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ANNUAL MEETING

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REMOTE PARTICIPATION ONLY

Thursday, May 6, 2021
10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY – BUSINESS SESSION AGENDA

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
Thursday, May 6, 2021
10:15 AM

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *(The Honorable Rex Richardson, President)*

PRESENTATIONS

- A. Addressing Southern California's Leaders*
(The Honorable Gavin Newsom, Governor, State of California)

- B. 2021 Sustainability Awards

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments by sending an email to: ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov by 5pm on Wednesday, May 5, 2021. Such comments will be transmitted to members of the legislative body and posted on SCAG's website prior to the meeting. Written comments received after 5pm on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 will be announced and included as part of the official record of the meeting. Members of the public wishing to verbally address the General Assembly will be allowed up to 3 minutes to speak, with the presiding officer retaining discretion to adjust time limits as necessary to ensure efficient and orderly conduct of the meeting. The presiding officer has the discretion to reduce the time limit based upon the number of comments received and may limit the total time for all public comments to twenty (20) minutes.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the SCAG Bylaws*
(Michael R.W. Houston, Legal Counsel/Director of Legal Services)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the General Assembly review and act on the proposed Bylaws amendments as recommended for approval by the Regional Council.

- 2. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021-22 General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule*
(Kome Ajise, Executive Director)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

As recommended by the Regional Council, that the General Assembly adopt the Fiscal Year 2021-22 (FY22) General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule. Authorize the Executive Director and the Chief Financial Officer to make adjustments that may be necessary after adoption of the budget (i.e. changes in membership assessment revenue, allocated fringe benefits and indirect cost allocations, etc.).



3. Ratification of 2021-22 Slate of Elected SCAG Officers
(Michael R.W. Houston, Legal Counsel/Director of Legal Services)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Ratify the Regional Council's election of the 2021-2022 SCAG officers.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

4. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the General Assembly – June 4, 2020

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Inclusive Economic Recovery Strategy (IERS) Highlights
- Year in Review - SCAG President 2020-2021 Accomplishments
- Recognition of Policy Committee Chairs and Outgoing Members
- Recognition of Outgoing President Rex Richardson, Long Beach, RC District 29
- Remarks from Incoming President

ADJOURNMENT



AGENDA ITEM 1*
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
May 6, 2021

To: General Assembly

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Michael R.W. Houston, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services
(213) 630-1467, houston@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the SCAG Bylaws

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the General Assembly review and act on the proposed Bylaws amendments as recommended for approval by the Regional Council.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each year, in preparation for the annual General Assembly meeting, proposed resolutions and proposed amendments to the SCAG Bylaws offered by Official Representatives are considered by both the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee and the Regional Council, prior to submission to the General Assembly. Staff, acting on behalf of the Executive Director, may also offer proposed amendments to the SCAG Bylaws, which must also be considered by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee and the Regional Council and, if recommended, are then submitted to the General Assembly for further review and consideration.

This year there were no proposed resolutions offered for consideration by the General Assembly.

This year, there are two (2) separate proposed amendments to the SCAG Bylaws by Regional Council member Trevor O'Neil. The first proposal would require the clerk or legal counsel to restate any main motion for an action item that differs from the "recommended action" proposed in the Regional Council's agenda material and, further, require that such a motion not be voted on until Regional Council members have opportunity to discuss the motion. The second proposal, as modified and recommended by both the Bylaws & Resolutions Committee and Regional Council, would amend the eligibility criteria to serve as a SCAG officer by allowing up to 12 months of service on a Policy Committee to count towards the 24 months of service required for officer eligibility.



Additionally, there are two (2) staff-initiated proposed amendments that have been submitted. The first proposal would amend the SCAG Bylaws to increase diversity, equity and inclusion in governance by providing an opportunity for the seven County representatives to the Regional Council to each appoint one local elected representative from a SCAG member with a “Community of Concern” to serve on a Policy Committee, as placed by the President upon notice of an appointment. The second proposal would amend the Bylaws to clarify that adjustment of the annual membership assessment would be based on the amount “assessed in” the prior year. Presently, the Bylaws specify the assessment is based on the amount “collected for” the prior year.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee reviewed the four (4) proposals summarized above on March 24, 2021 and recommended their approval by the Regional Council (with amendment to Regional Council member O’Neil’s second proposal as is further described below). The Regional Council also reviewed the proposed amendments on April 1, 2021 and after discussion, recommend the approval of these proposals to the General Assembly.

BACKGROUND:

Every year, proposed amendments to the SCAG Bylaws may be proposed by the Official Representatives to SCAG’s General Assembly, by the Regional Council and by staff acting on behalf of the Executive Director. This year, there were two proposals made by an Official Representative as further described below. SCAG staff also initiated two proposals as further described below.

A. Proposal by Hon. Trevor O’Neil – Restatement/Debate of Certain Motions

The Honorable Trevor O’Neil from the City of Anaheim, representing Regional Council District 19, offered a Bylaw amendment that would require the Regional Council’s Clerk or legal counsel to restate any main motion for an action item if the motion differs from the “recommended action” proposed in the Regional Council’s agenda material. Further, the proposed amendment would require an opportunity for Regional Council members to deliberate and debate such a motion before taking a vote on such a motion. As explained in the submittal on behalf of Regional Council member O’Neil, the intent of the proposed amendment is to avoid confusion when a motion is made that differs from the “recommended action” in the meeting agenda material, to assist in Regional Council members’ understanding the motion being considered, and to require that Regional Council members be given the ability to discuss such a motion prior to holding a vote.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee reviewed this proposal on March 24, 2021 and recommended approval by the Regional Council. Thereafter, the Regional Council reviewed the proposal on April 1, 2021 and recommended its approval to the General Assembly.

This proposed amendment to the Bylaws, as recommended by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee and Regional Council, is illustrated in the marked-up version of the Bylaws included as Attachment 1 to this report. See Article V.A(5)(g) at page 12.

B. Proposal by Hon. Trevor O’Neil – Changes to Regional Council Officer Eligibility Criteria

Regional Council member O’Neil also submitted a proposed Bylaw amendment to amend the minimum eligibility criteria to serve as a SCAG officer. As originally proposed prior to action by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, the amendment would:

- (1) Allow service on either the Regional Council or a Policy Committee to count towards the required 24 months of service for eligibility to serve as a SCAG officer. Presently a candidate is only eligible to serve as an officer if the candidate served on the Regional Council. Policy Committee service does not presently count towards eligibility.
- (2) Permit the 24 months of service required for SCAG officer eligibility to be met through a combination of service on the Regional Council and/or Policy Committees and provide, further, that such 24 months of service could be served non-consecutively. Presently, a candidate is only eligible if their service has been for a continuous period (i.e., without interruption) of 24 months from when they were first appointed or elected to the Regional Council.

The submittal on behalf of Regional Council member O’Neil indicated the intent of this proposed amendment is to provide any active representative to a Policy Committee or the Regional Council from a dues-paying SCAG member the ability to serve as a SCAG officer. It has been further explained that the requirement to serve on the Regional Council for at least 24 “continuous months” limits those who served on Policy Committees, including in leadership roles on such committees. The current Bylaws also preclude Regional Council representatives who served at least 24 months, but not served them continuously, from eligibility. It has been explained that the cycle in the current Bylaws to move through the officer leadership ranks requires at least 5 years (including 24 months of prior continuous service and election in the respective officer positions). Regional Council member O’Neil’s submittal expressed the view that the requirement of continuous service on only the Regional Council disadvantages representatives from jurisdictions who face term limits from participating as a SCAG officer.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee reviewed and extensively discussed this proposal on March 24, 2021. Committee members thought it would be beneficial for Policy Committee service to be considered for eligibility as a SCAG officer, but expressed concern that a minimum amount of service on the Regional Council was necessary (i.e., the candidate should not just serve on one or more Policy Committees) and suggested that candidates serve at least 12 months on the Regional Council. Additionally, committee members discussed and considered the importance of

“continuous service” with SCAG to be eligible to hold an officer position, due to the importance of continuity and the need for familiarity with SCAG policy considerations when a person assumes an officer role. Finally, committee members expressed the view that the proposed amendment should be clarified to (i) reinforce that only a then-current Regional Council member could be a candidate for an officer position and (ii) specify that concurrent service on a Policy Committee and the Regional Council could not “double count” towards the 24-month eligibility requirement. Following discussion, the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee voted to recommend approval of the proposed amendment to the Regional Council, but with changes incorporated to reflect the concerns described above.

Thereafter, the Regional Council reviewed the proposal on April 1, 2021 and, after discussion, recommended approval by the General Assembly.

This proposed amendment to the Bylaws, with the changes recommended by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee and the Regional Council, is illustrated in the marked-up version of the Bylaws included as Attachment 1. See Article VI.C(1) at pages 20 and 21.

C. Proposal by SCAG Staff – Increase Diversity in Governance by Providing Representation for Communities of Concern on Policy Committees

SCAG staff, acting on behalf of the Executive Director, proposes to amend the SCAG Bylaws to allow the seven County Regional Council representatives to each appoint one local elected representative from SCAG members with a “Community of Concern” to serve on a Policy Committee, with the President selecting on which of the three Policy Committees the County representative’s respective appointee will serve. As described in the proposed amendment, the term “Community of Concern” would have the meaning given in the most recently adopted Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). “Communities of Concern” are defined in the current Connect SoCal RTP/SCS as “Census Designated Places (CDPs) and City of Los Angeles Community Planning Areas (CPAs) that fall in the upper one-third of all communities in the SCAG region for having the highest concentration of minority population and low-income households.”

While across the SCAG region as a whole, approximately 15% of households report incomes below the poverty rate, in Communities of Concern more than 24% of households live in poverty. People of color are far more likely to live in Communities of Concern, where on average 92% of the population are minorities. Additionally, these communities experience higher rates of exposure to a wide range of environmental hazards than the region as a whole, including PM 2.5 concentrations in air, elevated levels of drinking water contaminants, higher traffic density, elevated diesel particulate matter emissions, increase groundwater threats, prevalence of toxic cleanup sites, impaired water bodies, locations of hazardous waste facilities and generators, and ozone

concentrations. For reference, the current Communities of Concern in the SCAG region are depicted on Attachment 2 to this staff report.

A local elected official appointed pursuant to the proposed amendment must be from a voting-eligible SCAG member that has a Community of Concern located within its boundaries. Upon appointment by a County representative, the President would be required to place the appointed local elected official onto one of the three Policy Committees. The appointed local elected official would serve a term of approximately 2 years.

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to further and build on the Regional Council's articulated commitment to inclusion and diversity at SCAG. In July 2020, SCAG's Regional Council adopted Resolution No. 20-623-2. This resolution provided strong affirmation of the Regional Council's commitment to advancing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion throughout Southern California. Thereafter, as provided in the resolution, an *ad hoc* Special Committee on Equity and Social Justice was appointed and has met on a quarterly basis to discuss the meaning of regional equity and ways to advance equity at SCAG. In January of this year, the Special Committee reviewed the framework for a draft Racial Equity Early Action Plan (EAP). The draft EAP provides a set of overarching goals and strategies to advance racial equity through SCAG's policies, practices and activities. In that regard, staff is engaging stakeholders internally and externally to gain feedback on the draft EAP and to ascertain timeframes for actions to advance its goals and strategies.

One implementation action that would further the EAP's goals is to identify opportunities in SCAG's governance structure to expand inclusivity and diversity of the board and representation from communities that experience the greatest disparities and inequities in the region. Staff anticipates a robust discussion to occur on this topic during the coming year. However, in the near term, staff proposes the above-described amendment to initiate action in connection with the articulated commitment to justice, equity, diversity and inclusion. The proposed amendment would provide structural governance opportunities to increase the representation of people of color and low-income communities in regional policy conversations and would make "the table" bigger by adding voices reflective of the region's diverse residents.

In considering how to increase governance opportunities for underrepresented communities, SCAG staff reviewed representation on the Regional Council and Policy Committees of member agencies with Communities of Concern located within their boundaries. Of the approximately 37 city and county member agencies within which there are Communities of Concern, approximately 19 of these member agencies are represented on either the Regional Council or a Policy Committee, with a total of approximately 33 representatives. The proposed amendment would increase governance opportunities by providing the ability of member agencies with Communities of Concern to have additional representation on Policy Committees.

Staff proposes using Communities of Concern to allocate the seven appointees because this metric is used in the Connect SoCal RTP/SCS and is discussed in detail in the RTP/SCS's Environmental Justice Technical Report. Incorporating Communities of Concern in the proposed amendment provides a nexus between the long-range planning strategy for the region embodied in the adopted RTP/SCS and facilitating equity in governance with respect to disadvantaged communities.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee reviewed and extensively discussed this proposal on March 24, 2021 and recommended approval by the Regional Council. Thereafter, the Regional Council reviewed the proposal on April 1, 2021 and recommended approval to the General Assembly.

This proposed amendment to the Bylaws as recommended by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee and Regional Council is illustrated in the marked-up version of the Bylaws included as Attachment 1. See Article V.E(2)(h) at pages 17 and 18.

D. Proposal by SCAG Staff – Member Dues Assessment Base Year Amount

SCAG staff, acting on behalf of the Executive Director, proposes to amend the SCAG Bylaws to clarify that adjustment of the annual membership dues assessment would be based on the amount “assessed in” the prior year. Presently, the Bylaws specify that adjustment of the assessment is based on the year over year change in the Consumer Price Index (with a minimum of 1%), using the amount “collected for” the prior year. The term “collected for” was added in staff-initiated clarification amendments that were made in 2017. Upon review, staff believes the amount “assessed in” a previous year more accurately provides a consistent baseline to adjust the next year’s assessment. Further, the amount assessed in a prior year was approved by both Regional Council and General Assembly, and delay or complications in assessment collections should not impact those approvals. If adopted by the General Assembly at the May 6, 2021 annual meeting, this amendment would apply prospectively to future assessments starting with the 2022 assessment year.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee reviewed this proposal on March 24, 2021 and recommended approval by the Regional Council. Thereafter, the Regional Council reviewed the proposal on April 1, 2021 and recommended approval to the General Assembly.

This proposed amendment to the Bylaws as recommended by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee and Regional Council is illustrated in the marked-up version of the Bylaws included as Attachment 1. See Article VIII.C at page 23.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Marked Up Bylaws (as approved by Regional Council)
2. Depiction of “Communities of Concern” in SCAG Region; Environmental Justice Technical Report to Connect SoCal (2020–2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy), at Exhibit 3

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BYLAWS

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Preamble

The Southern California Association of Governments (hereinafter referred to as either the “Association” or “SCAG”) is an agency voluntarily established by its Members pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act for the purpose of providing a forum for discussion, study and development of recommendations on regional challenges and opportunities of mutual interest and concern regarding the orderly physical development of the Southern California Region among units of local government.

ARTICLE I - FUNCTIONS

The functions of the Association are:

- A. Exchange of objective planning information. Making available to Members plans and planning studies, completed or proposed by local governments, Tribal Governments, or those of State or Federal agencies, which would affect local governments.
- B. Identification and study of challenges and opportunities requiring objective planning by jurisdictions in more than one (1) county in the Southern California area and the making of appropriate policy or action recommendations.
- C. Review and/or develop governmental proposals. Review and/or develop proposals creating agencies of regional scope, and the making of appropriate policy or action recommendations concerning the need for such units or agencies.
- D. Consider questions of common interest and concern to Members of the Association in the region and develop policy and action recommendations of an advisory nature only.
- E. Act upon any matter to the extent and in the manner required, permitted or authorized by any joint powers agreements, State or Federal law, or the regulations adopted pursuant to any such law.
- F. Assist local Association Members in the acquisition of real and personal property convenient or necessary for the operation of Members by entering into such financing agreements as are necessary to accomplish the pooling and common marketing of such agreements or certificates of participation in order to reduce the cost to Members of the acquisition of such real or personal property.
- G. Undertake transportation planning programs and activities in accordance with the Association’s responsibilities as a metropolitan planning organization as outlined in 23 U.S.C.A. § 134 et seq., and as may be amended from time to time.

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ARTICLE II – DEFINITIONS

- A. **Advisory Member** or **Advisory Member of the Association**, as used in these Bylaws, means a federally recognized Indian Nation within the SCAG Region, as defined below, that is significantly involved in regional problems or whose boundaries include territory in more than one county and that has paid its annual dues assessment.
- B. **Alternate**, as used in these Bylaws, means either the mayor or a member of the legislative body of a member city, or the chair of the Board of Supervisors or a member of the legislative body of a member county who has been appointed by a Member of the Association to serve in an official capacity for all matters at a meeting of the General Assembly but only in the absence of the Official Representative of the member city or county. An Advisory Member of the Association may also appoint an Alternate to serve in the absence of the Official Representative of the Advisory Member.
- C. **Association**, as used in these Bylaws, means the Southern California Association of Governments as established by that certain Southern California Association of Governments Agreement filed with the California Secretary of State on April 20, 1973, (said Agreement is hereinafter referred to as “Joint Powers Agreement”).
- D. **Association budget** or **annual budget** or **budget**, as used in these Bylaws, shall mean the summation and presentation of all general fund revenues obtained by the Association from dues from Members, Advisory Members, and Regional Council members, and other sources of revenue and a summation and presentation of the costs, expenditures, savings and reserve accounts utilizing such revenue but specifically excluding all funds and expenditures associated with specific federal or state funding programs such as the Association’s annual Overall Work Program.
- E. **Days** or **days**, as used in these Bylaws, means calendar days.
- F. **General Assembly**, as used in these Bylaws, means a meeting of the Official Representatives of the Members and the Advisory Members of the Association.
- G. **Member, member** or **Member of the Association**, as used in these Bylaws, means a city, county or County Transportation Commission within the SCAG Region, as defined below, that has satisfied the conditions of membership in Article III below.
- H. **Official Representative**, as used in these Bylaws, means (1) the mayor or a member of the legislative body of a member city, or (2) the chair of the Board of Supervisors or a member of the Board of Supervisors of a member county, or (3) the chair or a member of the governing board of a member County Transportation Commission (CTC) within the SCAG Region who has been appointed by a Member of the Association to serve in an official capacity at a meeting of the General Assembly. Official Representatives may also be referred to as “Delegates” of the Association. An Advisory Member of the Association may also appoint an Official Representative to serve in an official capacity at a meeting of the General Assembly.

