).

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made (Bailey) approving the "Bailey Proposal." Motion was SECONDED (Robertson).

Discussion ensued regarding the substitute motion. Los Angeles City Mayor Eric Garcetti offered a clarification on the substitute motion. He asked staff to review Items 2, 3 and 4 of the City of Los

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Angeles' position packet and report back as to what these items may mean to the Draft RHNA Methodology. Board Counsel Ruben Duran also offered further clarification and restated the substitute motion, which was to approve the 'Bailey proposal' as the Draft RHNA Methodology to be submitted by SCAG to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) with direction that staff also review Items 2, 3 and 4 of the City of Los Angeles' position packet and report back as to what these items may mean to the Draft RHNA Methodology.

The 'Bailey Proposal' as described in the staff report would allocate the existing need as described below. The "Bailey Proposal" eliminates the use of household growth between 2030 and 2045 to allocate existing need, assigns 50% of the existing need based on transit accessibility and the remaining 50% based on job accessibility, removes the cap on RHNA allocations based on a jurisdiction's 2045 Household Growth except for those in extremely Disadvantaged Communities (DACs), and re-distributes 'residual' units to non-DAC jurisdictions within the county in which they were generated, instead of a region-wide distribution.

Regional Councilmember Mike Carroll, Irvine, District 14, raised a point of order and asked the Maker of the Motion to clarify that "all future funding and opportunities offered by SCAG will use the RHNA methodology." Executive Director Kome Ajise responded that the anticipated housing funds correlates with the number of RHNA housing units.

Regional Councilmember Mike Carroll, Irvine, District 14, also asked the Maker of the Motion to also clarify that a credit be given to jurisdictions who are currently building. The Maker of the Motion did not so state.

At this point in time, President Jahn announced it is time to vote on the pending Substitute Motion by Bailey and seconded by Robertson. The motion passed by the following votes:

**FOR:** Bailey, Beaman Jacinto, Benoit, Blumenfield, Bonin, Cedillo, Garcetti, Hagman, Harnik, Holmgren, Jahn, Judge, Kelly, Koretz, Krekorian, Lee, Manos, J. Marquez, R. Marquez, Martinez, McCallon, Medina, Michael, Navarro, O'Farrell, Pearce, Plancarte, Pollock, C. Ramirez, R. Ramirez, Richardson, Robertson, Rodriguez, Ryu, Sahli-Wells, Saleh, Sandoval, Santos, Schwank, Spiegel, Viegas-Walker, Wapner and Wesson, Jr. (43)

**AGAINST:** Ashton, Berry, Brown, Bucknum, Carroll, Gazeley, Huang, Iglesias, Lorimore, Minagar, Mitchell, Nagel, O'Neill, Puckett, Real Sebastian, Semeta, Simonoff, Tye and Yokoyama (19)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)



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**BUSINESS REPORT**

A report was not provided.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

A report was not provided.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

A report was not provided.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Jahn adjourned the Regional Council meeting at 2:37PM.

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