

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

SBCCOG Legislative Committee Meeting Thursday, October 7, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m. Conducted via Zoom

Due to the current statewide emergency and the imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees posed by COVID-19, this meeting will be held virtually in accordance with AB 361.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

To address the SBCCOG Legislative Committee on any item or a matter within the Legislative Committee's purview, please provide written comments by 2 p.m. on the meeting date via email to davidl@southbaycities.org. Members of the public may also participate by phone. All written comments submitted will become part of the official record. Unless otherwise noted in the Agenda, the Public can only provide written comment on SBCCOG related business that is within the jurisdiction of the SBCCOG and/or items listed on the Agenda which will be addressed during the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

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REVISED AGENDA

- 5:00 p.m. Welcome / Self-Introductions**
- 5:05 p.m. Public Comment**
- 5:10 p.m. Consent Calendar**
 - a. September 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A) – Approve**
 - b. Virtual Meetings: AB 361 Declaration of Imminent Risks Posed by COVID-19 to meeting attendees (Attachment B) – Approve**
- 5:15 p.m. 2022 Policy Platform Development (Attachment C) – Discussion**
- 5:50 p.m. Current SBCCOG Legislative Matrix (Attachment D) – Receive and File**
- 5:55 p.m. 2022 Legislative Session: Proposals for legislation and advocacy strategies (Attachment E) – Discussion**
- 6:05 p.m. Draft October Legislative Briefing Agenda and Questions for Legislators (Attachments F & G) – Discussion**
- 6:15 p.m. Announcements / Adjournment**

Next Legislative Committee meeting – Thursday, November 4, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

To propose an item for the agenda, e-mail: DavidL@southbaycities.org by October 27, 2021.

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South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Legislative Committee
September 2, 2021
Meeting Minutes
(Held virtually via Zoom)

COMMITTEE CHAIR ARMATO CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 4:00 P.M.

I. Welcome / Self-Introductions

In attendance were the following voting SBCCOG Board Members:

Stacey Armato, Chair (Hermosa Beach)	Christian Horvath (Redondo Beach)
Rodney Tanaka (Gardena)	Bea Dieringer (Rolling Hills)
Olivia Valentine (Hawthorne)	

Non-voting elected officials also in attendance:

Zein Obagi (Redondo Beach)

Also in attendance:

Jacki Bacharach (SBCCOG)	Charles Gale (MWD)
David Leger (SBCCOG)	

II. Public Comment – no public comments received.

III. Selection of Vice Chair

Committee Members selected Zein Obagi to serve as Vice Chair of the Committee.

IV. Committee Charter / Purpose and Goals Discussion (*attachment*) – **APPROVED**

Mr. Leger and Ms. Bacharach reviewed the proposed Committee purpose and goals, which are required by SBCCOG by-laws.

Committee Member Valentine suggested that senior issues be added to the list of potential issue areas. She went on to ask how the Committee finds out about legislative items. Ms. Bacharach explained that they will come from the members of the Committee, cities, partner agencies such as CalCities, and other stakeholders.

MOTION by Committee Member Valentine, seconded by Committee Member Horvath, to **APPROVE** the Committee Charter and Purpose and Goals as amended to include senior issues. No objection. So ordered.

V. Guidelines for Taking Positions (*attachment*) – **APPROVED**

Mr. Leger and Ms. Bacharach reviewed the proposed guidelines and process by which the SBCCOG would take positions on legislation. They took time to review special circumstances that would warrant the shortened process.

Committee Member Dieringer recommended adding public safety, senior issues, and perhaps a catch-all category so that if an issue doesn't fall squarely within a listed subject, the Committee would not be

prohibited from taking a position. She also suggested that the verbiage be loosened slightly to read “should” instead of “must”, as that will provide the Committee some flexibility. Lastly, she shared that she felt the Board should be contacted and make a decision on positions in every situation possible.

Ms. Bacharach explained that the legislative process is never perfectly clean and last-minute or emergency issues may arise that require non-standard processes at the SBCCOG, such as Committee approval of a position. However, in most cases, the Board will be voting on legislative positions. She also shared that due to the small staff at the SBCCOG, it becomes very tedious to monitor a significant legislative matrix, and that having a carte blanche for issue areas could pose trouble.

Committee Member Horvath recommended including an item such as “Other issues of interest to the SBCCOG” to serve as a catch-all category.

MOTION by Committee Member Dieringer, seconded by Committee Member Horvath, to **APPROVE** the guidelines as amended to include senior issues, public safety issues, and an “other issues” category. No objection. So ordered.

VI. Updates on Metro Projects, Programs, and Initiatives

A. Active Legislation (attachment) – APPROVED

MOTION by Committee Member Tanaka, seconded by Committee Member Horvath, to **APPROVE** the legislative matrix. No objection. So ordered.