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- I. **Regional Council Policy Manual**, as used in these Bylaws, means that Policy Manual first adopted by the Regional Council on July 12, 2007, and all subsequent amendments and updates approved by the Regional Council. In the event of a conflict between any part of the Regional council Policy Manual and any part of these Bylaws, these Bylaws shall prevail.
- J. **Regional Council member**, as used in these Bylaws, means a Member of the Association or an Advisory Member of the Association or another entity specified in these as used in these Bylaws, means a Member of the Association or an Advisory Member of the Association or another entity specified in these Bylaws which is able to appoint a voting representative to serve on the Regional Council or whose city council members may participate in the selection of a District representative to serve on the Regional Council,
- K. **SCAG Region**, as used in these Bylaws, means the counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura.
- L. **Voting-Eligible** or **voting-eligible**, as used in these Bylaws, describes those Members of the Association, Advisory Members of the Association and Regional Council members who retain all voting rights and who have not had their voting rights suspended as described in Article VIII, Paragraph C.

ARTICLE III – ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION **FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

A. Membership

- (1) All cities and all counties within the area of the SCAG Region are eligible for membership in the Association. In addition, each CTC from the SCAG Region is also eligible for membership in the Association.
- (2) Each member county and each member city shall have one (1) Official Representative and one (1) Alternate in the General Assembly, except that the City of Los Angeles, if and while it is a member city, shall have three (3) Official Representatives and three (3) Alternates. Each member CTC shall have one (1) Official Representative in the General Assembly.
- (3) Membership in the Association shall be contingent upon the execution of the Joint Powers Agreement and the payment by each member county, member city, or member CTC of each annual dues assessment.
- (4) Any federally recognized Indian Nation within the SCAG Region which is significantly involved in regional problems or the boundaries of which include territory in more than one (1) county, shall be eligible for an Advisory Membership in the Association. In addition to selecting Official Representatives and Alternates for the General Assembly, such Advisory Members may collectively select a single representative from the Tribal

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Government Regional Planning Board, who shall be a locally elected Tribal Council member from a federally recognized Indian Nation and who shall serve on the Regional Council and may fully participate in the work of committees of the Association contingent upon the payment of the annual dues assessment.

B. Representation in the General Assembly

- (1) Only the Official Representative present or the Alternate present in the absence of the Official Representative shall represent a Member of the Association or an Advisory Member of the Association in the General Assembly; provided, however, that a member of the Board of Supervisors of a member county may participate in the discussions of the General Assembly.
- (2) Except as described herein, the Official Representative in the General Assembly of each member city of the Association, member-county of the Association and member CTC of the Association shall be its respective Regional Council representative. Further, and except as described herein, the Official Representative in the General Assembly of an Advisory Member of the Association shall be its respective representative to the Regional Council.
- (3) In the event that a member city of the Association does not have one of its city council members as its respective Regional Council representative, or if a member city does not wish to have its Regional Council representative be its Official Representative or Alternate, the member city may appoint as its Official Representative or Alternate a member of its city council who is not a Regional Council representative; provided that if and while the City of Los Angeles is a member city, the mayor of the City of Los Angeles shall be one of its Official Representatives. Further, in the event that an Advisory Member of the Association does not have one of its Tribal Council members as its representative to the Regional Council or if the Advisory Member does not wish to have its representative to the Regional Council be its Official Representative or Alternate, the Advisory Member may appoint a locally elected Tribal Council member as its Official Representative or Alternate.
- (4) In the event that a member county of the Association does not wish to have its respective Regional Council representative be its Official Representative or Alternate, the member county may appoint as its Official Representative or Alternate a member of the Board of Supervisors who is not a Regional Council representative.
- (5) In the event that a member CTC of the Association does not wish to have its respective Regional Council representative be its Official Representative, the member CTC may appoint as its Official Representative a member of the CTC Governing Board who is not a Regional Council representative.
- (6) Names of all Official Representatives and Alternates shall be communicated in writing to the Association by the appointing city, county, CTC, or Tribal Council at least thirty (30)

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days before the annual meeting of the General Assembly. However, the SCAG President or the SCAG Executive Director may waive this deadline, upon the request of an appointing city, county, CTC or Tribal Council, as long as the name or names are communicated in writing to the Association before the opening of the General Assembly.

- (7) An Official Representative or Alternate shall serve until a successor is appointed, except if an Official Representative or Alternate ceases to be a member of the appointing legislative body or Tribal Council or cannot serve as an Official Representative or Alternate because of a federal or state statute or regulation or resigns as an Official Representative or Alternate, then the position shall be vacant until a successor is appointed.
- (8) All Official Representatives and Alternates shall file Statement of Economic Interest forms and comply with all SCAG policies regarding conflict-of-interest, harassment and discrimination.

ARTICLE IV – GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A. Powers and Functions

Subject to Article I, the powers of the General Assembly, shall include the following.

- (1) The General Assembly shall determine all policy matters for the Association, approve they Bylaws and ratify the election of Officers.
- (2) Any Official Representative (or Alternate acting in the absence of the respective Official Representative) may, at any regular meeting of the General Assembly, propose a subject(s) for study by the Association provided that the Official Representative (but not the Alternate) has notified the President of the proposal forty-five (45) days in advance of any regular meeting of the General Assembly. The General Assembly may determine whether a study will be made of the subject(s) proposed, or may refer such subject(s) to the Regional Council.
- (3) Any Official Representative (or Alternate acting in the absence of the respective Official Representative) may, at any regular meeting of the General Assembly, request a review by the General Assembly of any action of the Regional Council which has been taken between meetings of the General Assembly provided that the Official Representative (but not the Alternate) has notified the President of the review request forty-five (45) days in advance of any regular meeting of the General Assembly
- (4) The General Assembly shall review the proposed Association budget and annual dues assessment schedule and shall adopt an annual Association budget and an annual dues assessment schedule.
- (5) Any Official Representative (but not an Alternate) who desires to propose any policy

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matter for action by the General Assembly shall submit the matter to the Association in the form of a proposed resolution by a deadline established by the Association, that is subject to waiver by the SCAG President or Executive Director but which in all cases must be at least forty-five (45) days prior to any regular meeting of the General Assembly. The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, whose membership and responsibilities are described in Article XI of these Bylaws, shall consider each such proposed resolution, and shall submit its recommendation to the Regional Council. A copy of each such proposed resolution whose approval is recommended by the Regional Council shall be included in the agenda materials for the regular meeting of the General Assembly.

B. Meetings

- (1) A regular meeting of the General Assembly shall be held once a year. Special meetings of the General Assembly may be called by the Regional Council upon the request of the President and with the affirmative votes of a majority of the representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members who are present and voting at a meeting of the Regional Council with a quorum in attendance. Ten (10) days' written notice of a special meeting shall be given to the Official Representatives and Alternates of each Member and Advisory Member of the Association. An agenda specifying the subject of the special meeting shall accompany the notice.
- (2) The time, date and location for meetings of the General Assembly shall be determined by the Regional Council.
- (3) Notice of the regular meeting of the General Assembly shall be given to the Official Representatives and Alternates of each Member and Advisory Member of the Association at least twenty-one (21) days prior to each regular meeting. An agenda for the regular meeting shall accompany the notice. Notice of any changes to the agenda shall be given at least ten (10) days prior to the regular meeting.
- (4) The General Assembly may adopt rules for its own procedures but any such rules so adopted must be consistent with these Bylaws.

C. Voting

- (1) A quorum of the General Assembly shall consist of one-third of the number of Official Representative positions for voting-eligible Members of the Association or Advisory Members of the Association. Unfilled Official Representative positions from Voting-eligible Members and Advisory Members of the Association will be counted in the determination of a quorum for the General Assembly.
- (2) Each Official Representative of a voting-eligible Member or Advisory Member of the Association shall have one (1) vote. In the absence of the Official Representative, the Alternate shall be entitled to vote. Unless otherwise identified in these Bylaws, an affirmative vote of a majority of the Official Representatives or Alternates of the voting-

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eligible Members and Advisory Members of the Association present at the General Assembly and voting with a quorum in attendance shall be necessary for the approval or adoption of any matter presented for action to the General Assembly.

- (3) Voting may be by voice, displaying voting cards, roll call vote or through the use of an electronic voting system. A roll call vote shall be conducted upon the demand of five (5) Official Representatives or their Alternates present, or at the discretion of the presiding officer.

ARTICLE V – REGIONAL COUNCIL

A. **Regional Council Organization:** There shall be a Regional Council of the Association which shall be organized as set forth below and which shall be responsible for such functions as are hereinafter set forth:

- (1) **Membership:** The membership of the Regional Council shall be comprised of: one (1) representative from each member county Board of Supervisors, except for the County of Los Angeles which shall have two (2) representatives; one (1) representative from the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, who shall be a locally elected Tribal Council member from a federally recognized Indian Nation within the SCAG Region; one (1) representative from each District (as defined below); the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles serving as an at-large representative for the City; one (1) city council member or member of a county Board of Supervisors, from the governing boards of each of the six (6) CTCs; one (1) local government elected representative from one of the five (5) Air Districts within the SCAG Region to represent all five (5) of the Air Districts; one (1) local government elected representative from the Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA); one (1) local government elected representative serving as the Public Transportation Representative to represent the transit interests of all of the operators in the SCAG region; and a representative from the private sector appointed by the President to serve on both the Regional Council and the Executive/Administration Committee and who would serve on the Regional Council in an ex-officio, non-voting capacity.

(a) **Districts:** For purposes of representation on the Regional Council, Districts shall be organized and defined as follows:

- (1) A District shall be established by the Regional Council and generally shall be comprised of a group of cities that have a geographic community of interest and have approximately equal population. In some cases involving cities with large populations, a District will include only one city. A District may be comprised of cities within different counties, but Districts established within a subregion under Article V A (1)(a)(5) of these Bylaws shall include only cities within the boundary of such subregion. Procedures for District representative elections and appointments shall be set forth under the Regional Council Policy Manual.

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- (2) In every calendar year ending in 3 or 8, the Regional Council shall review, and, if it deems necessary, modify or establish District boundaries based upon city population data as most recently available from the State Department of Finance.
- (3) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Bylaws, in the event that District boundaries are changed as a result of a Regional Council review, then any impacted District shall have the option to retain its current District representative until the completion of the District representative's term or until a special election is held, no later than two (2) months after final action by the Regional Council, to elect a District representative who shall serve for a term established by the Regional Council. Such special elections shall be held in accordance with the District representative election procedures described in the Regional Council Policy Manual.
- (4) If a new city within the SCAG Region is incorporated after Districts have been established or reviewed, the newly incorporated city shall be assigned by the Regional Council, in consultation with any applicable subregional organization, to a District with other cities with which it has contiguous borders until such time as District boundaries are again reviewed by the Regional Council.
- (5) In any area where a subregional organization has either (1) been formally established under a joint powers agreement pursuant to California Government Code Sections 6500 et. seq. to serve as the subregional planning agency for the general purpose local governments and is not a single-purpose joint powers authority or a special district entity, or (2) been recognized by action of the Regional Council; and is organized for general planning purposes such as for the purpose of conducting studies and projects designed to improve and coordinate the common governmental responsibilities and services on an area-wide and regional basis, exploring areas of intergovernmental cooperation and coordination of governmental programs and providing recommendations and solutions to problems of common and general concern, such subregional organization shall make recommendations to establish a District (or Districts) within the boundaries of such subregional area. For purposes of establishing Districts, the subregional organization shall use the description of a District as set forth in Article V A,(1)(a)(1) of these Bylaws. The subregional organization shall have authority to make recommendations to the Regional Council to establish or modify Districts in every year ending in 3 or 8 and shall use city populations as most recently determined by the State Department of Finance.

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(6) The Regional Council shall establish no more than seventy (70) Districts.

(b) Regional Council Representation

(1) Every member city of the Association shall have at least one District representative.

(2) CTC, TCA and the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board representatives to the Regional Council shall be appointed by their respective governing boards, and the appointments shall be formally communicated in writing to the Association. The Air District representative shall be determined by the five (5) Air Districts within the SCAG Region, with such determination formally communicated in writing to the Association.

(3) The position of the Public Transportation Representative will rotate among the six CTCs in the SCAG Region, and each CTC in turn will make a two-year appointment subject to the President's official appointment. The Chief Executive Officers of the CTCs may develop additional procedures for the selection process. A representative from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority shall serve as the initial Public Transportation Representative on the Regional Council.

(2) Terms of Office:

(a) Membership on the Regional Council by District representatives shall be for two (2) years except for those District representatives elected through special elections or appointments as described below and in Article V A. above. Terms of District representatives shall commence on the adjournment of the annual meeting of the General Assembly and expire at the conclusion of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly occurring after their terms commence. If a District representative resigns from his or her position as the District representative or officially ceases to be a locally elected official, his or her District representative position shall be declared vacant by the President on the effective date of the resignation or the end of the elected official's locally elected position. Moreover, the President shall immediately declare vacant the position of a District representative if required by federal or state statutes or regulations, or in response to a no confidence vote by a District undertaken in accordance with the Regional Council Policy Manual or because of a failure to follow the election or appointment policies contained in the Regional Council Policy Manual. A no confidence vote shall only be undertaken in response to a resolution passed by all cities in the District that are voting eligible Members of the Association. All such vacancies shall be filled through special elections or new appointments as set forth in the Regional Council Policy Manual. In the case of District representatives elected pursuant to special elections or newly

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appointed to fill vacancies, the term shall be for such time as will fill out the remainder of the vacated term.

- (b) The terms of District representatives who represent even-numbered Districts shall be two (2) years and shall expire in even-numbered years. Terms of District representatives who represent odd-numbered Districts shall be two (2) years and shall expire in odd-numbered years.
 - (c) Representatives to the Regional Council from the counties that are Members of the Association and from the CTCs, the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, Air Districts, TCA, and the Public Transportation Representative shall have two (2) year terms, commencing on the date of appointment by the organizations they each represent and expiring two (2) years thereafter. If a representative described in this Article V A. (2)(c) ceases to be a locally elected official, or if so required by federal or state statutes or regulations, or if his or her appointment is rescinded by the appointing legislative body, his or her position on the Regional Council shall immediately be declared vacant by the President. Such a vacancy on the Regional Council shall be filled by action of the respective county, CTC, the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, TCA, the five Air Districts in the SCAG Region in the case of the Air District representative, and the CTCs in the SCAG Region with respect to the Public Transportation Representative.
- (3) **Meetings:** Unless the Regional Council decides otherwise, it shall generally meet at least once a month. The date, time and location of the Regional Council meetings shall be recommended by the Executive Director and ratified by the Regional Council. Meetings shall be held upon the call of the President or upon the call of a majority of the members of the Regional Council. The Regional Council may adopt any other meeting procedures as part of the Regional Council Policy Manual.
- (4) **Duties**
- (a) Subject to the policy established by the General Assembly, the Regional Council shall conduct the affairs of the Association, approve the Overall Work Plan (OWP) Budget required by state and federal agencies and any other similar budgets required by funding agencies, and approve the Regional Council Policy Manual and any amendments thereto. The Executive Director or his designee shall have the authority to make administrative modifications to the Regional Council Policy Manual to reflect past Regional Council actions without the Regional Council's approval of a formal amendment to the Regional Council Policy Manual.
 - (b) The Regional Council shall review and may amend the proposed annual budget as prepared by the Executive Director. The proposed budget and the assessment schedule, as approved by Regional Council, shall be submitted to the members of the General Assembly at least thirty (30) days before the annual meeting. After the adoption of the annual budget assessment schedule by the General Assembly,

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the Regional Council shall control all Association expenditures in accordance with such budget.

- (1) The Regional Council shall have the power to transfer funds within the total budget amount in order to meet unanticipated needs or changed situations. Such action shall be reported to the General Assembly at its next regular meeting.
 - (2) At each annual meeting of the General Assembly, the Regional Council shall report on all budget and financial transactions since the previous annual meeting.
- (c) The Regional Council shall submit a report of its activities at each regular meeting of the General Assembly.
 - (d) The Regional Council shall have the authority to appoint, ratify the annual Work Plan of, approve the Employment Agreement of (including all compensation and benefits) and remove an Executive Director of the Association, and shall also have the authority to fix the salary classification levels for employees of the Association.
 - (e) The Regional Council shall have the power to establish committees or subcommittees to study specific problems, programs, and other matters which the Regional Council or General Assembly have approved for study. The SCAG President shall appoint all members and all chairs of committees and subcommittees that are established to study such specific problems or programs. At the discretion of the SCAG President, the chair of a Policy Committee may appoint the membership and chair of a subcommittee of said Policy Committee.
 - (f) Recommendations from committees for policy decisions shall be made to the Regional Council. The Regional Council shall have the authority to act upon policy recommendations including policy recommendations from the committees, or it may submit such recommendations, together with its comments, to the General Assembly for action.
 - (g) The Regional Council shall be responsible for carrying out policy decisions made by the General Assembly.
 - (h) Representatives of Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council may make informational inquiries of the Executive Director or Association executive staff consistent with the official Association duties of such representatives; however, such representatives shall refrain from any actions or contacts within the Association that would interfere with the powers and duties of the Executive Director.
 - (i) All representatives of Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council shall file Statement of Economic Interest forms and comply with the all SCAG

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policies regarding conflict-of-interest, harassment, discrimination and other matters as described in the Regional Council Policy Manual.

