



# San Fernando Valley Council of Governments

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April 19, 2019

Honorable Steven D. Hofbauer  
Mayor, City of Palmdale  
38300 Sierra Highway  
Palmdale, CA 93550

Dear Mayor Hofbauer:

At the San Fernando Valley Council of Governments (SFVCOG) April 18, 2019, Board Meeting, the Board of Directors voted to oppose the bylaw amendment you proposed and was advanced by the Regional Council to be considered by the General Assembly on May 2, 2019. This proposal would restrict a local jurisdiction to participate in SCAG committees representing only one subregion even if they may be a member of more than one.

This bylaw amendment to Article V, Section E (1)(a) would restrict the SFVCOG from fully participating at and with SCAG to represent the interests of the SFVCOG region by limiting half of our member jurisdictions from complete participation.

We respectfully request that you table this item at the General Assembly.

The San Fernando Valley Council of Governments (SFVCOG) was formed in 2010 with the adoption of a Joint Powers Agreement by the City and County of Los Angeles and the cities of Burbank, Glendale, San Fernando and Santa Clarita. This proposal would limit the ability for the SFVCOG to serve its members and achieve its mission to improve regional coordination around mobility and the economy.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Executive Director, John Bwarie, at 818-570-3408.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Ryu".

David Ryu  
Chair, Board of Directors

cc: Kome Ajise, Executive Director, SCAG



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The Honorable Alan D. Wapner  
President  
Southern California Association of Governments  
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Dear President Wapner:

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I am writing to express the City of Santa Clarita's opposition to the proposed By-Laws amendment relating to subregional representation that is scheduled for consideration at the 2019 Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) General Assembly on May 2, 2019, (General Assembly Agenda Item #3). It is appropriate that this proposal be tabled and, if desired by the membership, extensive engagement of subregions and their respective memberships occur prior to enactment of any By-Laws change affecting subregional configuration or representation.

At the April 22, 2019, North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition (NCTC) Board of Directors meeting, NCTC Board Member and City of Palmdale Mayor Steve Hofbauer indicated that upon receipt of additional information and reconsideration of his earlier submittal to SCAG in support of the By-Laws amendment, he is prepared to submit a motion at the General Assembly to table the item. I hope that you and SCAG's leadership will be able to assist Mayor Hofbauer in facilitating the action to table the proposed By-Laws amendment.

As you well know, SCAG actively encourages subregional and regional cooperation, communication and partnership, as a means to facilitate positive interactions throughout SCAG's six-county region. In an effort to foster and promote interregional communication and cooperation, SCAG's By-Laws do not preclude membership by cities in more than one subregion. In the case of Santa Clarita, the City participates in both the North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition and the San Fernando Valley Council of Governments (SFVCOG). We understand that at least four other cities and two additional subregions enjoy strong participation by cities in more than one subregion.

The proposed By-Laws amendment seeks to limit the authority of subregional Boards of Directors to appoint members to SCAG's policy committees. My understanding is that most subregions appoint from within their membership, individuals that their governing boards believe will best represent the subregion's interests at SCAG. The subregions do not limit participation of any of their member entities, whether a member entity belongs to a single subregion or multiple subregions. As you have advocated during your meetings with subregional Boards of Directors, SCAG invites subregional participation on its policy



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The proposed By-Laws amendment will have the effect of limiting subregional participation on SCAG's policy committees and may have the unintended consequence of hindering communication, cooperation and partnerships throughout the SCAG region.

Again, the proposed By-Laws amendment has far reaching ramifications for subregions. Therefore, your assistance in facilitating an action to table the proposal would be most appreciated by the City of Santa Clarita and undoubtedly welcomed by other entities adversely impacted by the proposed amendment.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,



Marsha McLean  
Mayor

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cc: Members of the Santa Clarita City Council  
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Alan D. Wapner, President  
Southern California Association of Governments  
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700  
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Dear President Wapner:

On behalf of the South Pasadena City Council, I am writing to express opposition to the proposed By-Laws amendment relating to subregional representation that is scheduled for consideration at the 2019 Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) General Assembly on May 2, 2019, (General Assembly Agenda Item #3). It is appropriate that this proposal be tabled and, if desired by the membership, extensive engagement of subregions and their respective memberships occur prior to enactment of any By-Laws change affecting subregional configuration or representation.