B. 2-Year Bills List (attachment) – APPROVED

Committee Chair Armato shared that SB 679 (Kamlager) is back as an active bill and is trying to get passed by the Legislature. Major concerns still exist, particularly around the makeup of the Board of the new government body that would be created. Similar to other regional boards like Metro, there could be a significant lack of small city representation on the governing board, as well as the potential tax on home sales that could be approved by that body. There could be situations where a city is paying taxes into the trust fund but doesn’t get access to the funding due to their average income levels in the community.

Ms. Bacharach noted that this is an exact situation where the Chair would probably asked to sign a letter directly without Board approval because the legislative session ends prior to the next SBCCOG Board Meeting.

MOTION by Committee Member Tanaka, seconded by Committee Member Valentine, to **SUBMIT** a letter reiterating the SBCCOG’s monitor position but sharing concerns about the process by which the bill is moving forward. No objection. So ordered.

C. New Laws (attachment) – RECEIVED AND FILED

Motion by Committee Member Dieringer, seconded by Committee Member Tanaka, to **RECEIVE AND FILE**. No objection. So ordered.

VII. 2022 Legislative Session

- A.** Consider working with LA County (SD-2) on state subsidies for micromobility vehicles
- B.** Legislation in support of Local Travel Network implementation
- C.** Legislation on SBCCOG housing proposals

Committee Member Dieringer shared that she feels the organization should get behind the constitutional amendment that would cement local control over housing/zoning.

Committee Chair Armato noted that she would like to form a regional housing trust that is funded through the State Budget and is championed by one the SBCCOG's legislators.

Committee Member Dieringer also added that it may be time to renew discussions about redevelopment and state subsidies for affordable housing. She also recommended working to mitigate impacts of SB9 and SB10 such as prohibiting foreign investors or conglomerates from buying up properties and making it easier for individuals to get loans and buy properties so it is not just those with cash to burn that are purchasing.

Committee Member Horvath echoed Committee Member Dieringer's suggestion to mitigate SB9/10 impacts. Senator Allen seems open to amendments and now would be a good time to begin talking to him.

VIII. October Legislative Briefing

Committee Chair Armato shared that some Board Members have expressed concern that during the briefings, there is little dialogue between cities and the elected officials and that they are mostly talking to the cities instead of listening. Ms. Bacharach shared that this Committee could do some of the advance work and draft questions. Committee Chair Armato asked that Ms. Bacharach work with the city managers to collect issues and questions so that they can be reviewed at the next Legislative Committee meeting.

IX. Announcements / Adjournment

Committee Chair Armato adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m. to October 7, 2021 at 4:00 p. m.

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Attachment B

October 7, 2021

TO: SBCCOG Legislative Committee
FROM: Jacki Bacharach, Executive Director
RE: Virtual Meetings under AB 361 – Finding of Imminent Risks

Adherence to Strategic Plan:

Goal D: Organizational Stability. Member Networking and Communications.

Governor Newsom recently signed AB 361 which suspends certain Brown Act requirements during a declared statewide state of emergency. AB 361 also requires that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing or a governing body declares that holding a meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

COVID-19, particularly mutations such as the delta variant, continue to spread throughout the County and State. As breakthrough cases for vaccinated individuals also continue to occur, SBCCOG staff feels that holding in person meetings at this time would pose an imminent risk to the health or safety of those present.

RECOMMENDATION:

Declare that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

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October 7, 2021

TO: SBCCOG Legislative Committee

FROM: Jacki Bacharach, Executive Director
David Leger, Analyst

RE: Development of 2022 Policy Platform

Adherence to Strategic Plan:

Goal B: Regional Advocacy. Advocate for the interests of the South Bay.

At their September 23rd meeting, the SBCCOG Board of Directors approved the Legislative Committee purpose and goals but returned the item to the Committee to provide additional specificity on issue areas and topics of interest. Staff recommends this effort be incorporated into the development of a 2022 Policy Platform. The Policy Platform will provide a broad framework for supporting the SBCCOG's legislative advocacy and will serve as the foundation for recommended legislative positions.