- (5) **Voting:** In the Regional Council voting shall be conducted in the following manner:
- (a) Only representatives of the voting-eligible Regional Council members shall have the right to vote at meetings of the Regional Council. Proxy votes are not allowed and representatives must be present at a Regional Council meeting in order to cast a vote.
 - (b) One-third (1/3) of the total number of representative positions from voting- eligible Regional Council members shall constitute a quorum of the Regional Council. The unfilled representative positions of voting-eligible Regional Council members shall be counted in the determination of a quorum.
 - (c) The affirmative votes of a majority of the representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members voting with a quorum in attendance are required for action by the Regional Council, except as set forth in subsection (d) below.
 - (d) In order to appoint or remove the Executive Director, the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the total number of representative positions, including unfilled representative positions, of the voting-eligible Regional Council members is required.
 - (e) Each representative from a CTC, the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, the Air Districts and TCA as well as the Public Transportation Representative shall have the right to vote in the same manner as other representatives of voting-eligible Members of the Association serving on the Regional Council.
 - (f) Representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council are free to abstain from voting on any issue before the Regional Council. Any abstention does not count as a vote in favor or against a motion.
 - (g) Due to the inability of Regional Council members to review main motions other than those presented as a “recommended action” in a meeting’s agenda material prior to a Regional Council meeting, the President shall not proceed with a vote on a main motion that differs from the “recommended action” in a meeting’s agenda material until the Clerk or counsel has re-stated such a motion and an opportunity has been provided to Regional Council members to permit them to deliberate and debate such a motion.
- (6) **Expenses:** Representatives of Regional Council members who serve on the Regional Council shall serve with compensation and shall be reimbursed for the actual necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties for the Association, to the extent that such compensation and reimbursement are not otherwise provided to them by another public agency, a Tribal Government or the Tribal Government Regional

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Planning Board. The Regional Council shall determine the amount of such compensation and set forth other procedures for expenses in the Regional Council Policy Manual.

- B. **Permanent Committees:** For the purpose of developing policy recommendations to the Regional Council, the Regional Council shall establish as permanent committees the “Executive/Administration Committee,” the “Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee” and the three (3) policy committees known as the “Transportation Committee,” the “Energy and Environment Committee,” and the “Community, Economic and Human Development Committee” (the latter three committees collectively referred to herein as the “Policy Committees”.) In addition, the “Emerging Technologies Committee” is established by the Regional Council to research and identify new and emerging technologies that may play a role in transportation planning.
- C. **Executive/Administration Committee**
- (1) **Membership:** The membership of the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) shall include the President, First Vice- President, Second Vice-President and Immediate Past-President and the President shall serve as the Chair. The EAC shall also include the respective Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee and the three (3) Policy Committees, the representative from the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board serving on the Regional Council, and an additional four (4) representatives of Regional Council members who are appointed by the President. In making the appointments, the President shall ensure that the six (6) counties within the SCAG Region have representatives on the EAC. In addition, the representative from the private sector appointed by the President to serve on the Regional Council in an ex-officio, non-voting capacity shall also serve on the EAC in an ex-officio, non-voting capacity. Appointments by the President to a position on the EAC shall be for approximate one (1) year terms, and such appointments shall expire upon the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Assembly.
- (2) **Meetings:** The EAC shall generally meet at least once a month and in accordance with the Regional Council Policy Manual, except that the EAC may decide not to meet upon the call of the EAC chair after consultation with the Executive Director or his designee.
- (3) **Duties:**
- (a) Subject to any limitations that may be established by the General Assembly and/or the Regional Council, the EAC is authorized to make decisions and take actions that are binding upon the Association if the President or the Executive Director determine that such decisions or actions are necessary prior to the next regular meeting of the Regional Council.
- (b) Subject to the policies of the Regional Council, the EAC shall be responsible for:
(1) developing policy recommendations to the Regional Council on administration, human resources, budgets, finance, operations,

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communications, or any other matter specifically referred by the Regional Council; and (2) negotiating and approving an Annual Work Plan with the Executive Director, which shall be subject to ratification by the Regional Council. The Executive Director's Annual Work Plan shall be effective the firstday of July of the calendar year. The EAC shall be responsible for performingthe annual evaluation of the Executive Director's performance and for making recommendations to the Regional Council regarding the Employment Agreement of the Executive Director. The EAC shall complete its annual evaluation of the Executive Director's performance no later than the regularly scheduled June meeting of the Regional Council.

- (c) The powers and duties of the EAC shall include such other duties as the Regional Council may delegate.
- (4) **Voting:** A quorum shall be one-third (1/3) of the representatives of the voting-eligible Regional Council members who are appointed and serving on the EAC. There shall be no proxy votes and representatives must be present to vote. The affirmative vote of the majority of the representatives of the voting-eligible Regional Council members who are appointed and serving on the EAC and voting with a quorum in attendance is required for an action by the EAC except that an affirmative vote of a majority of all of the representatives of the voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the EAC when the EAC acting on behalf of the Regional Council is required to make decisions or take actions that are binding upon the Association with regard to the annual budget; the hiring, removal, compensation and benefits of the Executive Director; and the salary classification levels for employees of the Association.

D. **Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee**

- (1) **Membership:** Representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council may serve on the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC). Appointments to the LCMC shall be made by the President for approximate one (1) year terms that expire at the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Assembly. The President shall appoint the chair and vice chair of the LCMC. All representatives appointed to the LCMC by the President shall have full voting rights.
- (2) **Meetings:** The LCMC shall generally meet once a month and in accordance with the Regional Council Policy Manual, except that the LCMC may decide not to meet upon the call of the LCMC chair after consultation with the Executive Director or his designee.
- (3) **Duties:**
 - (a) The Legislative, Communications and Membership Committee shall be responsible for developing recommendations to the Regional Council regarding legislative and telecommunications matters; providing policy direction for the

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agency's marketing communications strategy, outreach issues/materials and electronic communications systems; reviewing sponsorship opportunities whose cost will exceed \$5,000; and promoting agency membership.

- (b) The duties of the LCMC shall include other such duties as the Regional Council may delegate.
- (4) **Quorum and Voting:** A quorum of the LCMC shall be one-third (1/3) of the representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the LCMC. There shall be no proxy votes and representatives must be present to vote. The affirmative vote of a majority of the voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the LCMC and voting with a quorum in attendance is required for an action by the LCMC.

E. **Policy Committees**

(1) **Membership:**

- (a) The Policy Committees may include as voting committee members the following: representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council; one (1) representative from the California Department of Transportation; local government elected representatives from each of the general purpose subregional organizations as established under Article V(A)(1)(a)(5) of these Bylaws; and one (1) representative who is a general purpose local elected official and duly appointed board member from an agency with which the Association has a statutory or Memorandum of Understanding relationship.
- (b) The Policy Committees may include ex-officio (non-voting) committee members who shall be representatives from regional and subregional single purpose public agencies and other voting and ex-officio (non-voting) committee members as approved by the Regional Council.
- (c) Representatives of the CTCs, the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, TCA and the Air Districts serving on the Regional Council as well as the Public Transportation Representative on the Regional Council may be appointed as voting committee members of one of the Policy Committees.
- (d) All committee members (voting and ex-officio) of SCAG's Policy Committees shall be required to file Statement of Economic Interests forms and comply with all SCAG policies regarding conflict-of-interest, harassment, discrimination and other matters as described in the Regional Council Policy Manual.

(2) **Appointments to Policy Committee:**

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- (a) The President shall appoint all interested and available representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members who serve on the Regional Council to one (1) of the Policy Committees as voting committee members for approximate two (2) year terms that will expire at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following the appointment. In making such appointments, the President shall, to the extent practicable, appoint an equal number of voting committee members to each Policy Committee taking into consideration regional representation, geographical balance, diversity of views and other factors deemed appropriate by the President.
- (b) The President may appoint to one (1) of the Policy Committees as voting committee members representatives of public agencies that have a statutory or Memorandum of Understanding relationship with SCAG. The representatives shall be appointed for approximate two (2) year terms that will expire at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following each appointment. All such appointments will be in response to a written request from each of the governing boards of the agencies. Appointments shall be limited to one (1) representative from each public agency. In making such appointments, the President shall consider regional representation.
- (c) The President shall appoint ex-officio (non-voting) committee members to the Policy Committees representing the business sector, labor, higher education and community groups upon the recommendation of one of the respective Policy Committees and approval by the Regional Council. The term of each such ex-officio committee member shall expire at the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Assembly, however, each such ex-officio committee member may be re-appointed by a future SCAG President.
- (d) The President may appoint to one (1) Policy Committee as a voting committee member one (1) elected representative from each of the subregional organizations described in Article V E.(1)(a) of these Bylaws. Each such appointment shall be for an approximate two (2) year term that shall expire at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following the appointment.
- (e) The President may appoint to the Policy Committees as voting committee members additional local government elected representatives from each of the subregional organizations identified in Article V E.(1)(a) of these Bylaws that has at least four (4) Districts. One (1) additional local government elected representative for each District in excess of three (3) Districts may be appointed by the President. The governing boards of each of the subregional organizations shall nominate the additional representatives to be considered by the President for appointment. In making the appointments, the President shall consider, among other things, regional representation. Each such appointment shall be

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for an approximate two (2) year term that shall expire at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following the appointment.

(f) In addition to the appointment of the representative of the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, the President may also appoint, with the consent of the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, additional representatives to each Policy Committee such that the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board may have two (2) voting committee members on each Policy Committee. Such representative shall be locally elected Tribal Council members from the federally recognized Indian Nations within the SCAG Region. Each of these additional appointments shall be for approximately two (2) year terms that shall expire at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following the appointments.

(g) In order to facilitate participation by member cities of the Association, the President may make at-large appointments of local elected officials from cities that are not otherwise represented on a Policy Committee; provided, however, that the President shall only make such at-large appointments in response to written requests from such cities and may make no more than six at-large appointments for each Policy Committee. The term of an at-large representative on a Policy Committee shall be limited to the remainder of the term of the President except that the local elected official may continue to serve on the Policy Committee if its respective city council approve his or her re-appointment and the next SCAG President authorizes the re-appointment. Local elected officials serving in an at-large capacity on a Policy Committee shall be voting committee members.

(h) To implement and advance the Association’s commitment to justice, equity, diversity and inclusion, and to increase the representation of people of color and low-income communities in regional policy conversations, the seven (7) County representatives to the Regional Council may each appoint one (1) local elected official, from a voting-eligible Member of the Association that has a Community of Concern (as defined below) located within the Member’s boundaries, to serve on a Policy Committee. A County representative to the Regional Council making such an appointment shall notify SCAG staff of the appointment in writing. Within ten (10) business days of a County representative’s notice making such an appointment, the President shall place the appointed local elected official on one of the Policy Committees. A local elected official appointed pursuant to this provision shall serve for a term of approximately two (2) years, commencing on the date the local elected official is placed on a Policy Committee by the President and expiring at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following date the person is placed on the Policy Committee. Appointments to Policy Committees pursuant to this provision shall be limited to one (1) representative from each County except that Los Angeles County shall be permitted to have two representatives (one for each County representative to the Regional

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Council). As used in this Article V.E(2)(h), the term “Community of Concern” shall have the meaning given in SCAG’s most recently adopted Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

- (3) **Meetings:** The Policy Committees shall generally meet at least once a month and in accordance with the Regional Council Policy Manual, except that the Policy Committees may decide not to meet upon the call of the respective Policy Committee Chair after consultation with the Executive Director or his designee.
 - (4) **Quorum and Voting:** A quorum of a Policy Committee shall be one-third of the voting committee members. There shall be no proxy votes and representatives must be present to vote. The affirmative vote of the majority of the voting committee members of a Policy Committee voting with a quorum in attendance is required for an action by a Policy Committee.
 - (5) **Duties of the Transportation Committee (TC):** The Transportation Committee shall study and provide policy recommendations to the Regional Council relative to challenges and opportunities, programs and other matters, which pertain to the regional issues of mobility and accessibility, including, but not limited to all modes of surface transportation, transportation system preservation and system management, regional aviation, regional goods movement, transportation finance as well as transportation control measures.
 - (6) **Duties of the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC):** The Energy and Environment Committee shall study and provide policy recommendations to the Regional Council relative to challenges and opportunities, programs and other matters, which pertain to the regional issues of energy and the environment. EEC shall also be responsible for reviewing and providing policy recommendations to the Regional Council on matters pertaining to environmental compliance.
 - (7) **Duties of the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD):** The Community, Economic and Human Development Committee shall study and provide policy recommendations to the Regional Council relative to challenges and opportunities, programs and other matters which pertain to the regional issues of community, economic and human development, housing and growth. CEHD shall also receive information regarding projects, plans and programs of regional significance for determinations of consistency and conformity with applicable regional plans.
- F. **Joint Policy Committee Meetings:** The duties of the Policy Committees are specified in subsections (5), (6) and (7) above. To the extent that there are matters which are within the scope of review of more than one Policy Committee, the respective Policy Committees shall meet as a Joint Committee to consider the matters and provide unified policy recommendations to the Regional Council, if applicable. At the discretion of the President, the President or the chair of one of the Policy Committees shall preside over a Joint Policy Committee meeting. A quorum of a Joint Policy Committee meeting shall be one-third of the combined voting membership of the Policy Committees. There shall be no proxy votes and a voting member must be present to

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vote. The affirmative vote of a majority of the combined voting members of the Policy Committees voting with a quorum of the Joint Policy Committee in attendance is required for an action by the Joint Policy Committee.

- G. **Other Committees:** Except as may be limited or restricted elsewhere in these Bylaws, the President is authorized to appoint representatives of Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council to SCAG committees, ad hoc committees, subcommittees, or task forces to study specific problems, programs, or other matters which the Regional Council or General Assembly have approved for study and also to appoint new members or re-appoint prior members to any SCAG committee, ad hoc committee, subcommittee or task force. The President is also authorized to appoint representatives of Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council to governing boards of other agencies, districts, commissions, and authorities as representatives of the Association. If no such representatives are available for such appointment, the President may appoint an elected official not on the Regional Council to represent the Association. Elected officials appointed to represent the Association who are not then serving on the Regional Council shall serve as ex-officio representatives to the Regional Council without the right to vote. Terms of appointment of representatives serving on the Regional Council and other elected officials to governing boards of other agencies, districts, commissions, and authorities shall be consistent with the term of office of the appointing President.
- H. **Emerging Technologies Committee:** Serving as a permanent advisory committee to the Regional Council and the Policy Committees, the Emerging Technologies Committee (ETC) will research and identify new and emerging technologies that may play a role in all beneficial areas throughout the region, including transportation planning and improving the region's transportation system. Members serving on the Regional Council and Policy Committees may serve on the ETC. In addition, ex-officio, non-voting members to the ETC may be appointed by the President. Appointments to the ETC shall be made by the President for approximate one (1) year terms that expire at the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Assembly. The President shall appoint the chair and vice chair of the ETC. All representatives appointed to the ETC by the President shall have full voting rights.
- (1) **Meetings:** The ETC shall meet as frequently as needed upon the call of the ETC chair after consultation with the Executive Director or his designee.
 - (2) **Quorum and Voting:** A quorum of the ETC shall be one-third (1/3) of the members serving on the ETC. There shall be no proxy votes and representatives must be present to vote. The affirmative vote of a majority of the voting-eligible members serving on the ETC and voting with a quorum in attendance is required for an action by the ETC.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS, DUTIES, ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES

- A. **Officer Positions:** Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a First Vice- President, Second Vice-President, Immediate Past President and a Secretary-Treasurer. The Association's President, First Vice-President, and Second Vice-President shall be elected annually by the Regional Council, prior to the annual regular meeting of the General Assembly, from among its

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membership as set forth below. The Executive Director of the Association shall serve as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, but shall have no vote in the Association.

- B. **Nominating Committee and Candidate Replacements:** Officers of the Association, except the Secretary-Treasurer, shall be elected from a recommended list of candidates, one for each office, which shall be prepared by a Nominating Committee and submitted to the Regional Council for review and action. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President and shall be composed of seven (7) representatives of Regional Council members who collectively represent the six (6) counties within the SCAG Region, with at least one (1) member being a county representative. All individuals serving on the Nominating Committee shall be voting members. Individuals serving on the Nominating Committee shall serve from the date of their appointment until the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Assembly. The Immediate Past President shall serve as the chair of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consider only those candidates that meet the minimum eligibility requirements set forth below in Article VI C of these Bylaws and any other requirements that may be established by the Regional Council. A quorum of the Nominating Committee shall be a majority of its membership. Proxy voting is not allowed and members must be present to vote. The affirmative votes of a majority of those Nominating Committee members voting with a quorum in attendance shall be required for any action by the Nominating Committee.

In the event that prior to the annual meeting of the General Assembly, a candidate for President or First Vice-President who has been approved by the Nominating Committee or elected by the Regional Council but not yet ratified by the General Assembly no longer satisfies the minimum eligibility requirements of Article V C., the candidate for First Vice-President shall be deemed the candidate for President and the candidate for Second Vice-President shall be deemed the candidate for First Vice-President, provided that the applicable candidates are agreeable to the change.