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The proposed By-Laws amendment seeks to limit the authority of subregional Boards of Directors to appoint members to SCAG's policy committees. The individuals representing each subregion are appointed by their governing boards in order to best represent the subregion's interests at SCAG. The subregions do not limit participation of any of their member entities, whether a member entity belongs to a single subregion or multiple subregions. As you have advocated during your meetings with subregional Boards of Directors, SCAG invites subregional participation on its policy committees in an effort to broaden participation and encourage diverse perspectives in the dialogue regarding critical issues impacting the region.

Furthermore, SCAG does not prescribe the SCAG policy committees to which subregional Boards of Directors may make their three allotted appointments. This is clearly done in an effort to encourage subregional participation and appropriately reflect the policy interests of the appointing subregions. SCAG also does not limit the participation by individual cities serving on any of its policy committees.

The proposed By-Laws amendment will have the effect of limiting subregional participation on SCAG's policy committees and may have the unintended consequence of hindering communication, cooperation and partnerships throughout the SCAG region.

Again, the proposed By-Laws amendment has far reaching ramifications for subregions. Therefore, your assistance in facilitating an action to table the proposal would be most appreciated by the City of South Pasadena and undoubtedly welcomed by other entities adversely impacted by the proposed amendment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Marina Khubesrian, M.D.

Mayor

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Michael T. Davitt  
Terry Walker



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The Honorable Alan D. Wapner, President  
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*Re: Opposition to Proposed Amendment to Bylaws (General Assembly Agenda Item #3)*

Dear President Wapner:

On behalf of my City Council, I am writing to express the City of La Cañada Flintridge's opposition to the proposed By-Laws amendment relating to subregional representation that is scheduled for consideration at the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) General Assembly on May 2, 2019, (General Assembly Agenda Item #3). It is appropriate that this proposal be tabled and, if desired by the members, extensive engagement of the subregions and their respective memberships occur prior to enactment of any By-Laws change affecting subregional configuration or representation.

It is our understanding that NCTC Board Member and City of Palmdale Mayor Steve Hofbauer is prepared to submit a motion at the General Assembly to table the item. It is our hope that you will assist Mayor Hofbauer in facilitating the action to table the proposed By-Laws amendment.

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The proposed By-Laws amendment seeks to limit the authority of subregional Boards of Directors to appoint members to SCAG's policy committees. Most subregions appoint from within their membership; individuals that their Boards believe will best represent the subregion's interests at SCAG. The subregions do not limit participation of any of their member entities, whether a member entity belongs to a single subregion or multiple subregions. SCAG invites subregional participation on its policy committees in an effort to broaden participation and encourage diverse perspectives in the dialogue regarding critical issues impacting the region.

*Letter to President Wapner, SCAG  
Opposition to Proposed Amendment to Bylaws  
April 25, 2019*

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The proposed By-Laws amendment will have the effect of severely limiting subregional participation on SCAG's policy committees just because a member agency may belong to two subregions. This may have the unintended consequence of hindering communication, cooperation and partnerships throughout the SCAG region.

Again, the proposed By-Laws amendment has far reaching ramifications for subregions. Therefore, your assistance in facilitating an action to table the proposal so that it can be better understood in its meaning and intent would be most appreciated by the City of La Cañada Flintridge and would be undoubtedly welcomed by other agencies adversely impacted by the proposed amendment.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,



Jonathan C. Curtis  
City Councilmember

Regional Council Member, SCAG, Representing La Cañada Flintridge, Pasadena and  
South Pasadena

cc: City Council, City of La Cañada Flintridge  
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