



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD)
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023

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 a special meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

Members Present:

Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Chair
Hon. David Shapiro, Vice Chair

Hon. Cindy Allen
Hon. Valerie Amezcua
Hon. Gary Boyer
Hon. Drew Boyles
Hon. Wendy Bucknum
Hon. Don Caskey
Hon. Tanya D. Doby
Ms. Lucy Dunn
Hon. Keith Eich
Hon. Bob Engler
Hon. Rose Espinoza
Hon. Waymond Fermon
Hon. John Gabbard
Hon. Marshall Goodman
Hon. Mark Henderson
Hon. Cecilia Hupp
Hon. Lynda Johnson
Hon. Kathleen Kelly
Hon. Tammy Kim
Hon. Lauren Kleiman
Sup. Matt LaVere

Cerritos
Calabasas
Long Beach
Santa Ana
Glendora
El Segundo
Mission Viejo
Laguna Hills
Los Alamitos
Business Representative
La Cañada Flintridge
Thousand Oaks
La Habra
Indio
Dana Point
La Palma
Gardena
Brea
Cerritos
Palm Desert
Irvine
Newport Beach
Ventura County

District 23
District 44
District 30
District 16
District 33
District 40
District 13
OCCOG
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Ex-Officio
District 36
VCOG
OCCOG
CVAG
District 12
District 18
District 28
OCCOG
GCCOG
District 2
District 14
District 15
CoC



Hon. Jed Leano	<i>Claremont</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Anni Marshall	<i>Avalon</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Tribal Gov't Reg'l Planning</i>	
Hon. Casey McKeon	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	District 64
Hon. John Mirisch	<i>Beverly Hills, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Joseph Morabito	<i>Wildomar</i>	WRCOG
Hon. George A. Nava	<i>Brawley</i>	ICTC
Hon. Marisela Nava	<i>Perris</i>	District 69
Hon. Ariel Pe	<i>Lakewood</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Rocky Rhodes	<i>Simi Valley</i>	District 46
Hon. Celeste Rodriguez	<i>San Fernando</i>	District 67
Hon. Sonny Santa Ines	<i>Bellflower</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Andrew Sarega	<i>La Mirada</i>	District 31
Hon. Becky Shevlin	<i>Monrovia</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Mary Solorio	<i>San Fernando</i>	SFVCOG
Hon. Helen Tran	<i>San Bernardino</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Tony Wu	<i>West Covina</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Frank Zerunyan	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	SBCCOG

Members Not Present

Hon. Ashleigh Aitken	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Al Austin, II	<i>Long Beach</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Debra Dorst-Porada	<i>Ontario, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Claudia M. Frometa	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. Camilo Garcia	<i>Imperial County</i>	CoC
Hon. Misty Perez	<i>Port Hueneme, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Freddy Puza	<i>Culver City</i>	WCCOG
Hon. Nithya Raman	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Gabriel Reyes	<i>San Bernardino County</i>	CoC
Hon. Sylvia Robles	<i>Grand Terrace</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Nicholas Schultz	<i>Burbank</i>	AVCJPA
Hon. Acquanetta Warren	<i>Fontana</i>	SBCTA

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Frank Yokoyama called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. and asked Councilmember John Mirisch, Beverly Hills, President’s Appointment, 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 after 5pm on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 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 5pm on Tuesday, August 15, 2023. 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

Chair Yokoyama moved agenda Item No. 3 to the end of the agenda, after the Announcements.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the July 6, 2023 Meeting

A MOTION was made (Bucknum) to approve the Consent Calendar Item 1. Motion was SECONDED (Shapiro) and was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Allen, Amezcua, Boyer, Boyles, Bucknum, Caskey, Doby, Eich, Engler, Espinoza, Fermon, Gabbard, Goodman, Henderson, Hupp, Johnson, Kelly, Kleiman, LaVere, Leano, McKeon, Mirisch, Morabito, G. Nava, M. Nava, Pe, Rhodes, Santa Ines, Sarega, Shapiro, Tran, Waronek, Wu, Yokoyama and Zerunyan (35)

NOES: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

There were no public comments on this item.

ACTION ITEM**2. DRAFT RHNA Reform Recommendations**

Chair Yokoyama provided a brief introduction of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Reform item. He asked Kome Ajise, Executive Director, to share his thoughts on the RHNA Reform process and to introduce Ms. Ma'Ayn Johnson, Housing Manager, to provide a presentation on the Draft RHNA Reform Recommendations.