Proposed policy platform statements for areas of interest are:

- Governance/Fiscal Impact
 - o Support measures that promote stable revenue for local governments
 - o Oppose measures that reduce local control
- Transportation & Transit
 - o Support efforts to increase the flexible use of Federal, State, and LA County transportation sales tax measures and funding programs
 - o Support measures that increase funding for local transportation improvements
 - o Support local, subregional, and regional transportation projects that increase mobility, sustainability and reduce GHG emissions such as walking, biking, micromobility, neighborhood electric vehicles, transit, and "the trip not taken".
 - o Support efficient and sustainable goods movement and home deliveries
 - o Support programs that prepare the South Bay for autonomous vehicles, including personal and freight delivery vehicles
- LAX/regionalization
 - o Support a regional approach to air traffic growth and management
 - o Oppose efforts that induce growth at LAX; Support efforts that minimize the impacts of necessary LAX expansion projects on the South Bay
- Economic Development
 - o Support measures that restore economic development revenues for cities
 - o Support measures that ensure the South Bay workforce is prepared for 21st century jobs through workforce development and other training programs
 - o Support efforts to maintain or grow L.A. Air Force Base/Space Force presence in the South Bay

- Housing
 - o Support efforts that incentivize and promote sustainable development
 - o Support efforts that promote innovative solutions to the housing shortage
 - o Support measures that incentivize the conversion of idle retail to housing
 - o Support measures that incentivize the creation of affordable housing
 - o Support opportunities to pilot the concept of Neighborhood Digital Centers with Mobility Hubs
 - o Oppose measures that reduce local control over zoning policy and advocate for restoration of control already removed by Sacramento
- Livable Communities
 - o Support efforts to enhance the appearance, transportation opportunities, air quality, and overall quality of life in South Bay communities
- Environment
 - o Support legislation and funding opportunities that promote climate adaptation and resiliency for cities/counties
 - o Support measures that promote renewable energy, energy storage, and other efforts to ensure adequate energy supply and system reliability
 - o Support the deployment of EV charging infrastructure and incentive programs, especially for EV charger installation at multiple-unit dwellings
 - o Support Federal/State incentive programs for electric vehicles, including micromobility, e-bikes, and neighborhood electric vehicles
- Homelessness
 - o Support innovative regional/city programs and projects that prevent or reduce homelessness
 - o Support efforts to improve coordination between LA County, LA City, the South Bay and agencies such as LAHSA
 - o Support State/Federal and other funding opportunities for cities/counties to address homelessness
 - o Support programs and techniques proven to increase the likelihood homeless individuals get and remain housed
- Technology/Broadband access
 - o Support efforts to ensure access to reliable high-speed broadband internet to all South Bay residents and businesses
 - o Support programs and projects that will increase digital literacy and provide technical training opportunities
 - o Support funding opportunities to create SBCCOG Neighborhood Technology Centers
- Public Safety
 - o Support legislation and efforts to fund emergency preparedness and recovery efforts at the local level
 - o Support community law enforcement methods with fair access and treatment for all
 - o Support efforts that promote the safety of all residents in the South Bay
- Seniors/Older Adults
 - o Support funding opportunities for cities to become “age friendly”
 - o Support programs that help older adults can remain active in their communities
- Other issues of interest to the SBCCOG – other issues can be added by a vote of the Board after recommendation with justification by the Legislative Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

Review, provide input and recommend board approval as the foundation of a policy platform.

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Attachment D

October 7, 2021

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Legislative Committee

RE: Bills to Monitor and for Action – Status as of September 30, 2021

Adherence to Strategic Plan:

Goal B: Regional Advocacy. Advocate for the interests of the South Bay

NOTE: **BOLD recommendation & status** indicates bill added since last Board meeting

BROADBAND

<p>AB 14 (Aguiar-Curry)</p>	<p>Communications: California Advanced Services Fund: deaf and disabled telecommunications program: surcharges. Eliminates the sunset of the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF), deletes existing law allowing VoIP providers to establish alternative methods for calculating contributions to CASF, establishes \$100M cap on the max amount of annual funding the CPUS can collect to fund the Daf and Disable Telephone Program, and requires each internet service provider to report on specified information regarding each free, low-cost, income-qualified, or affordable service plan offered.</p>	<p>SUPPORT (2/25/21) (Ltr sent 6/18/21) LCC POSITION: SUPPORT</p>	<p>9/17/21 Enrolled and presented to Governor</p>
<p>AB 41 (Wood)</p>	<p>Broadband Infrastructure. Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation that will improve California’s “Dig Once” policy and expedite the deployment of broadband infrastructure in communities that are currently unserved and underserved.</p>	<p>SUPPORT (3/8/21) (Ltr sent 6/18/21) LCC POSITION: WATCH</p>	<p>9/22/21 Enrolled and presented to Governor</p>

