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Re: Subregional Delegation in the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Process

Dear Ms. Aguilar,

We are commencing the Fourth Cycle of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment process and want to ensure that local and subregional participation opportunities are provided before any more time passes. The goal is to safeguard local input opportunity and provide as much time as we can for communities to update their local housing elements before their June 30, 2008 deadline.

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the housing statute provides the opportunity for subregional delegation. By accepting subregional delegation, a subregion assumes the responsibility to assign and distribute its housing need, which can be effective in addressing local-specific opportunities and constraints. SCAG acknowledges that the RHNA process is a difficult one, but in order to help ensure the RHNA cycle is a success, it is important to create partnerships and gain collective agreement on housing needs. Subregional delegation can help us achieve this goal.

To ensure an efficient process, if you would like to accept subregional delegation, please let us know of your intent to do so by September 15th. A written delegation agreement can be established at a later date which includes the parameters that we recently forwarded to you via email on August 29th. If you have any questions, please call Lynn Harris at (213) 236-1875. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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