Ms. Johnson introduced Mr. David Kyobe, SCAG staff, together they provided an overview of 13 draft recommendations for the CEHD Committee to consider recommending to the Regional Council. Their presentation included background information on the following topics:

- RHNA 101
- Background of RHNA Reform
- SCAG RHNA Reform Engagement Process 2022-2023
- Draft Recommendations
- Next Steps

A robust discussion ensued. The Committee discussed several significant concerns with the RHNA process and its questionable impact on the housing crisis. Some of the highlights discussed were:

- The SCAG region produced far below its need for very low- and low-income households for the 5th RHNA cycle;
- Affordability being critical and should be addressed within RHNA;
- The consideration of job accessibility in the RHNA distribution methodology creates constraints for existing job centers that need sales tax revenues to fund residential services, and that future RHNA methodologies should evaluate the constraints for existing job centers versus those that are newer;
- There needs to be accountability for HCD in the RHNA process and punitive measures toward jurisdictions should be removed in the housing element preparation and approval process;
- The RHNA process should be reflective of the residents of the region and not special interest;

- Jurisdictions are burdened with the extra cost of infrastructure to meet their RHNA need and the lack of infrastructure and utilities such as water supply which can constrain housing production;
- There is critical urgency in meeting existing housing need, but it is extremely challenging for jurisdictions to meet decades of existing housing need within an eight-year period;
- The State needs to form partnerships and build housing units instead of solely relying on private sector and reassess the role of regulations in housing production.

Additionally, it was noted that SCAG staff would add to the HCD comment letter an additional recommendation based on the CEHD concern that there needs to be accountability and due process opportunities for housing need determination with defined grounds on which Council of Governments and jurisdictions can appeal the methodology and assumptions used for housing need determination. It was suggested that staff revise one of its recommendations based on the CEHD discussion and comments to acknowledge constraints in determining housing need based on job accessibility and recommend that this be evaluated as part of the development of the 7th cycle RHNA methodology.

Chair Yokoyama asked staff to send a copy of the September 7, 2023 Regional Council (RC) agenda packet, which will include a copy of the draft HCD comment letter to the CEHD members once the RC agenda is posted.

With respect to next steps, staff asked the CEHD to recommend that the Regional Council approve the draft staff recommendations on RHNA reform as noted in the staff report and include the recommendations and highlights discussed and outlined in the above summary, and authorize the Executive Director to submit a comment letter on behalf of SCAG to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

The Committee thanked staff for their dedication and hard work on the RHNA Reform process effort.

The comprehensive staff report, Recommendations Matrix and PowerPoint presentation – Draft RHNA Reform Recommendations, were included in the agenda packet.

A MOTION was made (Kelly) to approve staff's recommendation, including taking into consideration the additional comments outlined above and perspectives discussed by the CEHD Committee. Motion was SECONDED (Morabito) and was passed by the following roll call vote:



AYES: Allen, Amezcua, Boyer, Boyles, Bucknum, Caskey, Doby, Eich, Engler, Espinoza, Fermon, Gabbard, Goodman, Henderson, Hupp, Johnson, Kelly, Kleiman, LaVere, Leano, Marshall, McKeon, Mirisch, Morabito, G. Nava, M. Nava, Pe, Rhodes, Rodriguez, Santa Ines, Sarega, Shapiro, Shevlin, Tran, Wu, Yokoyama and Zerunyan (37)

NOES: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

There were no public comments on this item.

INFORMATION ITEM

3. 2023-2024 SCAG and CEHD Overview

Chair Yokoyama introduced SCAG President, Art Brown, who made opening remarks and thanked the Committee for their work on the CEHD Committee.

Chair Yokoyama introduced SCAG CEO, Darin Chidsey, who provided a brief presentation and overview of the SCAG organization, and its structure. Mr. Chidsey asked Ms. Elizabeth Carvajal, Deputy Director of Planning, Land Use, to provide more in-depth information on the CEHD focus areas, and its primary roles and responsibilities of the CEHD Committee.

There were no public comments on this item.

CHAIR’S REPORT

Due to time constraints, Chair Yokoyama asked SCAG staff, Ivette Macias to distribute the Chair and Staff’s reports to the CEHD Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Yokoyama noted that a Joint Policy Committee would convene on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. and that he hopes to see everyone in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Yokoyama adjourned the meeting of the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee at 12:46 p.m.