In the event that prior to the annual General Assembly meeting, a candidate for Second Vice-President who has been approved by the Nominating Committee or elected by Regional Council, but not yet ratified by the General Assembly no longer satisfies the minimum eligibility requirements of Article V C. or if other candidate vacancies exist for any reason after the approval(s) by the Nominating Committee or the election(s) by the Regional Council, the Regional Council shall fill the vacant candidate position(s) with individual or individuals who meet the minimum eligibility requirements of Article V C. The Nominating Committee may also meet to review the list of candidates and make a recommendation to the Regional Council regarding the new candidate for Second Vice-President or for any other vacant candidate positions if there is sufficient time before the annual meeting of the General Assembly in which to schedule both a meeting of the Nominating Committee and the Regional Council.

- C. **Minimum Eligibility Requirements:** The following minimum eligibility requirements must be met in order for an individual to be considered by the Nominating Committee as a candidate for an officer position in the Association.

- (1) At the time of the application, the potential candidate must be a [Regional Council member who is a](#) representative of a voting-eligible Member of the Association [and](#) who

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has served on [a Policy Committee and/or](#) the Regional Council [\(in any combination, except as provided in this subsection\)](#) for at least 24 continuous months from when first appointed to the [Policy Committee and/or](#) Regional Council or from when elected to serve on the Regional Council through a District election-; [provided, however, that at least 12 months of the potential candidate’s service must be as a Regional Council member. A potential candidate’s concurrent service as a member of both a Policy Committee and the Regional Council shall count only once towards satisfying the 24-month eligibility requirement.](#)

- (2) The potential candidate must be actively involved with SCAG.
 - (3) The potential candidate must be a local elected official from a SCAG member county, city or CTC.
 - (4) Term limits will not prevent the potential candidate from serving a full term in the respective officer position.
 - (5) A completed nomination application must be submitted to the Association by the appropriate deadline by either the potential candidate or a colleague on the Regional Council.
- D. **Election by Regional Council and Ratification by General Assembly:** The names of the candidates for each officer position recommended by the Nominating Committee shall be submitted to the Regional Council for consideration and action at least one (1) month prior to the annual meeting of the General Assembly. The Nominating Committee shall recommend one candidate to the Regional Council for each officer position (except Secretary-Treasurer). If the Nominating Committee cannot agree on one candidate to recommend to the Regional Council for an officer position, all candidates for that officer position who satisfied the minimum eligibility requirements identified in Article V C. shall be presented to the Regional Council. The Regional Council may also consider and elect for any officer position individuals who are nominated directly at a Regional Council meeting as part of the election process. New Officers shall take office after the ratification of the General Assembly and upon the adjournment of the General Assembly meeting.
- E. **Officer Position Vacancies:** A vacancy shall immediately occur in the office of the President, First Vice- President, Second Vice-President or Immediate Past President upon the resignation or death of the person holding such office, or upon the person holding such office ceasing to be a local elected official or if required by federal or state statutes or regulations, or if the appointment as a representative of a Member of the Association of the person holding the office is rescinded by the legislative body responsible for the appointment or in response to a no confidence vote by a District undertaken in accordance with the District Representative Election Procedures in the Regional Council Policy Manual. Such a no confidence vote shall only be undertaken in response to a resolution passed by all cities in the District that are voting eligible members of the Association. Upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the office of President, First Vice-President, or Second Vice- President, the vacancy shall be filled for the balance of an unexpired term in order of succession by elevating the next remaining Officer to such position, and the President may call for a Special Election to fill

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the unexpired term of the office of Second Vice-President. Such second Vice-President shall be selected from a list of candidates which shall be prepared by a Nominating Committee structured in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, Section B. In the event of such a Special Election the name of a nominee shall be submitted by the Nominating Committee to the Regional Council for action. If elected, the new Second Vice-President shall take office upon adjournment of that meeting of the Regional Council that included the Special Election. Upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the position of the Immediate Past President, the next most immediate and available Past President of SCAG still serving as representative to the Regional Council shall fill the position and serve for the balance of the unexpired term.

- F. **Representatives to Regional Council not Eligible for Officer Positions:** Notwithstanding any provision in these Bylaws to the contrary, a representative to the Regional Council from the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board or from the Air Districts or from the TCA and the Public Transportation Representative shall not be eligible to be elected by the Regional Council as Officers of the Association. All representatives to the Regional Council from Members of the Association including the CTCs are eligible to be elected by the Regional Council as Officers of the Association.
- G. **Presiding Officer:** The President of the Association shall be the presiding officer of the Regional Council and of the General Assembly. The First Vice-President shall act as the presiding officer in his/her absence. The Second Vice-President, followed by the Immediate Past President, shall act as the presiding officer in the absence of both of the above officers.
- H. **Duties of Secretary-Treasurer:** The Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain a record of all Association proceedings, maintain custody of all Association funds, and otherwise perform the usual duties of such office.

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director shall be the chief administrative officer of the Association. The powers and duties of the Executive Director are as follows.

- A. **Affairs of the Association:** Subject to the authority of the General Assembly and the Regional Council, to administer the affairs of the Association including, but not limited to, oversight and approval of the Personnel Rules, Procurement Manual and Accounting Manual of the Association.
- B. **Employees:** Consistent with all applicable personnel policies, procedures and salary classifications, to appoint, direct, discipline, remove and set the compensation and benefits of all other employees of the Association.
- C. **Budget:** Annually to prepare and present a proposed Association budget and Overall Work Plan budget to the Regional Council and to control the approved budgets.
- D. **Secretary-Treasurer:** To serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Association.

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- E. **Meetings:** To attend the meetings of the General Assembly, the Regional Council and the EAC.
- F. **Other Duties:** To perform such other duties as the General Assembly or the Regional Council or the Regional Council Policy Manual may require.
- G. **Metropolitan Planning Organization:** To ensure compliance with the Association’s responsibilities as a metropolitan planning organization as outlined in 23 U.S.C.A. § 134 et seq., and as may be amended from time to time.

ARTICLE VIII - FINANCES

- A. **Fiscal Year:** The fiscal year of the Association shall commence on July 1.
- B. **Budget Submission and Adoption:** The Association budget shall be submitted by the Executive Director to the Regional Council. The Regional Council shall adopt an Association budget at least 30 days prior the Annual Meeting. The Association budget and assessment schedule shall be adopted by the General Assembly at the Annual Meeting. Notwithstanding any provision of the agreement establishing the Association, any member that cannot pay its assessment therefore because of any applicable law or charter provision, or other lack of ability to appropriate or pay the same, may add such assessment to its assessment for the next full fiscal year. The budget for each year shall provide the necessary funds with which to obtain and maintain the requisite liability and worker’s compensation insurance to fully protect each of the signatory parties hereto, and such insurance shall be so obtained and maintained.
- C. **Annual Membership Dues Assessment:** Each year, upon adoption of the Association budget, the General Assembly shall fix an annual membership dues assessment for all Members of the Association, Advisory Members of the Association and Regional Council members in amounts sufficient to provide the funds required by the Association budget and shall advise the legislative body of each Member, Advisory Member or Regional Council member thereof on or before the first regularly scheduled Regional Council meeting within thirty (30) days of the date of the General Assembly regular meeting of such year. Absent any other decision regarding membership dues assessments by the General Assembly, the annual membership dues assessment will be adjusted by the most recent year over year change in the Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers for the Los Angeles – Riverside – Orange County, California area, with a minimum of one per cent (1%) and using as a base for the assessment calculation the amount ~~collected for~~ assessed in the previous assessment year. The annual membership dues assessment shall be determined in accordance with the formula set out in Article VIII D. of these Bylaws.

If a Member of the Association or an Advisory Member of the Association or a Regional Council member is unable to pay its annual membership dues assessment for any of the reasons cited in Article VIII B. of these Bylaws and if a Member (but not an Advisory Member or Regional Council member) is unable or unwilling to add its dues assessment to its assessment for the next full fiscal year, the Regional Council, for not more than one (1) year at a time, may defer, waive, or reduce payment of the annual membership dues assessment for a Member, an Advisory Member or a Regional Council member. Similarly, the Executive Director may authorize reduced payment of the annual membership dues assessment for a Member, an Advisory Member or a Regional Council

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member by no more than ten (10%) for not more than one (1) year at a time based upon documented financial hardship. In taking any of the actions above, the Regional Council shall adjust the Association budget to provide a balanced Association budget reflecting any of the above actions. Any action of the Regional Council deferring, waiving, or reducing the payment of the annual dues shall be reported at the following General Assembly meeting. In addition, if the Regional Council waives the annual membership dues assessment for a Member of the Association, or an Advisory Member of the Association or a Regional Council member, the Regional Council shall consider, at the same time and decide, on a case-by-case basis, whether the Official Representative of the Member or Advisory Member shall have the right to vote at the General Assembly and whether the representative of the Member, Advisory Member or Regional Council member can continue to vote on the Regional Council or any committee or subcommittee of the Association, serve in a leadership position, receive a stipend or have any other membership rights or privileges restricted during the period when the annual dues have been waived.

If the Regional Council decides to waive the annual membership dues assessment for a Member of the Association and also decides to suspend the voting rights of the Member for the period when the dues assessment is waived and if the representative of the Member serving on the Regional Council represents a multi-city District, the position of District representative shall be vacated by the action of the Regional Council and the vacancy shall be filled through a special election in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Regional Council Policy Manual.

Any Member of the Association, Advisory Member of the Association or Regional Council member that fails to pay its annual membership dues assessment, or, in the case of a Member, fails to announce its intention to add its assessment to the assessment for the next fiscal year or fails to seek a deferral or waiver or reduction of its assessment by January 1 of the July 1 – June 30 fiscal year shall be considered to have withdrawn from the Association and will cease to be a Member, Advisory Member or Regional Council member effective January 1. The Executive Director or his designee shall endeavor to provide written notices of annual membership dues assessment delinquencies in December of each fiscal year.

D. **Methods of Assessment:**

Member Cities and Counties and Tribal Governments: Each member county and each member city, based on its total population, shall pay, as part of its total annual assessment, the following fixed basic assessment:

COUNTIES		CITIES	
Total Population	Base	Population	Base
Up to 249,999	3,500	Up to 9,999	\$ 100
250,000 – 1,099,999	10,000	10,000 – 24,999	250
1,100,000 – 1,999,999	15,000	25,000 – 99,999	500
2,000,000 – 3,999,999	25,000	100,000 – 499,000	750
4,000,000 up	35,000	500,000 – 999,999	1,000
		1,000,000 up	1,250

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For purposes of the annual assessment each federally recognized Indian Nation in the SCAG Region that becomes an Advisory Member of the Association shall be treated as a member city. The remainder of the total annual dues assessment to be borne by the member counties shall be charged to and paid by said member counties in proportion that the population of unincorporated portions of each bear to the total regional population. The remainder of the total annual assessment to be borne by the member cities shall be charged to and paid by said member cities in the proportion that the population of each bears to the total regional population. The computation of the shares of said total annual assessments as above provided shall be based upon the respective populations of the counties and cities as determined by the State Controller in making the most recent allocation to cities and counties pursuant to the Motor Vehicle License Fee Law, or based upon population data from the State Department of Finance in the event that the State Controller data is not available. For a member city newly incorporated pursuant to California Government Code Section 57176, the total annual assessment for the first five (5) years following incorporation shall be based upon such city's actual population as defined under California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 11005.3(d).

If any county or city was not a Member of the Association at the time the latest assessment was fixed and shall become a Member of the Association thereafter, an assessment shall be payable by such county or city to the Association upon becoming a Member in a sum based upon the current county or city per capita rate, as the case may be, prorated from the date of establishing membership until the July 1 following the next annual meeting of the General Assembly after such date. Notwithstanding the previous provisions of this Article VIII, no rebates or adjustments shall be made among the existing member counties and/or cities if such additional assessments shall be received from new Members. Notwithstanding the previous provisions of this Section, no regular dues assessment of any county or city shall exceed twenty percent (20%) of the total assessment for any annual assessment period.

CTCs: Each CTC shall pay a fixed annual assessment based on total population, using the following assessment table:

<u>Total Population</u>	<u>Annual Assessment</u>
Up to 249,000	\$ 3,500
250,000-1,099,999	\$ 10,000
1,100,000-1,999,000	\$ 15,000
2,000,000-3,999,999	\$ 25,000
More than 4,000,000	\$ 35,000

TCA, the Air Districts and the Public Transportation Representative: TCA shall pay an annual assessment of \$10,000. The annual assessment for a representative from the Air Districts on the Regional Council shall be \$10,000 to be paid in a manner agreed upon by the five (5) Air Districts within the SCAG Region. There is no required assessment for the Public Transportation Representative on the Regional Council.

- E. **Annual Audit:** The Regional Council shall cause an annual external audit of the financial affairs of the Association to be made by a certified public accountant at the end of each fiscal year. The Regional Council shall employ a certified public account of its choosing. The Regional Council

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shall also establish an Audit Committee to provide oversight of the annual external audit. The members of Audit Committee shall be comprised of members of the Regional Council and serve for one (1) year terms. The First Vice-President shall be a member of the Audit Committee and the Second Vice-President shall serve as the chair of the Audit Committee for one (1) year. The audit report shall be made to Association member cities and counties.

- F. **Indemnification for Tort Liability:** In contemplation of the provisions of Section 895.2 of the Government Code of the State of California imposing certain tort liability jointly upon public entities solely by reason of such entities being parties to an agreement as defined in Section 895 of said code, the Members of the Association hereto as between themselves, pursuant to the authorization contained in Sections 895.4 and 895.6 of said code, will each assume the full liability imposed upon it, or any of its officers, agents or employees by law for injury caused by a negligent or wrongful act or omission occurring in the performance of this agreement to the same extent that such liability would be imposed in the absence of Section 895.2 of said code. To achieve the above stated purpose each Member of the Association indemnifies and holds harmless any other Member of the Association for any loss, cost or expense that may be imposed upon such other Member of the Association solely by virtue of said Section 895.2. The rules set forth in Civil Code Section 2778 are hereby made a part of these Bylaws.
- G. **Debts, Liabilities and Obligations of the Association:** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 7 of said Joint Powers Agreement by which this Association is formed, no contract, employment, debt, liability or obligation of the Association shall be binding upon or obligate any Member of this Association without the express written request or consent of such Member and only to the extent so requested or consented to; nor shall the Association have the authority or the power to bind any member by contract, employment, debt, liability, or obligation made or incurred by it without the written request or consent of such Member, and then only to such extent as so requested or consented to in writing.
- H. **Depositaries and Investments:** In addition to the depositary and the disbursing officer as specified in Section 7 of the Joint Powers Agreement, the Regional Council may authorize additional depositaries and those authorized to disburse the Association's funds, and may specify the terms and conditions pertaining thereto.

ARTICLE IX – STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The Southern California Association of Governments shall be an agency established by a joint powers agreement among the members pursuant to Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 5, of the Government Code of the State of California and shall have the powers vested in the Association by State or Federal law, the Joint Powers Agreement, or these Bylaws. The Association shall not have the power of eminent domain, or the power to levy taxes.

ARTICLE X – VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL

Any Member of the Association, Advisory Member of the Association or Regional Council member may, at any time, withdraw from the Association providing, however, that the intent to withdraw must be stated in the form of a resolution enacted by the legislative body of the agency wishing to

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withdraw. Such resolution of intent to withdraw from the Association must be given to the Association by the withdrawing agency at least 30 days prior to the effective date of withdrawal. The withdrawing agency shall not be entitled to a refund of the annual assessment paid to the Association.

ARTICLE XI – BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE AND AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws and any amendments thereto are subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by an Official Representative, the Executive Director, the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee and the Regional Council.

If proposed by an Official Representative, the amendment shall be submitted to the Association by a deadline established by the Association that is subject to waiver by the SCAG President or Executive Director but which in all cases must be at least forty-five (45) days prior to the regular meeting of the General Assembly for assignment and consideration by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee shall be appointed by the President and composed of twelve (12) representatives of Members of the Association serving on the Regional Council, with at least one (1) representative from each county in the SCAG Region and with at least two (2) representatives being county representatives. The representatives serving on the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee shall have terms that commence on the date of their appointment and extend to the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Assembly. A quorum of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee shall be a majority of its membership. Proxy voting is not allowed and members must be present to vote. The affirmative votes of a majority of those Bylaws and Resolutions Committee members voting shall be required for any action by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee. The Second Vice-President shall serve as the chair of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.

Except for amendments proposed by the Regional Council, all proposed amendments to the Bylaws shall be considered by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, and thereafter, by the Regional Council: except, however, amendments proposed by the Executive Director or his designee that are not recommended by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee shall not be sent to the Regional Council. All amendments proposed by an Official Representative, and all amendments proposed by the Bylaws and Resolution Committee or the Executive Director or his designee that are recommended by the Regional Council along with amendments proposed by the Regional Council, shall be forwarded to the Official Representative of each General Assembly member at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the regular meeting of the General Assembly at which such proposed amendments will be voted upon.

An affirmative vote of a majority of the Official Representatives or Alternates of the General Assembly voting-eligible Members of the Association present and voting with a quorum in attendance is required to adopt an amendment to these Bylaws. If, within sixty (60) days after the adoption of any amendment, one-third (1/3) or more of the Official Representatives protest such amendment by filing a written protest with the Executive Director, the adoption of such amendment shall be suspended until the next meeting of the General Assembly when the amendment shall again be taken up for consideration and vote.

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Notwithstanding any provision of the agreement establishing the Association, Article V - A-4(b) and the Article VIII A, B, and E of said Bylaws shall not be changed except with the concurrence of the legislative body of each signatory party to said agreement which has not then withdrawn from the Association.

ARTICLE XII – EFFECTIVE DATE

These Bylaws shall go into effect immediately upon the effective date of the agreement establishing the Association.

