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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD)
TUESDAY, February 23, 2021**

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, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its special meeting telephonically and electronically given public health directives limiting public gatherings due to COVID-19 and in compliance with the Governor’s recent Executive Order N-29-20. A quorum was present.

Members Present:

Hon. Jorge Marquez, Chair
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Vice Chair
Hon. Russell Betts
Hon. Drew Boyles
Hon. Wendy Bucknum
Hon. Juan Carrillo
Hon. Letitia Clark
Hon. Steve De Ruse
Hon. Paula Devine
Hon. Diane Dixon
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay
Hon. Alex Fisch
Hon. Mark Henderson
Hon. Peggy Huang
Hon. Cecilia Hupp
Hon. Kathleen Kelly
Hon. Jed Leano
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson
Hon. Anni Marshall
Hon. Lauren Meister
Hon. Bill Miranda

Covina
Cerritos
Desert Hot Springs
El Segundo
Mission Viejo
Palmdale
Tustin
La Mirada
Glendale
Newport Beach
Duarte
Culver City
Gardena

Brea
Palm Desert
Claremont
Riverside
Avalon
West Hollywood
Santa Clarita

RC District 33
RC District 23
Pres. Appt., Member-at-Large
District 40
District 13
District 43
District 17
GCCOG
District 42
District 15
District 35
District 41
District 28
TCA
OCCOG
District 2
SGVCOG
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WSCCOG
SFVCOG

OUR MISSION

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

OUR VISION

Southern California’s Catalyst for a Brighter Future

OUR CORE VALUES

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



Hon. John Mirisch	<i>Beverly Hills</i>	<i>Pres. Appt., Member-at-Large</i>
Hon. George Nava	<i>Brawley</i>	ICTC
Hon. Kim Nguyen	<i>Garden Grove</i>	District 18
Hon. Edward Paget	<i>Needles</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Sunny Park	<i>Buena Park</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Misty Perez	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	<i>Pres. Appt., Member-at-Large</i>
Hon. Michael Posey	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. Jan Pye	<i>Desert Hot Springs</i>	CVAG
Hon. Sonny Santa Ines	<i>Bellflower</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Nicholas Schultz	<i>Burbank</i>	AVCJPA
Hon. David Shapiro	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Becky Shevlin	<i>Monrovia</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Andy Sobel	<i>Santa Paula</i>	VCOG
Hon. Wes Speake	<i>Corona</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Mark Waronek	<i>Lomita</i>	SBCCOG
Hon. Acquanetta Warren	<i>Fontana</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Christi White	<i>Murrieta</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Frank Zerunyan	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	SBCCOG

Members Not Present

Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34
Hon. Al Austin, II	<i>Long Beach</i>	GCCOG
Hon. David Avila	<i>Yucaipa</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Megan Beaman Jacinto	<i>Coachella</i>	District 66
Hon. Michael C. Carroll	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon. Rose Espinoza	<i>La Habra</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Marisela Magana	<i>Perris</i>	District 69
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Tribal Gov't Regl Planning</i>	
Hon. Holly Mitchell		Los Angeles County
Hon. Trevor O'Neil	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Nithya Raman	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Rita Ramirez	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Rex Richardson	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Tony Wu	<i>West Covina</i>	SGVCOG

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Jorge Marquez, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and asked Councilmember Wes Speake, City of Corona, to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Marquez opened the public comment period and asked anyone on their computers to speak by using the “raised hands” function on the computer and/or wait for SCAG staff to announce their name or phone number. Additionally, public comments received via email to CEHDPublicComment@scag.ca.gov after 5pm the previous day, would be announced and included as part of the official record of the meeting.

SCAG Staff noted that there were three members of the public who submitted public comments regarding the RHNA Allocations, Appeals and Determination factors, before the 5pm deadline on February 22, 2021. Statements were received from: Nicolle Aubé, City of Huntington Beach; Tiera Ryder and Christopher Williamson.

Chair Marquez closed the public comment period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

No reprioritizations were made.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

1. Minutes of the February 4, 2021 Meeting

A MOTION was made (Finlay) to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion was SECONDED (Waronek) and passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: BETTS, BOYLES, BUCKNUM, CARRILLO, CLARK, DE RUSE, DEVINE, DIXON, FINLAY, FISCH, HUANG, HUPP, KELLY, LEANO, LOCK DAWSON, MARQUEZ, MARSHALL, MEISTER, MIRANDA, MIRISCH, NAVA, NGUYEN, PAGET, POSEY, PYE, SANTA INES, SHAPIRO, SHEVLIN, SOBEL, SPEAKE, WARONEK, WHITE, YOKOYAMA AND ZERUNYAN (34).

NOES: (0).

ABSTAIN: (0).

