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TO: Southern California Association of Governments

RE: Receive Written Public Comments for Public Hearing: Greenprint

To Whom It May Concern ---

My name is Cynthia Robin Artish Smith. I am the chair of the Diamond Bar - Pomona Valley Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter. We are part of the Natural and Farmlands Coalition that supported SCAG's Connect SoCal.

Our support occurred, in part, because of *your* prioritization of conservation in the solutions to achieving sustainable communities. I am here today to support the SoCal Greenprint because of the many benefits it offers the public, decision makers, developers, and planners.

The geography we work with in our area, straddles the Los Angeles and San Bernardino County line. Unfortunately, planners typically only look at the geography they are in and not the entire picture. For example, Diamond Bar's planning stays in Diamond Bar and Los Angeles County—even though some of the connected natural lands here are in Chino Hills, in San Bernardino County.

The regional context of this tool will provide immeasurable value to those of us working in geographies that span multiple jurisdictions.

It is also critically important to provide the entire picture for the SCAG region—not just what's already been conserved or the "what's left" picture.

Even if lands are entitled for a land use other than conservation, the decision to build can *change*. For example, look no further than Orange County, where The Irvine Company chose to donate 20,000 acres of its land, some of which was entitled in Anaheim for housing. This land became the Irvine Ranch Open Space owned and managed by OC Parks.

This is why it is important to keep the entire suite of lands (developed/undeveloped, natural and not) on the map. The context of preserved lands, development, transportation corridors, and possible opportunities for infill or conservation is critically important for the regional view.

Many of us completed the online survey to support the Greenprint layers, and again I offer my full support. Each and every master category sheds light onto an important topic that is relevant to both the natural *and* built environments. We hope the Building Industry Association paid particular attention to this commenting opportunity, which was offered because of its concerns.

In conclusion, planning in a vacuum is *never* a good idea. The inclusivity, accessibility, and regional nature of this information makes the tool valuable to many types of stakeholders.

Thank you for your time and for listening to the many stakeholders that have been engaged in this project for years.

Respectfully Submitted,

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