ARTICLE XIII – HIRING PROHIBITION

No individual who is or was an Official Representative or Alternate on SCAG’s General Assembly or is or was a representative of a Member of the Association or of an Advisory Member of the Association or of a Regional Council member serving on the Regional Council or is or was a member of any of SCAG’s Policy Committees shall be eligible for compensated employment with SCAG for a period of one (1) year after the individual’s last day of service in any of the SCAG positions described in this Article.

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Bylaws adopted by the Joint County-City SCAG Committee:

March 27, 1964

Bylaws amended by the SCAG General Assembly:

February 24, 1966

November 4, 1966

February 24, 1967

February 18, 1970

September 24, 1970

February 16, 1973

September 12, 1974

February 27, 1975

March 8, 1977

October 6, 1977

March 3, 1978

October 6, 1978

March 16, 1979

October 2, 1980

April 29, 1982

April 26, 1984

January 29, 1987

March 21, 1989

March 22, 1990

April 21, 1991

Attachment: Marked Up Bylaws (as approved by Regional Council) (Consideration of Proposed Amendments to the SCAG Bylaws)

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February 27, 1992

March 12, 1993

March 4, 1994

March 3, 1995

July 3, 1996

October 9, 1997

April 16, 1998

September 3, 1998

April 8, 1999

April 6, 2000

May 1, 2003

September 4, 2003

May 4, 2004

May 5, 2005

May 4, 2006

May 3, 2007

May 8, 2008

May 7, 2009

May 6, 2010

May 5, 2011

April 5, 2012

June 7, 2012

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May 2, 2013

May 1, 2014

May 7, 2015

May 5, 2016

May 4, 2017

May 3, 2018

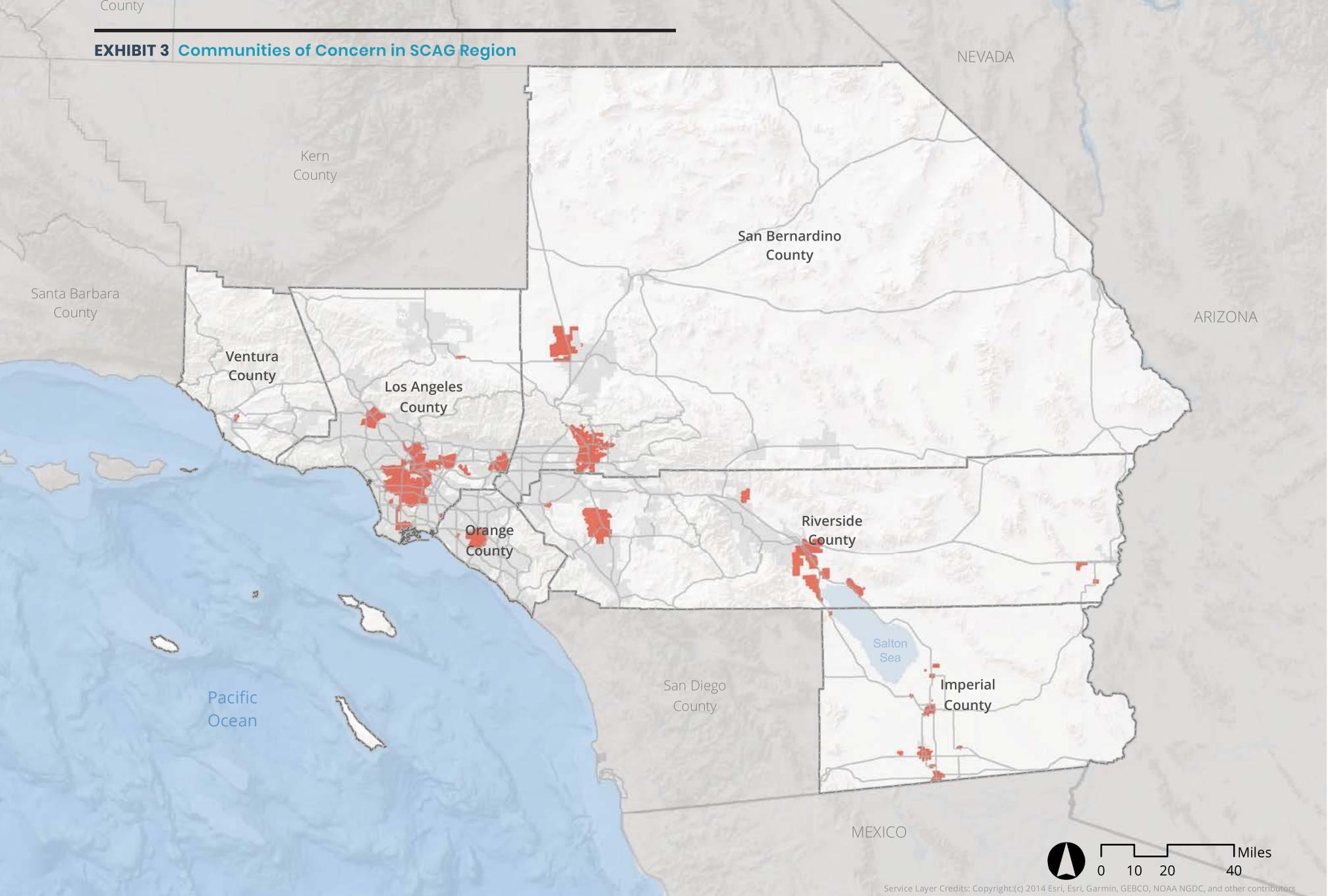
May 2, 2019

[May 6, 2021*](#)

[/ Will be added if any amendments approved by General Assembly](#)*

County

EXHIBIT 3 Communities of Concern in SCAG Region



■ Communities of Concern □ County Boundaries ■ City Boundaries ∟ Freeway

Source: 2013-2017 ACS 5 Year Estimates, City of Los Angeles Community Planning Area, SCAG, 2019

Attachment: Depiction of "Communities of Concern" in SCAG Region; Environmental Justice Technical



AGENDA ITEM 2*
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
May 6, 2021

To: General Assembly

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Kome Ajise, Executive Director
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Subject: Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021-22 General Fund Budget and
Membership Assessment Schedule

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

As recommended by the Regional Council, that the General Assembly adopt the Fiscal Year 2021-22 (FY22) General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule. Authorize the Executive Director and the Chief Financial Officer to make adjustments that may be necessary after adoption of the budget (i.e. changes in membership assessment revenue, allocated fringe benefits and indirect cost allocations, etc.)

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 7: Secure funding to support agency priorities to effectively and efficiently deliver work products.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The General Fund is the designated financial resource for the operating budget of the Regional Council. It is adopted annually by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Regional Council. The Draft FY 2021-22 General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule were approved by the Regional Council on March 4, 2021.

BACKGROUND:

The General Fund supports SCAG activities that are not funded by federal and state grant funds. The General Fund also pays for lobbying costs, legal fees, and other costs which are otherwise not allowable charges to the grants. The FY22 General Fund budget is \$4,213,001, or 57% more than the FY21 General Fund budget of \$2,683,973.

The General Fund Budget includes \$1,558,281 from the fund balance. Of the \$1.56 million from fund balance, \$1.51 million is for information technology capital. The General Fund will recover the cost of the information technology capital through depreciation expense included in the Indirect Cost budget over the next five years.



The General Fund budget is primarily funded by the annual membership dues assessment for all members of SCAG. Member dues are calculated in accordance with the guidelines in Article VIII of the SCAG Bylaws. The FY22 Membership Assessment is \$2,142,920, 1% less than the FY 2020-21 member dues of \$2,172,297, the decline is attributable to 9 cities that have not paid their FY21 membership dues as of the date of this report and, therefore, were not included in the FY22 membership dues assessment. The membership dues assessment will be updated if/when further collections are made.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of the General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule provides the financial resources for all activities associated with the Regional Council for FY 2021-22.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. FY 2021-22 General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Fiscal Year 2021-22

General Fund Budget

General Fund Line Item Budget

The following table shows General Fund revenues and expenditures by task.

		FY20 Actual	FY21 Adopted Budget	FY22 Proposed Budget	FY21 Adopted To FY22 Proposed Incr (Decr)
REVENUE:	Membership Dues:				
	Counties	315,132	320,872	322,491	1,619
	Cities	1,689,338	1,742,925	1,711,929	(30,996)
	Commissions	88,500	88,500	88,500	-
	Transportation Corridor Agency	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
	Air Districts	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
	Sub-total	2,112,970	\$ 2,172,297	\$ 2,142,920	\$ (29,377)
	Interest	92,760	130,000	130,000	-
	Other	29,491	41,676	41,800	124
	General Assembly Sponsorships & Registrations	10,000	340,000	340,000	-
	Recovery Of Previously Disallowed Grant Costs	4,062,579	-	-	-
	Transfer from Fund Balance	-	-	1,558,281	1,558,281
	Sub-total	4,194,830	\$ 511,676	\$ 2,070,081	\$ 1,558,405
	Total Revenues	6,307,800	\$ 2,683,973	\$ 4,213,001	\$ 1,529,028
EXPENDITURES:					
Task .01 Regional Council	Regional Council:				
	Staff Time	893	10,285	12,884	2,599
	Legal Services	76,366	100,000	100,000	-
	Miscellaneous Other	7,605	-	-	-
	Other Meeting Expense	18,530	20,000	20,000	-
	RC/Committee Meeting	-	15,000	15,000	-
	RC Retreat	12,616	13,000	13,000	-
	Stipends	201,430	195,000	202,000	7,000
	Travel - Outside	46,758	50,000	50,000	-
	Travel - Local	37,243	46,000	46,000	-
	Mileage - Local	19,608	25,000	25,000	-
Task sub-total	421,050	\$ 474,285	\$ 483,884	\$ 9,599	
Task .02 Legislative	External Legislative:				
	Staff Time	8,393	26,715	28,370	1,655
	Federal Lobbyist	-	120,000	120,000	-
	Other Meeting Expense	10,050	15,000	15,000	-
	Resource Materials / Subscriptions	120	2,000	2,000	-
	State Lobbyist	96,311	120,000	108,000	(12,000)
	Travel - Outside	2,412	10,000	10,000	-
	Travel - Local	57	-	-	-
	Mileage	224	500	500	-
Task sub-total	117,566	\$ 294,215	\$ 283,870	\$ (10,345)	
Task .03 RHNA	RHNA:				
	Staff Time	240,880	-	-	-
	Legal Services	6,197	-	-	-
	Public Notices	29,822	-	-	-
	SCAG Consultant	16,913	-	-	-
	Travel - Outside	379	-	-	-
	Travel - Outside	425	-	-	-
Travel - Outside	699	-	-	-	
Task sub-total	295,314	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

General Fund Budget

General Fund Line Item Budget (continued)

		FY20 Actual	FY21 Adopted Budget	FY22 Proposed Budget	FY21 Adopted To FY22 Proposed Incr (Decr)
Task .04 Other Non-Labor	Other Non-Labor:				
	Bank Fees	14,626	15,000	15,000	-
	Contingency	3,937,569	261	-	(261)
	Demographic Workshop	-	28,000	28,000	-
	Economic Summit	84,742	85,000	85,000	-
	Housing Summit	-	20,000	20,000	-
	Legal Services	21,820	20,000	20,000	20,000
	Miscellaneous Other	9,562	15,000	15,000	-
	Other Meeting Expense	39,811	50,000	50,000	-
	Professional Memberships	8,499	11,500	11,500	-
	SCAG Consultant	76,685	-	-	-
	SCAG Memberships	106,009	116,000	127,600	11,600
	Scholarships	36,000	36,000	44,000	8,000
	Software Support	73,851	76,400	-	(76,400)
	Sponsorships	94,995	150,000	165,000	15,000
	Travel	421	2,500	2,500	-
	Travel - Local	181	1,500	1,500	-
Staff Lodging Expense	10,114	13,000	13,000	-	
Mileage - Local	665	500	500	-	
Task sub-total		4,515,551	\$ 620,661	\$ 598,600	\$ (22,061)
Task .06 General Assembly	General Assembly:				
	Staff Time	8,014	49,562	53,805	4,243
	General Assembly	59,534	611,500	611,500	-
	Miscellaneous Other	125	-	-	-
	Printing	-	10,000	10,000	-
	SCAG Consultant	-	87,000	60,000	(27,000)
	Mileage	280	5,000	5,000	-
Task sub-total		67,953	\$ 763,062	\$ 740,305	\$ (22,757)
Task .10 Capital Outlay >\$5K	Capital Outlay >\$5K				
	Capital Outlay	-	-	1,512,183	1,512,183
Task sub-total		-	\$ -	\$ 1,512,183	\$ 1,512,183
Task .11 Public Records Administration	Public Records Administration:				
	Staff Time	5,192	21,611	25,158	3,547
Task sub-total		5,192	\$ 21,611	\$ 25,158	\$ 3,547
Task .14 International Collaboration	International Collaboration:				
	Staff Time	5,136	9,996	10,641	645
	Miscellaneous Other	-	2,000	2,000	-
	Other Meeting Expense	-	1,500	1,500	-
	Travel	27,474	15,000	15,000	-
	Mileage	25	500	500	-
Task sub-total		32,634	\$ 28,996	\$ 29,641	\$ 645

General Fund Budget

General Fund Line Item Budget (continued)

		FY20 Actual	FY21 Adopted Budget	FY22 Proposed Budget	FY21 Adopted To FY22 Proposed Incr (Decr)
Task .20 Go Human Events	Go Human Events:				
	Go Human	-	-	-	-
	Outreach/Advertisement	-	-	-	-
	RC Sponsorships	90	-	-	-
	Task sub-total	90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Task .23 Other Labor	Other Labor:				
	Staff Time	542	14,075	13,336	(739)
	Task sub-total	542	\$ 14,075	\$ 13,336	\$ (739)
Task .24 Randall Lewis Wellness Program	Randall Lewis Wellness Program:				
	Resource Materials / Subscriptions	411	-	-	-
	Travel - Local	105	-	-	-
	Wellness	6,560	-	-	-
	Task sub-total	7,075	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Task .26 Employee Engagement Program	Employee Engagement Program				
	Engagement Committee	390	20,000	20,000	-
	Employee Recognition	3,715	15,000	15,000	-
	Department Allowance	6,055	15,000	15,000	-
	Task sub-total	10,161	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -
	Total for all tasks	5,473,129	\$2,266,905	\$ 3,736,977	\$ 1,470,072
	Allocated Fringe Benefits	187,855	105,521	112,822	7,301
	Allocated Indirect Costs	569,759	311,548	363,202	51,654
	Total	6,230,742	\$2,683,973	\$ 4,213,001	\$ 1,529,027

*Totals may not add due to rounding

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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	UNINC POP COUNTIES/TOTAL POP CITIES	ASSESSMENTS 2021-22
<u>COUNTIES (6)</u>		
IMPERIAL	39,420	7,447
LOS ANGELES	1,034,689	138,590
ORANGE	128,421	37,857
RIVERSIDE	385,388	63,584
SAN BERNARDINO	304,659	55,502
VENTURA	95,001	19,511
SUB-TOTAL	1,987,578	322,491
<u>CITIES (179) & TRIBE (1)</u>		
ADELANTO	35,663	4,070
AGOURA HILLS	20,566	2,309
ALHAMBRA	86,792	9,189
ALISO VIEJO	50,044	5,510
ANAHEIM	357,325	36,524
APPLE VALLEY	74,394	7,948
ARCADIA	57,212	6,228
ARTESIA	16,490	1,901
AVALON	3,929	493
AZUSA	49,658	5,472
BANNING	31,125	3,616
BARSTOW	24,268	2,680
BEAUMONT	51,475	5,654
BELL	36,531	4,157
BELLFLOWER	78,110	8,320
BELL GARDENS	42,449	4,750
BEVERLY HILLS	33,775	3,881
BIG BEAR LAKE	5,206	621
BLYTHE	19,255	2,178
BRADBURY	1,052	205
BRAWLEY	27,349	3,238
BREA	45,629	5,068
BUENA PARK	81,998	8,709
BURBANK	105,861	11,348
CALABASAS	24,193	2,672
CALEXICO	40,896	4,594

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	POP CITIES	2021-22
CALIMESA	9,329	1,034
CALIPATRIA	6,843	785
CAMARILLO	70,261	7,534
CANYON LAKE	11,000	1,351
CARSON	93,108	9,822
CATHEDRAL CITY	53,580	5,864
CERRITOS	49,994	5,505
CHINO	89,109	9,421
CHINO HILLS	82,409	8,751
CLAREMONT	35,807	4,085
COACHELLA	47,186	5,224
COLTON	54,118	5,918
COMMERCE	12,868	1,538
COMPTON	98,032	10,315
CORONA	168,248	17,595
COSTA MESA	114,778	12,241
COVINA	48,846	5,390
CYPRESS	49,272	5,433
DANA POINT	33,146	3,818
DESERT HOT SPRINGS	29,660	3,469
DIAMOND BAR	57,177	6,224
DOWNEY	113,529	12,116
DUARTE	21,673	2,420
EASTVALE	66,413	7,149
EL CENTRO	45,657	5,071
EL MONTE	116,675	12,431
EL SEGUNDO	16,777	1,930
FILLMORE	15,566	1,808
FONTANA	213,000	22,075
FOUNTAIN VALLEY	55,878	6,094
FULLERTON	141,863	14,953
GARDEN GROVE	174,801	18,251
GARDENA	60,937	6,601
GLENDALE	205,331	21,307
GLENDORA	52,067	5,713
GRAND TERRACE	12,426	1,494
HAWAIIAN GARDENS	14,649	1,717
HEMET	85,175	9,027
HERMOSA BEACH	19,614	2,214
HESPERIA	96,393	10,151