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Proposed Final 6th Cycle RHNA Allocation Plan

Chair Marquez introduced Ma'Ayn Johnson, SCAG staff, to present a brief verbal presentation on the action recommended by the RHNA Subcommittee/RHNA Appeals Board at their February 16, 2021 meeting.

Ms. Johnson provided a brief overview of the Proposed RHNA Allocation Plan timeline, which represents the projected housing need for each city and unincorporated county area in the SCAG region for the October 2021 - October 2029 housing element planning period. She explained and provided the results of the RHNA Appeals Board review and process.

After several Committee members expressed their concerns, observations and disapproval of the overall RHNA allocation process, including the total regional determination by HCD, and the lack of correlation between housing, jobs and the economy, Chair Marquez asked the Committee for a motion to recommend that the Regional Council adopt the Final RHNA Allocation Plan as part of the public hearing to take place on March 4, 2021.

The comprehensive staff report along with the Proposed Final Allocation Plan was included in the agenda packet.

A MOTION was made (Finlay) to approve staff's recommendation. Motion was SECONDED (Shapiro) and passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: BETTS, CARRILLO, CLARK, DEVINE, FINLAY, FISCH, HUANG, KELLY, LEANO, LOCK DAWSON, MARQUEZ, MARSHALL, NAVA, NGUYEN, PAGET, PARK, PEREZ, POSEY, PYE, SCHULTZ, SHAPIRO, SHEVLIN, SOBEL, WARREN, YOKOYAMA AND ZERUNYAN (26).

NOES: BOYLES, BUCKNUM, DE RUSE, DIXON, HUPP, MEISTER, MIRANDA, MIRISCH, SANTA INES, SPEAKE, WARONEK, WHITE (12).

ABSTAIN: (0).

3. Report on RHNA Process and Consideration of Resolution

Chair Marquez introduced Kome Ajise, Executive Director. Mr. Ajise stated that SCAG staff share in the issues and concerns brought by the Committee today, including concerns with meeting actual housing obligations and reforming the RHNA process. He noted to address these issues and explore various strategies, at the request of the RHNA Subcommittee/RHNA Appeals Board Chair, SCAG staff developed a draft resolution highlighting some of the concerns raised during the 6th cycle

RHNA Appeals and providing direction on next steps for SCAG to pursue to improve upon the RHNA process and support local jurisdictions in updating their housing elements to meet their 6th cycle RHNA allocation.

Mr. Ajise provided a summary of the draft resolution and highlighted some of the concerns raised by the RHNA Subcommittee/RHNA Appeals Board. He noted some of the highlights in the draft resolution, which included, but were not limited to the following:

- Engage with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to ensure clear understanding of challenges faced by local jurisdictions and that all development opportunities are fully considered;
- Work with State Legislature to pursue legislative changes to state housing law to allow for more flexibility for housing element development and implementation;
- SCAG will aim to enhance communication for the Connect SoCal and RHNA plans with the county transportation commissions (CTC), policymakers and stakeholders.

Mr. Ajise asked the Committee to recommend that the Regional Council adopt the resolution at its March 4, 2021 meeting.

The comprehensive staff report along with the proposed Draft Resolution – RHNA Reform, was included in the agenda packet.

Discussion ensued. The Committee members expressed their concerns regarding issues with HCD and state legislators regarding the RHNA determination process. Some of the issues centered on the lack of regional coordination, collaborative efforts and communication with the CTC, local jurisdictions and stakeholders; economic development initiatives, at the state level; building of actual housing with homes for homeowners and flexibility for RHNA to consider student housing and co-living housing arrangements.

After discussion, a motion to amend staff's recommendation was made to the draft resolution.

A MOTION to amend staff's recommendation was made (Posey) to recommend that the Regional Council adopt the resolution, as amended to include in the RHNA forecasting discussions with HCD: a discussion on student housing considerations; collaborative discussions on high quality transit areas (HQTA) with the CTCs and conversations at the state level regarding economic development initiatives. Motion was SECONDED (Bucknum) and passed by the following roll call votes:

AYES: BETTS, BOYLES, BUCKNUM, CARRILLO, CLARK, DE RUSE, DEVINE, DIXON, FINLAY, FISCH, HUANG, HUPP, KELLY, LEANO, LOCK DAWSON, MARQUEZ, MARSHALL, MEISTER,

MIRANDA, MIRISCH, NAVA, NGUYEN, PAGET, PARK, POSEY, PYE, SANTA INES, SCHULTZ, SHAPIRO, SHEVLIN, SOBEL, SPEAKE, WARREN, WARONEK, WHITE, YOKOYAMA AND ZERUNYAN (37).

NOES: (0).

ABSTAIN: (0).

CHAIR’S REPORT

Chair Marquez recognized and welcomed Hon. Nicholas Schultz, CEHD’s newest member.