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Respectfully submitted by:

Carmen Summers

Community, Economic and Human Development Committee Clerk

COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE REPORT

2023-24

MEMBERS	Representing	2023-24												Total Mtgs Attended To Date	
		Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May		
Aitken, Ashleigh	Anaheim, RC District 19		1												1
Allen, Cindy	Long Beach, District 30		1	1											2
Amezcuca, Valarie	Santa Ana, District 16	1	1	1											3
Austin, II, Al	Long Beach, GCCOG														
Boyer, Gary	Glendora, RC District 33	1	1	1											3
Boyles, Drew	El Segundo, RC District 40			1											
Bucknum, Wendy	Mission Viejo, RC District 13	1	1	1											3
Caskey, Don	Laguna Hills, OCCOG	1		1											2
Doby, Tanya D.	Los Alamitos, OCCOG		1	1											2
Dorst-Porada, Debra	Ontario, Pres. Appt.														
Dunn, Lucy	Ex-Officio, Business Representative	1	1	1											3
Eich, Keith	La Cañada Flintridge, RC District 36	1		1											2
Engler, Bob	Thousand Oaks, VCOG	1		1											2
Espinoza, Rose	La Habra, OCCOG	1	1	1											3
Fermon, Waymond	Indio, CVAG	1	1	1											3
Finlay, Margaret E.	Duarte, RC District 35		1												1
Frometa, Claudia M.	Downey, RC District 25	1													1
Gabbard, John	Dana Point, District 12		1	1											2
Garcia, Camilo	Imperial County, CoC		1												1
Goodman, Marshall R.	LaPalma, RC District 18	1		1											2
Henderson, Mark E.	Gardena, RC District 28	1	1	1											3
Hupp, Cecilia	Brea, OCCOG	1	1	1											3
Johnson, Lynda	Cerritos, GCCOG	1	1	1											3
Kelly, Kathleen	Palm Desert, RC District 2	1	1	1											3
Kim, Tammy	Irvine, RC District 14		1	1											2
Kleiman, Lauren	Newport Beach, RC District 15	1	1	1											3
LeVere, Matt	Ventura County, CoC	1		1											2
Leano, Jed	Claremont, SGVCOG	1	1	1											3
Marshall, Anni	Avalon, GCCOG	1	1	1											3
Masiel, Sr., Andrew	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians	1		1											2
McKeon, Casey	Huntington Beach, RC District 64	1	1	1											3
Mirisch, John	Beverly Hills, Pres. Appt.	1	1	1											3
Morabito, Joseph	Wildomar, WRCOG	1	1	1											3
Nava, George A.	ICTC			1											1
Nava, Marisela	Perris, RC District 69	1	1	1											3
Pe, Ariel "Ari"	Lakewood, GCCOG	1	1	1											3
Perez, Misty	Port Hueneme, Pres. Appt.		1												1
Puza, Freddy	Culver City WCCOG														
Raman, Nithya	Los Angeles, District 51														
Reyes, Gabriel	San Bernardino County CoC														
Rhodes, Rocky	Simi Valley, RC District 46	1	1	1											3
Robles, Sylvia	Grand Terrace, SBCTA	1													1
Rodriguez, Celeste	San Fernando, District 67			1											1
Santa Ines, Sonny	Bellflower, GCCOG	1	1	1											3
Sarega, Andrew	La Mirada, District 31	1	1	1											3
Schultz, Nick	Burbank, AVCJPA		1												1
Shapiro, David J.	Calabasas, RC District 44	1	1	1											3
Shevlin, Becky A.	Monrovia, SGVCOG	1	1	1											3
Solorio, Mary	San Fernando, SFVCOG		1												1
Tran, Helen	San Bernardino, SBCTA	1	1	1											3
Waronek, Mark	Lomita, SBCCOG	1		1											2
Warren, Acquanetta	Fontana, SBCTA		1												1
Wu, Tony	West Covina, SGVCOG		1	1											2
Yokoyama, Frank Aurelio	Cerritos, RC District 23	1	1	1											3
Zerunyan, Frank	Rolling Hills Estates, SBCCOG	1	1	1											3
TOTAL ATTENDANCE		35	38	41											

Attachment: CEHD Attendance Sheet FY 2023-24 (Minutes of the Special Meeting - August 16, 2023)