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	POP CITIES	2021-22
HIDDEN HILLS	1,868	287
HIGHLAND	55,323	6,039
HOLTVILLE	6,359	737
HUNTINGTON BEACH	201,281	20,902
IMPERIAL	19,907	2,243
INDIAN WELLS	5,403	641
INDIO	90,751	9,586
INDUSTRY	427	143
INGLEWOOD	111,971	11,960
IRVINE	281,707	28,954
IRWINDALE	1,434	244
JURUPA VALLEY	107,083	11,471
LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE	20,461	2,298
LA HABRA	63,371	6,845
LA HABRA HEIGHTS	5,461	647
LA MIRADA	48,877	5,393
LA PALMA	15,492	1,801
LA PUENTE	40,568	4,562
LA QUINTA	40,660	4,571
LA VERNE	33,300	3,834
LAGUNA BEACH	22,343	2,487
LAGUNA NIGUEL	65,316	7,039
LAGUNA WOODS	16,243	1,876
LAKE ELSINORE	63,453	6,853
LAKE FOREST	84,711	8,981
LAKESWOOD	79,919	8,501
LANCASTER	161,699	16,939
LAWNSDALE	32,799	3,784
LOMA LINDA	24,535	2,706
LOMITA	20,549	2,307
LONG BEACH	472,217	48,027
LOS ALAMITOS	11,567	1,408
LOS ANGELES	4,010,684	402,788
LYNWOOD	71,269	7,635
MALIBU	11,720	1,423
MAYWOOD	27,904	3,294
MENIFEE	97,093	10,221
MISSION VIEJO	94,267	9,938
MONROVIA	37,935	4,298
MONTCLAIR	39,490	4,454

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MONTEBELLO	63,544	6,862
MONTEREY PARK	60,734	6,581
MOORPARK	36,278	4,132
MORENO VALLEY	208,838	21,658
MURRIETA	115,561	12,320
NEEDLES	5,248	625
NEWPORT BEACH	85,780	9,088
NORCO	27,564	3,260
NORWALK	105,717	11,334
OJAI	7,557	857
ONTARIO	182,871	19,059
OXNARD	206,352	21,409
PALM DESERT	52,986	5,805
PALM SPRINGS	47,427	5,248
PALMDALE	156,737	16,442
PALOS VERDES ESTATES	13,190	1,571
PASADENA	144,842	15,251
PECHANGA BAND OF LUISENO INDIANS	800	180
PERRIS	80,201	8,529
PICO RIVERA	63,374	6,845
PLACENTIA	51,494	5,655
POMONA	154,817	16,250
PORT HUENEME	23,607	2,613
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	175,522	18,323
RANCHO MIRAGE	19,114	2,164
RANCHO PALOS VERDES	41,731	4,678
REDLANDS	70,952	7,604
REDONDO BEACH	66,994	7,207
RIALTO	104,553	11,218
RIVERSIDE	328,155	33,604
ROLLING HILLS	1,874	288
ROLLING HILLS ESTATES	8,066	908
ROSEMEAD	54,363	5,943
SAN BERNARDINO	217,946	22,570
SAN BUENAVENTURA	106,276	11,390
SAN CLEMENTE	64,581	6,966
SAN DIMAS	33,945	3,898
SAN FERNANDO	25,207	3,024
SAN GABRIEL	40,104	4,515
SAN JACINTO	51,028	5,609

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	POP CITIES	2021-22
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO	36,318	4,136
SAN MARINO	13,087	1,560
SANTA ANA	335,052	34,294
SANTA CLARITA	221,932	22,969
SANTA FE SPRINGS	18,295	2,082
SANTA MONICA	92,357	9,747
SANTA PAULA	30,389	3,542
SEAL BEACH	24,992	2,752
SIERRA MADRE	10,816	1,333
SIGNAL HILL	11,712	1,423
SIMI VALLEY	125,115	13,276
SOUTH EL MONTE	21,204	2,373
SOUTH GATE	97,003	10,212
SOUTH PASADENA	25,458	3,049
STANTON	39,077	4,412
TEMECULA	111,970	11,960
TEMPLE CITY	36,150	4,119
THOUSAND OAKS	126,484	13,413
TORRANCE	145,546	15,322
TUSTIN	80,382	8,548
TWENTYNINE PALMS	29,258	3,429
UPLAND	78,814	8,391
VERNON	297	130
VICTORVILLE	126,432	13,408
VILLA PARK	5,766	677
WALNUT	29,929	3,496
WEST HOLLYWOOD	36,203	4,125
WESTLAKE VILLAGE	8,212	922
WESTMINSTER	92,421	9,753
WESTMORLAND	2,346	335
WILDOMAR	37,183	4,223
WHITTIER	86,801	9,190
YUCCA VALLEY	22,236	2,476
YUCAIPA	55,712	6,078
SUB-TOTAL	16,262,736	1,711,929
GRAND TOTAL-ASSESSMENTS	18,250,314	2,034,420

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	UNINC POP COUNTIES/TOTAL POP CITIES	ASSESSMENTS 2021-22
<u>COMMISSIONS (7)</u>		
SBCTA	2,180,537	25,000
RCTC	2,442,304	25,000
VCTC	842,886	10,000
ICTC	188,777	3,500
Transportation Corridor Agency		10,000
OCTA	3,194,332	25,000
Air Districts		10,000
SUB-TOTAL	<u>8,848,836</u>	<u>108,500</u>
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AND ASSESSMENTS		<u><u>2,142,920</u></u>



AGENDA ITEM 3
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
Remote Participation Only
May 6, 2021

To: General Assembly

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Michael R.W. Houston, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services
(213) 630-1467, houston@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Ratification of 2021-22 Slate of Elected SCAG Officers

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Ratify the Regional Council's election of the 2021-2022 SCAG officers.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 1: Produce innovative solutions that improve the quality of life for Southern Californians.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On April 1, 2021, the Regional Council elected the following slate of officers to serve as the 2021-2022 SCAG board officers. The General Assembly is asked to ratify the Regional Council's election of the following individuals:

- For the Position of President: Clint Lorimore, Eastvale, RC District 4*
- For the Position of First Vice President: Jan Harnik, Riverside County Transp. Commission*
- For the Position of Second Vice President: Carmen Ramirez, Ventura County*

BACKGROUND:

On March 15, 2021, the Nominating Committee met to review the applications for the 2021-22 board officer positions of President, First Vice President and Second Vice President. Six (6) members of the Regional Council timely submitted applications for the three officer positions by the deadline of March 5, 2021. While acknowledging all of the applicants, and after providing opportunity for all applicants in attendance to address the committee, the Nominating Committee unanimously nominated the above-referenced candidates.

On April 1, 2021, the Regional Council reviewed the nominated candidates and elected the slate of officers. All candidates satisfy the eligibility requirements for SCAG officers as set forth in the SCAG Bylaws. The Regional Council, therefore, recommends that the General Assembly ratify the Regional Council's election of the 2021-22 SCAG officers, whose terms of office shall commence upon the adjournment of today's General Assembly Business Session.



Attached to this report are the applications of the slate of officers.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work related to the process is covered by SCAG's Indirect Cost Budget, including WBS No. 810.SCG0120.09.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Applications of Nominated Candidates

CLINT LORIMORE

I acknowledge that *	I have read the SCAG Bylaws, Article V, Section C, subsection 1-5 as described above; and meet the minimum eligibility requirements.
Name *	Clint Lorimore
Name of your SCAG Member County, City or County Transportation Commission *	Eastvale
Phone Number	██████████
Email *	clorimore@eastvaleca.gov
Application for Officer Position *	President
Terms of Service completed on SCAG Regional Council, a minimum of one full-term (i.e. a term equates to two years on the Regional Council at time of application) *	2
Total length of SCAG service (indicate number of years of service) *	6
When does the term of your local elected position expire? *	December 2022
Would term limits prevent you from maintaining your local elected position? *	No
Positions held at SCAG *	1st Vice President 2nd Vice President Executive Administration Committee Chair – Legislative Communications and Membership

	<p>Committee</p> <p>Transportation Committee</p> <p>Audit Committee</p> <p>GA Host Committee Chair</p> <p>District 4 Representative to the Regional Council</p> <p>Scholarship Committee</p>
<p>1. Why do you wish to serve as a SCAG Officer? *</p>	<p>I have a strong commitment to SCAG and wish to further serve the organization as President.</p>
<p>2. As an Officer, what would you contribute to SCAG? *</p>	<p>As an Officer of SCAG, I would contribute my time and efforts in support of the organization's mandate and policy priorities.</p>
<p>(A) In addition to attending regular and special meetings of SCAG's Regional Council, will you be able to attend other meetings and functions of SCAG, if requested? *</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>(B) What professional or personal constraints on your time or service that you anticipate? *</p>	<p>I take my elected responsibilities seriously and will adjust my calendar accordingly. I understand going in that the role of President is very time consuming, but I know that I am up for the challenge.</p>
<p>4. What are your values and skills that you could bring to SCAG as an Officer? *</p>	<p>I bring a commitment of service, dedication to the task at hand and the ability to work collaboratively through contentious issues.</p>
<p>5. What is your vision for the future of SCAG and what do you believe needs to be done to accomplish this vision? *</p>	<p>My vision for the future of SCAG is that the organization take a larger role in influencing the discussions and outcomes surrounding its policy priorities and areas of expertise. SCAG should be the indispensable tool that policy makers come to when searching for solutions to problems facing the state and the region. We get to such a place by improving upon our advocacy efforts and leveraging and promoting the expertise of staff already employed at the organization.</p>

6. What would you consider the strengths of SCAG? *

SCAG has many strengths. The two that I would like to highlight are SCAG's Staff and SCAG's Regional Council. The professionalism and competence of SCAG's staff is second to none. Staff's expertise, combined with the policy and decision making acumen of the Regional Council make for a powerful organization.

7. What could SCAG improve on? *

One area that the organization can improve is in the area of advocacy. A deeper pursuit of SCAG's policy priorities at the State and Federal level would pay huge dividends for the region we serve. Too often SCAG is forced to play defense as opposed to providing innovative policy solutions for the problems facing our region.

Attach a File



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Attach a File



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Print Your Name

Clint Lorimore

Date

Friday, March 5, 2021

I acknowledge that *

by checking this box, my printed name above is my signature for submitting this application.

CLINT LORIMORE

SUMMARY

Governmental affairs professional, with over 20 years of experience working with local, state and federal officials. Strong interpersonal skills with a solutions driven approach centered on getting the job done.

EXPERIENCE

Lead Consultant | [Lorimore Strategies](#)

Providing governmental advocacy and public relations expertise to clients throughout the greater Los Angeles region. Working closely with clients to implement successful engagement and winning strategies.

Director of Governmental Affairs | [BIA Riverside](#)

Directed all advocacy efforts on behalf of the Building Industry Association and its members in Riverside County; Reviewed and analyzed complex legislation, regulations, nexus studies and fee studies to provide feedback to jurisdictions. Spoke to a variety of audiences on industry specific issues.

Deputy District Director | [Office of the Governor](#)

Appointee of the Governor, serving as the Governor's liaison to elected officials and interest groups throughout the Inland Empire. Delivered speeches on behalf of the Governor and provided district field operations for the administration.

EDUCATION

Master of Arts | [Claremont Graduate University](#)

Master of Science | [Nanyang Technological University](#)

Bachelor of Arts | [Cal Poly Pomona](#)

EXPERTISE

Public Affairs	Public Policy
Governmental Affairs	Public Speaking
Legislation	Grass Roots
Transportation	Analysis
Advocacy	Housing
Local Government	Regional Government
Analysis	Strategy
Communication	Outreach
Networking	Campaigns



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LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEER ROLES

[Eastvale City Councilman](#)

[SCAG 1ST Vice President](#)

[RCTC Commissioner](#)

[League of CA Cities Board Member](#)

Lead Consultant [Lorimore Strategies](#), Eastvale, CA

Apr 2012 - Present

Providing governmental advocacy and public relations expertise to clients throughout the greater Los Angeles region. Working closely with clients to implement successful engagement and winning strategies. Clients consist of industry associations, elected officials and businesses with interest in local regulations and policy outcomes.

Mayor Pro Tem [City of Eastvale](#), Eastvale, CA

Dec 2014 - Present

Elected to office in 2014 I have served the City of Eastvale as a Councilmember, Mayor Pro-Tem and Mayor. In addition to elected duties for the City, I sit on a number of Regional Boards including the League of California Cities - State and County Boards; Riverside County Transportation Commission; and the Southern California Association of Governments.

Director of Governmental Affairs [Riverside County Building Industry Association](#),

Apr 2017 – Aug 2020

As the Director of Governmental Affairs, it was my responsibility to: Direct all advocacy efforts on behalf of the California Building Industry in Riverside County, CA; Stay abreast of all legislative and regulatory activities of local, regional, state and federal agencies and provide analysis to CEO, Board of Directors and membership at large; Reviewed and analyzed complex legislation, regulations, nexus studies and fee studies in order to be able to provide an evaluation and/or validation from a stakeholder perspective; Directed and coordinated consultants and legal counsel in order to provide a justified and legitimate opposition to any imposed regulation or fee that would negatively impact the homebuilding industry; Spoke to a variety of audiences on industry specific issues, regulations and legislation.

Deputy District Director [Office of the Governor of California](#), Inland Empire Office, CA

June 2006 - June 2007

Appointee of the Governor, serving as the Governor's liaison to elected officials and interest groups throughout the Inland Empire. Delivered speeches on behalf of the Governor and provided district field operations for the administration.

Senior Field Representative [California State Assembly](#), 65th Assembly District, CA

Dec 2004 - May 2006

Delivered speeches on the Assemblyman's behalf and served as 'his eyes and ears' in the district while he was in the capitol office. Answered constituent's questions about legislation and other state related issues and was responsible for coordinating press events and community outreach.

Associate Research Fellow [Centre of Excellence for National Security](#), Singapore

Jan 2009 - Jan 2011

Wrote policy oriented papers and conducted research on the issues of radicalization and extremism. Organized conferences and workshops relating to national security; the largest of these being the *Global Futures Forum General Meeting 2010*, which brought together 60 speakers and an audience of 284 intelligence professionals and academics from 32 countries. This [conference](#) was a collaborative effort between the governments of Singapore, the United States and Canada.

CLINT LORIMORE



Background

Clint Lorimore is a proven leader with a strong track record of public service and a dedication to the Southern California region. Having dedicated himself to actively engaging with the community, Clint is a Councilmember in the City of Eastvale and volunteers his time with various local organizations. He is a successful small business owner, who has previously worked for the State Legislature and served as a regional appointee of the Governor.

Clint graduated from Cal Poly Pomona with a degree in Political Science with an emphasis on Public Policy in 2004. He then went on to obtain a Masters of Arts from Claremont Graduate University in 2007. As a recipient of Rotary International's Ambassadorial Scholarship, Clint also studied at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore in 2008 where he graduated with a Masters of Science.

Serving as an elected official, combined with his experience working as a consultant for a trade association in Riverside County, Clint is intimately familiar with the political landscape of the region.

Boards and Committees

Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) - Regional Council District 4

- *Vice-Chair: Legislative Communications Membership Committee*
- *Executive Administration Committee*
- *Regional Council - District 4 (Eastvale, Norco, Jurupa Valley)*
- *Transportation Committee*
- *FirstNet Committee*

League of California Cities

- *Executive Board – Riverside Division*
- *Legislative Committee – Riverside Division*
- *Fundraising Committee – Riverside Division*
- *Transportation Committee – State Board*
- *Resolutions Committee – State Board*

Riverside County Republican Party – Central Committee Board Member

Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority - Board Member

JAN HARNIK

I acknowledge that * I have read the SCAG Bylaws, Article V, Section C, subsection 1–5 as described above; and meet the minimum eligibility requirements.

Name * Jan Harnik

Name of your SCAG Member County, City or County Transportation Commission * Palm Desert

Phone Number (760) 346–0611

Email * jharnik@cityofpalmdesert.org

Application for Officer Position * 1st Vice President

Terms of Service completed on SCAG Regional Council, a minimum of one full-term (i.e. a term equates to two years on the Regional Council at time of application) * 3 terms

Total length of 7 years

SCAG service

(indicate

number of

years of

service) *

When does the December 2022

term of your

local elected

position

expire? *

Would term No

limits prevent

you from

maintaining

your local

elected

position? *

Positions held Regional Council, Transportation Committee General Assembly Host Committee,
at SCAG * Executive Administration Committee, Legislative/Communications & Membership
Committee (Chair), Scholarship Committee, President's Strategic Plan Committee, Audit
Committee (Chair), Emerging Technologies Committee, Special Committee on Equity
and Social Justice, 2nd Vice President

1. Why do you wish to serve as a SCAG Officer? *

During my years of service on the Southern California Association of Governments it is abundantly evident that, while the communities throughout our region are incredibly diverse in all aspects, the relationship between them is symbiotic. In order to truly develop a strong, equitable, healthy, and robust region we must work together focusing on the differences that bring strength and the similarities which enable discussion and common perspectives.

COVID has laid bare, and in fact magnified, many issues that exist, and accelerated many processes

that were already in motion. It is our opportunity, while we are raw, to rebuild in a way that we all benefit.

Our willingness to have the sometimes uncomfortable discussions with respect and honesty, produces growth towards the solutions that will address many of the issues facing us. We have done a lot of work to that end and we must continue. I am up for the task.