STAFF REPORT

Jonathan Hughes, SCAG staff, announced that in lieu of the CEHD meeting on Thursday, March 4, 2021, a Joint meeting of the Policy Committees will be held at 9:30 a.m., followed the Regional Council meeting. He also reminded everyone that the 2021 SCAG Sustainability Awards submissions are due on Friday, February 26, 2021.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A future agenda request was made for staff to prepare a report on economic development, specifically targeting the commuting patterns of the people in the SCAG region.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Marquez adjourned the CEHD Committee meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Carmen Summers

Community, Economic and Human Development Committee Clerk

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CEHD Members																
2020-2021																
MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	23-Feb	MAR	APR	MAY	Total Mtgs Attended To Date
Andrade-Stadler, Adele	Alhambra	District 34									1					1
Austin, Al	Long Beach	GCCOG														0
Avila, David	Yucaipa	SBCTA						1		1	1					3
Beaman Jacinto, Megan	Coachella	District 66		1		1		1		1	1					5
Betts, Russell	Desert Hot Springs	President's Appointment									1	1				2
Boyles, Drew	El Segundo	District 40					1	1			1	1				4
Bucknum, Wendy	Mission Viejo	District 13		1		1	1	1		1	1	1				7
Carrillo, Juan	Palmdale	District 43					1	1		1	1	1				5
Carroll, Michael, C.	Irvine	District 14				1		1		1	1					4
Clark, Letitia	Tustin	District 17									1	1				2
DeRuse, Steve	La Mirada	District 31		1		1	1	1		1	1	1				7
Devine, Paula	Glendale	District 42		1		1					1	1				4
Dixon, Diane	Newport Beach	District 15									1	1				2
Espinoza, Rose	La Habra	OCCOG		1												1
Finlay, Margaret	Duarte	District 35		1		1	1	1		1	1	1				7
Fisch, Alex	Culver City	District 41								1	1	1				3
Henderson, Mark	Gardena	District 28		1		1	1			1	1	1				6
Huang, Peggy	Yorba Linda	TCA		1		1	1	1		1	1	1				7
Hupp, Cecilia	Brea	OCCOG		1		1	1	1		1	1	1				7
Kelly, Kathleen	Palm Desert	District 2		1		1	1	1		1	1	1				7
Leano, Jed	Claremont	SGVCOG		1		1	1	1		1	1	1				7
Lock Dawson, Patricia	Riverside	District 68									1	1				2
Magana, Marisela	Perris	District 69					1			1	1					3
Marquez, Jorge, Chair	Covina	District 33		1		1	1	1		1	1	1				7
Marshall, Anni	Avalon	GCCOG				1	1	1		1		1				5
Masiel, Andrew		Tribal Govt Regl Planning Rep		1						1	1					3
Meister, Lauren	West Hollywood	WSCCOG		1		1	1	1		1	1	1				7
Miranda, Bill	Santa Clarita	SFVCOG		1		1	1	1		1	1	1				7
Mirisch, John	Beverly Hills	President's Appointment		1		1	1	1		1	1	1				7
Mitchell, Holly		Los Angeles County														
Nava, George	Brawley	ICTC								1	1	1				3
Nguyen, Kim	Garden Grove	District 18		1		1	1	1		1	1	1				7
O'Neil, Trevor	Anaheim	District 19		1		1	1	1		1	1					6
Paget, Ed	Needles	SBCTA					1	1			1	1				4
Park, Sunny	Buena Park	OCCOG		1		1						1				3
Perez, Misty	Port Hueneme	President's Appointment									1	1				2
Posey, Michael	Huntington Beach	District 64						1			1	1				3
Pye, Jan	Desert Hot Springs	CVAG		1		1	1	1		1	1	1				7
Raman, Nithya	Los Angeles	District 51								1						1
Ramirez, Rita	Victorville	District 65		1				1								2
Richardson, Rex	Long Beach	District 29		1		1	1	1								4
Santa Ines, Sonny	Bellflower	GCCOG				1	1	1		1	1	1				6
Schultz, Nicholas	Burbank	AVCJPA										1				1
Shapiro, David	Calabasas	District 44		1		1	1	1		1	1	1				7
Shevlin, Becky	Monrovia	SGVCOG				1	1	1		1	1	1				6
Sobel, Andy	Santa Paula	VCOG									1	1				2
Speake, Wes	Corona	WRCOG									1	1				2
Waronek, Mark	Lomita	SBCCOG		1		1	1	1		1	1	1				7
Warren, Acquanetta	Fontana	SBCTA		1		1	1	1			1	1				6
Christi White	Murrieta	WRCOG								1	1	1				3
Wu, Tony	West Covina	SGVCOG		1		1	1				1					4
Yokoyama, Frank, Vice Chair	Cerritos	District 23		1		1	1	1		1	1	1				7
Zerunyan, Frank	Rolling Hills Estates	SBCCOG		1		1	1	1		1	1	1				7

Attachment: CEHD ATTENDANCE 022321 (Minutes of the February 23, 2021 Meeting)