2. As an Officer, what would you contribute to SCAG? *

It has been a daunting – and exciting – year as 2nd Vice President. Much work has been done towards the equitable use of resources and development of the region. I have the foundation to continue the work and address the discrepancies the entire SCAG team has identified; We know the RHNA process is flawed; CEQA is as much an asset as a hindrance; the inequity of broadband is a problem for us all and in all aspects of our lives; Sacramento has declared a housing crisis and at the same time, presents obstacles to the building process; homelessness; health, transportation, and education inequities; etc. We have elevated our SCAG voices in Sacramento and Washington D.C. I have been part of that effort and am motivated and energized to continue the job.

I am a Southern Californian native – from Pacoima to Palm Desert with many stops along the way. I appreciate our region and bring the perspective of living here and watching the changes through my own eyes and through my children's eyes. From urban areas to rural areas, from our coasts, mountains and the Salton Sea, we all have needs that are best met by leveraging on the philosophy that the best results come from collaboration and a foundation of understanding. Creating an environment where everyone is listened to, we can identify those experiences and situations that we can build on. President Richardson's Listening Tour was a great step in that direction. I will continue to work on an inclusive environment.

(A) In addition Yes
to attending
regular and
special
meetings of
SCAG's
Regional
Council, will

you be able to attend other meetings and functions of SCAG, if requested? *

(B) What professional or personal constraints on your time or service that you anticipate? *
I am a member of the Palm Desert City Council and occasionally there will be scheduling conflicts.

4. What are your values and skills that you could bring to SCAG as an Officer? *

I touched upon this in #2, above. Additionally, I have raised five children and have been challenged with many life lessons that the experience provides. Listening, maintaining an open mind, patience and an openness to change, are skills that I have developed through parenting. They are also skills important to public service and progress.

The value of relevant and accessible education cannot be overstated. America chose to have, and invest in, public education. We must check our systems to make sure we are providing ALL our students, our very future, with high quality meaningful education. I have been involved with this process for years in the Coachella Valley and am well-acquainted with the lack of education accessibility and many of its shortfalls. Through highlighting the needs, broadband, transportation and housing, we can make a significant change to benefit everyone. Honest, relevant and accessible education – and its results, provides the opportunity to develop solutions.

5. What is your vision for the future of SCAG and what do you believe needs to be done to accomplish this vision? *

SCAG has the opportunity to become a strong voice in Sacramento and Washington DC., and we are moving in that direction. When the region comes together and our voices are heard, we can move our

representatives. SCAG represents 19 million people and must continue our visits, by Zoom or in person, to our legislators, and let them know our thoughts and solutions.

We need to work on our "winning as a region" attitude, i.e., in order to win, no one has to lose. Working to understand, and capitalize on our differences, will help create a region with great and exciting offerings. We can do this. The SCAG region possesses so much diversity of resources, people, geography, and economy, there is something for everyone and that can be our focus. Coming out of the RHNA process, we have experienced some disintegration of purpose, vision and unity. A strategic planning session can provide a setting to work through the matters and differences and develop solutions that work towards a shared vision.

6. What would you consider the strengths of SCAG? * The strength of SCAG is, at times, also it's weakness – great diversity! The diversity of all resources provides opportunities when we work together. When representatives from across the region have open and respectful conversations, understanding, then answers, are advanced. Also, SCAG's staff with whom I have worked, are well-versed in their area and take evident pride in their work. They are always willing to help.

7. What could SCAG improve on? * We must continue our work on "the squeaky wheel". SCAG's power is not felt strongly enough by our representatives in Sacramento and Washington DC. The lobbying work that has been initiated in the last year has made a difference. We need to keep it up! Also, as I mentioned above, each county, transportation agency, etc., within the SCAG region would benefit by knowing more about each other and would result in working together better.

Print Your Name Jan C Harnik

Date Wednesday, March 3, 2021

I acknowledge that * by checking this box, my printed name above is my signature for submitting this application.

CARMEN RAMIREZ

I acknowledge that * I have read the SCAG Bylaws, Article V, Section C, subsection 1–5 as described above; and meet the minimum eligibility requirements.

Name * Carmen Ramirez

Name of your SCAG Member County, City or County
Transportation Commission *
Ventura County

Phone Number [REDACTED]

Email * carmen.ramirez@ventura.org

Application for Officer Position *
2nd Vice President

Terms of Service completed on SCAG Regional Council, a minimum of one full-term (i.e. a term equates to two years on the Regional Council at time of application) *
3

Total length of SCAG service 7 years
(indicate number of years of service) *

When does the term of your local elected position expire? December, 2024 *

Would term limits prevent you from maintaining your local elected position? NO *

Positions held at SCAG * Chair and Vice Chair Energy and Environment Committee
Audit Committee, Member
By-Laws Committee, Member
Legislative, Communications & Memberships Committee
Executive/Administration Committee
RHNA Committee and Appeals Board, 6th Cycle 2018-to 2021

1. Why do you wish to serve as a SCAG Officer? *

I have been a representative to SCAG regional council for the past 8 years. I know that SCAG, a planning organization of 191 cities and six counties has an unlimited potential to do good for the people and businesses of the region. Good and fair process and planning can make life better for those of us lucky enough to be living here.

I feel fortunate to have grown up in the San Gabriel Valley. I received a great education in public and private schools and universities in Southern California.

I am grateful for the opportunities that I have had to serve the community in my public service as a legal aid attorney for more than two decades and as a member of the Superior Court of Ventura's Self Help programs for unrepresented residents.

My experience led me to run for public office, so that I could offer my services to the city to help make the decisions to improve Oxnard. I volunteered for every committee that impacted my city, whether County, regional or local, wanting my city and my constituents to have a strong voice at every level. Decades as an attorney and civically engaged resident, later as an elected Council member for the City of Oxnard and now as a new County Supervisor for Ventura County, have given me experience that can help me be a good leader for SCAG.

I want to do what I can and make the decisions that will support the kind of opportunities for a quality of life that I have had. As an organization of elected officials, we have to strive for better solutions, for collaboration, but always move our regions and our respective communities forward. I want to be part of that.

2. As an Officer, what would you contribute to SCAG? *

I have a long history of respectful communication, diligence (I have never missed a council meeting in 10 years) and building relationships with other elected officials, business entities, community groups and individual members of the community. I respect other peoples' opinions, even if different from mine and I know that I don't have all the answers. I believe that mutual respect, as we further collegiality and civic discourse, is a key to progress. It requires us to listen to other opinions and to find common ground. Many challenges of the future are not really surprises. To be good leaders, we have to face those challenges today and not put off the work for another day. As a council person for ten years in the City of Oxnard, I and my colleagues had to make very difficult decisions. I worked to achieve consensus with my fellow councilmembers in order to take bold steps to modernize our city as well as to protect public safety and health. These are experiences that I bring to SCAG. While attending to current and emergency needs, like the pandemic and the consequent economic crisis, I try to keep my eye on the next crisis, whether a natural disaster, or the slow-moving train wreck of the housing

crisis made worse by the pandemic. We can all learn from the experience of other jurisdictions in order to do better, I look for those lessons.

(A) In addition yes!

**to attending
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special
meetings of
SCAG's
Regional
Council, will
you be able to
attend other
meetings and
functions of
SCAG, if
requested? ***

(B) What only my service on the Ventura County Board of Supervisors.
**professional
or personal
constraints on
your time or
service that
you
anticipate? ***

4. What are your values and skills that you could bring to SCAG as an Officer? *

I have been a lawyer, representing individuals with difficult, in even life-threatening situations. It has allowed me to know that not everything important is done easily or quickly. I have been a board member of many non-profits, several of which have gone through tough times, I have never abandoned ship but but stayed to see the organization through the crisis. I have been collegial in any organization that I have been a part of either as a member, employee, leader or colleague. I value evidence, and process and the democratic majority and the rule of law. I know that there are in most cases at least

two sides to every issue, and it is essential to listen and learn.

During my eight electoral campaigns in the past 12 years, I honored my pledge to wage a “clean” campaign, based on my record and resume, and the facts rather than any personal attacks on my opponents. While others did not, I am proud that I was able to do that and still win six times, including my last campaign for County Supervisor.

Additionally, I respect and enjoy the history of the counties and cities of the SCAG region, their unique cultures and historical features which make for a richer community. I don’t believe in a zero-sum game but if other cities thrive in their unique ways, that is best for all of us. And, I wouldn’t live anywhere else.

5. What is your vision for the future of SCAG and what do you believe needs to be done to accomplish this vision? *

I believe that we have to be responsible leaders for the future health and welfare of the people of our region. While we are a planning region tasked with considering transportation matters and housing, implicit is the obvious concern about what is happening to the young people of our region. Will they have education, housing, jobs and health? Without a path to a better life, they will suffer, our region will lose their contributions and productivity that our economy depends on. Everyone will suffer the consequences.

<https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2021-03-02/la-fi-future-of-work-newsom-inequality>

“Too many Californians have not fully participated in or enjoyed the benefits of the state’s broader economic success and the extraordinary wealth generated here, especially workers of color who are disproportionately represented in low-wage industries,” the report says. California has the highest poverty rate in the country when accounting for the cost of living, 17.2%, according to the report.”

The SCAG region has a high poverty rate for children and our organization needs to keep that in mind. These are essential elements for the quality of life, decent housing, education, work that is properly compensated, and enough time to enjoy the fruits of living in our region. My vision is that we inform our organization, our members and their jurisdictions and the public about what it will take to get to a better future for the people of our region. What are the investments we must make to bring this about? What are the resources that we must have to have equity in housing, education, and opportunities? Why

are some communities neglected? We should be working on answers to these questions in order to develop policies that will alleviate poor conditions and inequities. We cannot be blind to how decisions of the past have led to current problems and inequities. We must encourage each other to work to undo the harms that have happened but first we must understand how they happened. This has been the work of the Special Committee on Equity and Social Justice which is a critical part of the work SCAG has to continue in order to put our region on the path to a better future for all.

6. What would you consider the strengths of SCAG? *

SCAG staff members are brilliant and provide the support and information jurisdictions need in a professional and neutral way. I am very pleased that our meetings are collegial even though there are strong disagreements as we witnessed during the RHNA process. It is vital to keep that communication and dialogue going. We vote as we like and then we move on. Members don't pick up their marbles and go home.

We have just gone through a very difficult time with the latest RHNA cycle. For example, many jurisdictions are not happy with their allocations but our staff did an exemplary job dealing with the situation they were given. And our disagreements have not been personally antagonistic such as seen at the highest levels of government; I am very grateful for that.

7. What could SCAG improve on? *

I do think that SCAG does a remarkable job of communication. But as in life, not everyone who could use the information is listening. I would stress working on this more and pulling in more elected officials who are not regional council members. It is also a big task to have the public understand what SCAG does and how it can be of benefit and use to their cities and their families. That is up to the members of the regional council and committees as well.

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Print Your Name

Carmen Ramirez

Date Thursday, March 4, 2021

I acknowledge that * by checking this box, my printed name above is my signature for submitting this application.

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MARIA CARMEN RAMIREZ

Home Address:

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Business Address:

Law Office of M. Carmen Ramirez

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Education:

Loyola University School of Law
Los Angeles, California
Juris Doctor Degree May 1974

California State University, Los Angeles
1969 to 1971 (no degree, senior status)

University of San Francisco, San Francisco, California
1966 to 1969 (no degree)

**Admitted to the
California State Bar:**

December 1974, licensed California attorney to the
present time

Admitted to:

United States District Court, Central District
United States Court of Appeal, Ninth Circuit
United States Supreme Court

Languages:

Fluent in written and spoken Spanish

November 2020

Elected to Four Year Term as Ventura County

Supervisor for District 5

November, 2018

Re-Elected to Oxnard City Council for third 4-year term, served as Mayor Pro –Tem

Government Committees:

City Committees: Transportation Policy Committee, Animal Services Commission, Oxnard Performing Arts and Convention Center Board, and Las Cortes Housing Corporation.

County Committees Ventura County Air Pollution Control District, Ventura County Local Area Formation Commission, BEACON, (Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment,)

Ventura County Local Area Agency Formation Commission,

Economic Development Collaborative of Ventura And Santa Barbara Counties

Regional Council Member, Southern California Association of Governments and past Chair of the Energy and Environment Committee.

April, 2013

Appointed by Governor Brown to California State Commission on Mandates Re-appointed and Served until December 2020

September 2005 to September 2008:

Elected member to the Board of Governors of the State Bar of California, representing attorneys in Five Counties, including Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- July 2009 to present: Private Legal Practice, Oxnard, California
Specializing in Consumer Protection, Social Security Benefits and Immigration

- January 2008 to June 2009: Community Planning Director, Central Coast Alliance United for A Sustainable Economy (CAUSE) manage Sustainable Development Programs of CAUSE, with an emphasis on environmental justice issues, including toxic waste sites, green economy development, public transit and immigration matters.

- November 1998 to Nov 2007: Senior Attorney, Coordinator, Self-Help Legal Access Center Ventura Superior Court, Oxnard outreach site. Assist public and litigants without attorneys in understanding the legal process and procedures as well as the US judicial system. Target population is the Spanish-speaking Community of Ventura County. Staffed the Superior Court’s Mobile Self-Help Legal Access Center, which visited six communities within Ventura County bringing court self-help services to the under-served.

- August 1982 to October, 1998: Executive Director, Channel Counties Legal Association (CCLSA.) Chief executive officer and legal counsel for non-profit grantee of both federal Legal Services Corporation and State Bar of California’s Trust Fund Program. Duties included oversight of legal work of staff attorneys and numerous volunteer lawyers and law students, as well as support and financial staff. Responsible to the Board of Directors on

matters of management, budget and policy for CCLSA, including negotiation and compliance of Collective Bargaining Agreement. CCLSA's mission is the provision of civil legal services to low-income residents, including seniors, the disabled and farm workers for all of Ventura County as well as Southern Santa Barbara County.

October 1981 to August 1982 Managing Attorney, CCLSA
Oxnard Main Office

August 1978 to October 1981 Managing Attorney, CCLSA
Santa Barbara Branch Office

February 1978 to August 1978 Senior Attorney, Colonia Office,
CCLSA, Oxnard, CA

January 1975 to January 1978 Staff Attorney, Legal Aid
Foundation of Long Beach
Long Beach, California

Other Professional Experience:

Adjunct Professor, Ventura College of Law
Consumer Law
Summer Session, 2011
Landlord Tenant Law
Summer Session, 1997
Collaborative Advocacy
Summer session, 2001

Consultant:

State Justice Institute
Denver Colorado, 2000

Texas Equal Access to Justice Fund, 2003

Berkeley Policy Associates, 2003

Legal Services Corporation, Washington D.C.
2000 to 2002

Trainer: *“Assisting Self-Represented Litigants”*
Regional Trainings, Visalia, San Francisco
Anaheim and Chico, California, 2001
Judicial Council of California

Panelist: *“Collaborative Law”*
State Bar Annual Meeting, October, 2002
Monterey, California

*“How to Prevent and Recover From
Identity Theft”* State Bar Annual Meetings, Fall
2002 and 2004, Monterey, California

*“Language and Cultural Issues in the Practice of
Law”* State Bar of California Spring 2000

*“Language and Cultural Issues in the Practice of
Law”* American Bar Association Equal Justice
Conference, San Diego, Spring 2001

*“Effective Representation of Limited and Non-
English Speaking Clients”*
State Bar of California, Annual Meeting, Fall
2001, Anaheim, California

Professional Organizations: Ventura County Bar Association (VCBA)
President, 1998
Member, Board of Directors, 1992 through
1999. Member, 1990 to present

Member, Volunteer Lawyers Services
Committee, VCBA, 1994 to present

Member, Lawyers’ Referral and Information
Service Committee, VCBA,

1999 to present

Member, Conference of Delegates/Resolutions
Committee, VCBA 1992 to 2004.

Mentor, American Inns of Court
Ventura County Chapter, 1999 to 2007

Member, Board of Directors,
Ventura County Trial Lawyers
Association, 2001 to 2005

Mexican American Bar Association
Of Ventura County
Member, 1982 to present
President, 1984, Secretary, 2002 to 2003

Women Lawyers of Ventura County
Member, 1982 to present; President, 1984

Chair, Standing Committee on the Delivery of
Legal Services, State Bar of California 2001

Chair, Executive Committee of the
Legal Services Section
State Bar of California, 1999-2000

Member, Executive Committee
Legal Services Section, State Bar
1994 to 2001

Legal Services Section
Pro Bono Subcommittee, 1991 to 1995;
Chair 1994-1995

Member, California-Nevada
Legal Services Project Directors' Association

1982 to 1998; Vice-President, 1994

Community Organizations and Service:

Member, Board of Trustees, Colleges of Law,
Santa Barbara and Ventura
January 2012 to May, 2020

Board Member,
Ventura County Community Foundation
Camarillo, California 2003 to 2018

Community Member, Ethics Committee
St. John's Regional Medical Center,
Oxnard, California 1999 to 2012

Teatro de Las Américas
Oxnard, California
President, Board of Directors, 2005 to 2010

Center for Civic Education,
Woodland Hills, California
Board Member, 2007 to present

Member, Board of Directors
St. John's Regional Medical Center
2003 to 2011

Public Interest Clearinghouse
San Francisco, California
Board Member 1998 to 2011

Environmental Defense Center
Santa Barbara, California
Board Member, 2008 to 2010

Ventura County Civic Alliance
General member from 2004 to present

Oxnard Police Chief's Community Council
Oxnard Police Department
Member, 2000 to 2010

Central Coast Alliance United for
A Sustainable Economy (CAUSE)
Ventura County
President, 2001 to 2003, Vice-President
2003 to 2007

Council Against Domestic Abuse
Interface Children and Family Services
Camarillo, California,
Member, 1997 to 2004

Volunteer Judge, Teen Court
Ventura County Superior Court,
1998 to 2006

Community Advisory Board
California State University Channel Islands
Camarillo, California
Member, 1998 to 2006

Community Advisory Board
Cal State University of Northridge at Ventura
Member, 1990 to 2001

Editorial Board, Community Member
Ventura County Star
November 1998 to July 1999

El Concilio del Condado de Ventura
President, 1989-1990
Member, Board of Directors 1986 to 1992

Women's Legacy Fund, VCCF (member of
Founders group) 1997

Ventura County Community Foundation, 1996

Studio Channel Islands Art Center
Camarillo, California
President, 2004
Board Member 2002 to 2005

Tri Counties Regional Center
(Serving Persons with Developmental
Disabilities in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara
And Ventura Counties)
Board Member 1999 to 2005

United Way of Ventura County
Member Board of Directors
1986 to 1990

Awards and Honors:

Alice McGrath "Warrior for Justice" Award,
Mexican American
Bar Association of Ventura County,
October 2012

Paul Harris Award, Rotary International,
Oxnard Chapter, July, 2012

Women's Leadership Award, community member, Multicultural Programs
California State University Channel Islands
March 2012

Celebrate Literacy Award for Exemplary Service in the Promotion of Literacy
Ventura County Council of the International Reading Association, May 22, 2010

Legacy Award, Women Lawyers of Ventura County October 2008

"Woman of the Year in the 23rd Senatorial District"
May, 2009, Presented by California State Senator Fran Pavley

Maximus Award, 2004
Presented by Associated Students
California State University, Channel Islands

"Woman of the Year in the 35th Assembly District"
California Assembly, 2003 Presented by Assemblywoman Hannah-Beth Jackson

Community Service Award, 2003
El Concilio del Condado de Ventura

Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary International
Ventura Chapter, August 1998

Ben E. Nordman Public Service Award
Ventura County Bar Association, 1997

Human Rights Award
Baha'i of Ventura County, 1989

Ventura County Women's Commission
Outstanding Women Award, 1997

Alumni Hall of Fame
El Rancho High School, Pico Rivera, CA

California State Scholarship, 1966

Travel Experience: Extensive Travel in Mexico, Central America and Latin America, as well as travel in Western and Eastern Europe, India, China, Vietnam and Southern Africa

Fluent in Spanish, written and spoken

References: Available upon Request

CARMEN RAMIREZ, VENTURA COUNTY SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 5

Ventura County Supervisor Carmen Ramírez is dedicated to improving Oxnard and the region now and for future generations. She has worked in Oxnard since 1978 and has been an Oxnard homeowner since 1992. In November 2020, she was elected to serve a four year term as Ventura County Supervisor for District 5, which includes greater Oxnard, including much of the city, and unincorporated areas of the coast, including Hollywood Beach, SilverStrand well as El Rio, Nyeland and Strickland. Previously, she was elected to the Oxnard City Council in 2010 and was elected for three terms. Ms. Ramírez was named Mayor Pro Tem December 2012. During the ten years of her service, she never missed a council meeting.

Graduating from Loyola School of Law in Los Angeles in 1974, she was admitted to the California State Bar that same year. For 16 years she was the Executive Director of Channel Counties Legal Services Association, which served the legal needs of the poor in Ventura and Santa Barbara County. For 9 years thereafter, she was the coordinator of the Ventura Superior Court's Self Help Legal Center in the Colonia neighborhood of Oxnard, serving the Spanish Speaking community. From 2009 she maintained a private legal practice focusing Social Security Disability and consumer law matters, as well as Pro Bono assistance.

In her service for the County of Ventura she serves on numerous committees, including the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District, is Chair in 2021 for the Ventura County Animal Services Commission, and Ventura County's Local Agency Formation Commission, a member of the Beach Erosion and Nourishment Commission (BEACON), Ventura County Transportation Commission, the Gold Coast Health Plan, and the Fox Canyon Ground Water Management Agency.

In 1998, she was president of the Ventura County Bar Association and remains active in bar activities. From 2005 to 2008, she was an elected member of the State Bar Board of Governors, overseeing the practice of the legal profession in California.

Additionally she has been active in many community organizations in Ventura County, including Ventura County Community Foundation, El Concilio Del Condado de Ventura, Teatro de Las Americas and is long standing Board Member for the Center for Civic Education, a national non-profit organization promoting the study and practice of Democracy in the United States and throughout the world.

She was raised in the San Gabriel Valley of LA County, one of seven siblings. She is married, with two stepsons. She is a fluent Spanish-speaker. Because of its opportunities and challenges, she believes that Oxnard is the best place to live in Ventura County.



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May 6, 2021

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY – ANNUAL BUSINESS SESSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2020

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE ON THE SCAG WEBSITE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>

The General Assembly of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its Business Session telephonically and electronically, given public health directives limiting public gatherings due to the threat of COVID-19 and in compliance with the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20. A quorum was present.

Delegate and/or Alternate Representatives from the following Cities, Counties and County Transportation Commissions were in attendance:

Imperial County: El Centro, Imperial and the County of Imperial

Los Angeles County: Alhambra, Bell, Bellflower, Beverly Hills, Burbank, Calabasas, Claremont, Covina, Culver City, Diamond Bar, Downey, Duarte, El Monte, Gardena, Glendale, Glendora, Irwindale, La Mirada, Lomita, Long Beach, Monrovia, Norwalk, Palmdale, Pomona, Rolling Hills Estates, Rosemead, San Fernando, Santa Clarita, Santa Fe Springs, Signal Hill, South Gate, South Pasadena, Temple City, Torrance, West Covina, West Hollywood and Westlake Village

Orange County: Aliso Viejo, Anaheim, Brea, Buena Park, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, La Habra, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Lake Forest, Los Alamitos, Mission Viejo, Placentia, San Clemente, Santa Ana, Seal Beach, Tustin, Villa Park, Westminster, Yorba Linda and the County of Orange

Riverside County: Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Coachella, Corona, Desert Hot Springs, Eastvale, Hemet, Indio, Jurupa Valley, La Quinta, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Riverside, San Jacinto, Temecula, Wildomar and the County of Riverside



San Bernardino County: Big Bear Lake, Chino Hills, Colton, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Highland, Montclair, Needles, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, Rialto, San Bernardino, Twentynine Palms and the County of San Bernardino

Ventura County: Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme and the County of Ventura

County Transportation Commissions: Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) and Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC)

Staff Present

- Kome Ajise, Executive Director
- Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
- Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer
- Justine Block, Acting Chief Counsel/Director Legal Services
- Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
- Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer
- Sarah Jepson, Planning Director
- Art Yoon, Policy and Public Affairs Director
- Julie Shoyer, Chief Information Officer
- Tess Rey-Chaput, Office of Regional Council Support
- Peter Waggoner, Office of Regional Council Support

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SCAG President Bill Jahn, representing Big Bear Lake, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. President Jahn welcomed attendees to SCAG’s 55th General Assembly meeting. He stated that this is the first General Assembly meeting to be held online. He provided further background on SCAG, its composition and its mission.

President Jahn asked Councilmember L. Dennis Michael, Rancho Cucamonga, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Jahn introduced Speaker of the California Assembly Anthony Rendon to provide opening remarks. Speaker Rendon thanked President Jahn and acknowledged the role of SCAG. He continued by reflecting on ongoing activity in 2020 and discussing the COVID-19 pandemic. He reviewed past and present economic conditions in the state. He elaborated on past work of the legislature, including the creation of a rainy day fund, which will now be tested. He talked about upcoming work of the legislature, related to the State budget and COVID-related costs. He noted the impact of COVID-19 on workers and residents, and he explained relevant funding priorities. He encouraged that political will

be used to address social problems, like homelessness. He expressed the importance of implementing programs on a local level. He touched upon politics at a national level and spoke about citizens' relationship with government. In closing, he remarked on the importance of working together.

President Jahn thanked Speaker Rendon for his remarks. President Jahn provided instructions to participate in the meeting and asked the Clerk to call roll. A quorum was confirmed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Jahn provided instructions for public comment. SCAG staff confirmed that there were no public comment speakers.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEM/S

There was no reprioritization of agenda items.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2020-21 General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule

President Jahn requested that SCAG staff provide background information on Agenda Items Nos. 1 and 2 and that the motion be for Agenda Items Nos. 1-4 combined in the essence of time. No representatives objected.

President Jahn introduced Executive Director Kome Ajise to provide background information on Agenda Item No. 1. Mr. Ajise reviewed past action on the 2020-21 General Fund Budget, including the Regional Council's recommendation. He explained the General Fund and provided examples of activities that the General Fund covers. He outlined changes in this year's General Fund Budget compared to last year's budget, such as RHNA costs and membership assessments. He explained that, in light of current economic difficulties, staff is recommending approving assessments with 20 percent waiver of dues per member, which will be offset by savings from the consolidation of the General Assembly. In closing, he stated that the membership schedule is attached in the agenda packet.

2. Ratification of the 2020-21 SCAG Board Officers

President Jahn introduced Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, for background information on Agenda Item No. 2. Mr. Duran reviewed the process of the Nominating Committee and he provided details of the Nominating Committee meeting on April 15, 2020. He stated that the individuals recommended to the Regional Council were Hon. Rex Richardson, Long Beach, District 30, for the position of President; Hon. Clint Lorimore, Eastvale, District 4, for the position of Vice President; and Hon. Jan Harnik, RCTC, for

the position of Second Vice President. On May 7, 2020, the Regional Council voted to recommend these individuals to the General Assembly.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the General Assembly – May 2, 2019

Receive and File

4. COVID-19: Leading and Learning in Uncertain Times

President Jahn asked for a motion for Agenda Item Nos. 1-4 together.

A MOTION was made (Goodland, Jurupa Valley) to approve Agenda Item Nos. 1-4.

Councilmember Steve Tye, Diamond Bar, commented on Agenda Item No. 1, Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2020-21 General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule. He offered that reductions should be applied on an “as requested” basis, as he expressed concern about the General Fund. He proposed a friendly amendment to the motion that reductions be applied by request only.

The friendly amendment by Councilmember Tye was accepted.

Executive Director Kome Ajise expressed appreciation for the amendment and remarked that the assessment schedule shows the 100 percent payment and the 20 percent waiver, so cities are welcome to address that as they see fit.

Councilmember Jess Talamantes, Burbank, asked if there was a timeline that cities have to respond, and he asked for more details on the process for assessments. Kome Ajise said that letters are generally sent out as soon as possible, and President Jahn postulated that it would be at the time that cities receive the invoice. Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer, offered that invoices will go out upon approval and would include language reflecting the motion. He stated that the Bylaws inform timeline for dues and impact to representation.

Councilmember Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City, requested the discount for Temple City.

Councilmember Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, asked for clarification that the invoices will show both the 20 percent reduction and the full amount, and she suggested that the invoice should clearly articulate the difference. Kome Ajise stated that this would be clear in the invoice.

Councilmember Toni Momberger, Redlands, proposed a friendly amendment to the motion that the 20 percent reduction be charged, rather than making cities request it.

The friendly amendment by Councilmember Momberger was not accepted.

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, stated that SCAG will make sure the invoice is clear based on the motion and that only one invoice will be sent out.

Ruben Duran confirmed that this complies with the motion that he heard. Mr. Duran offered instructions for the roll call vote.

Councilmember Marsha McLean, Santa Clarita, asked if cities would be allowed to pay either amount, or if they would have to request that they receive the discount. Kome Ajise stated that, when cities receive the invoice, it will be clear that they have the choice to pay either amount. Both numbers will be included.

The motion as amended for Agenda Item Nos. 1-4 was approved by the following votes.

FOR: Maza, Alhambra; Chun, Aliso Viejo; O'Neil, Anaheim; Wallace, Banning; Santos, Beaumont; Saleh, Bell; Hamada, Bellflower; Mirisch, Beverly Hills; Jahn, Big Bear Lake; Simonoff, Brea; Brown, Buena Park; Springer, Burbank; Smith, Calimesa; Smith, Canyon Lake; Marquez, Chino Hills; Leano, Claremont; Jacinto, Coachella; Navarro, Colton; Scott, Corona; Plancarte, County of Imperial; Wagner, County of Orange; Parks, County of Ventura; Spiegel, County of Riverside; Marquez, Covina; Erikssen, Culver City; Betts, Desert Hot Springs; Tye, Diamond Bar; Ashton, Downey; Finlay, Duarte; Lorimore, Eastvale; Viegas-Walker, El Centro; Morales, El Monte; Holmgren, Fillmore; Warren, Fontana; Nagel, Fountain Valley; Silva, Fullerton; Nguyen, Garden Grove; Henderson, Gardena; Wilson, Grand Terrace; McCallon, Highland; Semeta, Huntington Beach; Ortiz, Indio; Ortiz, Irwindale; Goodland, Jurupa Valley; Espinoza, La Habra; De Ruse, La Mirada; Evans, La Quinta; Minagar, Laguna Niguel; Moore, Laguna Woods; Manos, Lake Elsinore; Voigts, Lake Forest; Gazeley, Lomita; Richardson, Long Beach; Pearce, Long Beach; Grose, Los Alamitos; Deines, Menifee; Kelley, Mission Viejo; Shevlin, Monrovia; Ruh, Montclair; Pollock, Moorpark; Baca, Moreno Valley; Paget, Needles; Perez, Norwalk; Dorst-Porada, Ontario; Ramirez, Oxnard; Kelly, Palm Desert; Woods, Palm Springs; Hofbauer, Palmdale; Smith, Placentia; Sandoval, Pomona; Berg, Port Hueneme; Michael, Rancho Cucamonga; Harnik, RCTC; Momberger, Redlands; Robertson, Rialto; Bailey, Riverside; Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates; Clark, Rosemead; Valdivia, San Bernardino; Ward, San Clemente; Pacheco, San Fernando; Ruiz, San Jacinto; Bacerra, Santa Ana; McLean, Santa Clarita; Trujillo, Santa Fe Springs; Wapner, SBCTA; Surstarsic, Seal Beach; Copeland, Signal Hill; Mahmud, South Pasadena; Schwank,

Temecula; Sternquist, Temple City; Furey, Torrance; Puckett, Tustin; O’Gilvie, Twentynine Palms; Judge, VCTC; Collacott, Villa Park; Shewmaker, West Covina; Meister, West Hollywood; Davis, Westlake Village; Ta, Westminster; Benoit, Wildomar; and Rodriguez, Yoba Linda (102)

AGAINST: None (0)

ABSTAIN: Woods, Palm Springs (Item 3 only); Ward, San Clemente (Item 3 only); Surstarsic, Seal Beach (Item 3 only); Callacott, Villa Park (Item 3 only); and Ta, Westminster (Item 3 only) (5)

RECOGNITION OF 2019-2020 POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS

President Jahn recognized Community, Economic and Human Development Chair Peggy Huang, TCA, and Vice Chair Stacy Berry, Cypress; Energy and Environment Chair Linda Parks, Ventura County, and Vice Chair David Pollock, Moorpark; and Transportation Committee Chair Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, and Vice Chair Jess Talamantes, Burbank.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

President Jahn recognized outgoing Regional Councilmembers Stacy Berry, Cypress; Margaret Clark, Rosemead; Jose Huizar, Los Angeles; Cecilia Iglesias, Santa Ana; Dan Medina, Gardena; Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates; Jeannine Pearce, Long Beach; Teresa Real Sebastian, Monterey Park; Emma Sharif, Compton; Jess Talamantes, Burbank; Herb Wesson, Los Angeles; and Tri Ta, Westminster.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Jahn announced that the President’s Report was included in the agenda packet. He provided closing comments, while reflecting on accomplishments, including Connect SoCal, and challenges, notably COVID-19, during the past year of service. He commented on SCAG’s resiliency and its ability to adapt to crisis. He expressed thanks to members, SCAG leadership and SCAG staff. He concluded his speech by speaking about the nature of long-term planning and the need for innovation. He wished incoming President Richardson and SCAG Officers well. Finally, he talked about the human spirit in terms of recent social movements and opportunities to listen, consider issues and change the status quo.

Executive Director Kome Ajise thanked President Jahn for his leadership during a crucial time and for his speech. Mr. Ajise introduced a video which highlighted President Jahn’s accomplishments and included remarks about President Jahn from SCAG staff and Regional Councilmembers. Mr. Ajise presented President Jahn with a proclamation from Speaker of the California Assembly Anthony

Rendon. Mr. Ajise concluded his comments by noting President Jahn’s emphasis on housing and leadership during the pandemic. Mr. Ajise stated that it had been a privilege and a pleasure to work with President Jahn.

Mr. Ajise introduced Incoming President Rex Richardson, Long Beach, RC District 29. Incoming President Richardson provided remarks, beginning by expressing thanks to Outgoing President Jahn, acknowledging the honor of serving as SCAG President and acknowledging his peers. Incoming President Richardson continued by describing his work in Long Beach and his family’s history spanning various jurisdictions across the region. He noted the connected fabric of the region and this critical time given the pandemic, the housing crisis, homelessness, unemployment and social injustice. He considered approaches to addressing such issues and providing a vision for the future. He noted the importance of resiliency in local government, given fiscal issues for local cities, and the importance of inclusive economic development in COVID-19 recovery. He expressed that SCAG, as the metropolitan planning organization for the six county region, is in the position to lead such efforts. He commented on SCAG’s relevant work on Connect SoCal, the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), health, safety and data. He discussed charting a course for a more inclusive region. He outlined his workplan for the upcoming year, Framework for Recovering and Reimagining a Resilient Region, and he described the three phases of his plan: listen, convene and catalyze. In closing, he expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve as SCAG’s President, and he stated that he looks forward to the year ahead.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Incoming President Rex Richardson adjourned the General Assembly at 11:46 a.m., while encouraging representatives to continue following SCAG’s work, funding opportunities, resources and programs.

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