<p>SB 4 (Gonzalez)</p>	<p>Communications: California Advanced Services Fund. Would require the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development, known as “GO-Biz, to coordinate with other relevant state and local agencies and national organizations to explore ways to facilitate streamlining of local land use approvals and construction permit processes for projects related to broadband infrastructure deployment and connectivity.</p>	<p>SUPPORT (2/25/21) (Ltr sent 6/18/21) LCC POSITION: SUPPORT</p>	<p>9/17/21 Enrolled and presented to Governor</p>
<p>SB 556 (Dodd)</p>	<p>Street light poles, traffic signal poles, utility poles, and support structures: attachments. This bill would prohibit a local government or local publicly owned electric utility from unreasonably denying the leasing or licensing of its street light poles or traffic signal poles to communications service providers for the purpose of placing small wireless facilities on those poles. Would require that street light poles and traffic signal poles be made available for the placement of small wireless facilities under fair, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory fees, subject to specified requirements, consistent with a specified decision of the Federal Communications Commission. Would specify time periods for various actions relative to requests for placement of a small wireless facility by a communications service provider on a street light pole or traffic signal pole. By placing additional requirements upon local publicly owned electric utilities and local governments, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program, but the bill would provide that no reimbursement is required.</p>	<p>OPPOSE (4/12/21) (Ltr sent 6/18/21) LCC POSITION: OPPOSE</p>	<p>9/9/21 Enrolled and presented to the Governor</p>

ENVIRONMENT

<p>SB 83 (Allen)</p>	<p>California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank: Sea Level Rise Revolving Loan Program. Would create the Sea Level Rise Revolving Loan Program within the I-Bank to provide low-interest loans to local jurisdictions for the purchase of coastal properties in their jurisdictions identified as vulnerable coastal property. Would require the California Coastal Commission, before January 1, 2023, in consultation with the California Coastal</p>	<p>SUPPORT (2/25/21) (Ltr sent 6/18/21)</p>	<p>9/17/21 Enrolled and presented to Governor</p>
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	Commission, the State Lands Commission, and any other applicable state, federal, and local entities with relevant jurisdiction and expertise, to determine criteria and guidelines for the identification of vulnerable coastal properties eligible for participation in the program. Would authorize specified local jurisdictions to apply for, and be awarded, a low-interest loan under the program if the local jurisdiction develops and submits to the bank a vulnerable coastal property plan.	LCC POSITION: WATCH	
SB 619 (Laird)	Organic waste: reduction regulations. This bill, until January 1, 2023, would require CalRecycle and Recovery to only impose a penalty on a local jurisdiction, and would require a penalty to only accrue, for a violation of the SB 1383 regulations if the local jurisdiction did not make a reasonable effort, as determined by the department, to comply with the SB 1383 regulations.	SUPPORT (6/24/21) (Ltr sent 6/25/21) LCC POSITION: SUPPORT	9/17/21 Enrolled and presented to Governor

GOVERNANCE

AB 339 (Lee)	State and local government: open meetings. Would, until December 31, 2023, require all open and public meetings of a city council or a county board of supervisors that governs a jurisdiction containing least 250,000 people to include an opportunity for members of the public to attend via a telephonic option or an internet-based service option. The bill would require all open and public meetings to include an in-person public comment opportunity, except in specified circumstances during a declared state or local emergency. The bill would require all meetings to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on proposed legislation in person and remotely via a telephonic or an internet-based service option, as provided.	OPPOSE (4/22/21) (Ltr sent 6/18/21) LCC POSITION: OPPOSE	9/17/21 Enrolled and presented to Governor
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HOMELESS

<p>AB 816 (Chiu)</p>	<p>Homelessness: Housing Trust Fund: housing projects. This bill would require HCD to prioritize funding for projects that serve people experiencing homelessness, to the extent that a sufficient number of projects exist. The bill would authorize the department to alter priority for funding to align eligibility for possible benefits, including Medi-Cal benefits that are intended to assist people experiencing homelessness.</p>	<p>MONITOR</p> <p>LCC POSITION: WATCH</p>	<p>9/22/21 Enrolled and presented to Governor</p>
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TRANSPORTATION

<p>AB 1147 (Friedman)</p>	<p>Regional transportation plan: Active Transportation Program. Would require the Strategic Growth Council convene key state agencies, MPOs, and local governments to assist in completing a report on the overview of the California Transportation Plan. Would require that the report be completed by July 1, 2023, and additionally assess barriers to the achievement of, and recommend actions at the state, regional, and local level to achieve, state and regional greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets related to the California Transportation Plan and all sustainable communities strategies and alternative planning strategies.</p>	<p>MONITOR</p> <p>LCC POSITION: WATCH</p>	<p>9/10/21 Enrolled and presented to Governor</p>
<p>SB 44 (Allen)</p>	<p>California Environmental Quality Act: streamlined judicial review: environmental leadership transit projects. Would establish specified procedures for the administrative and judicial review of the environmental review and approvals granted for an environmental leadership transit project, as defined, proposed by a public or private entity or its affiliates. Would require the Judicial Council, on or before April 1, 2022, to adopt rules of court establishing procedures requiring actions or proceedings seeking judicial review pursuant to CEQA or the granting of project approvals, including any appeals to the court of appeal or the Supreme Court, to be resolved, to the extent feasible, within 270 days of the filing of the certified record of proceedings with the court to an action or proceeding seeking judicial review of the lead agency's action related to an environmental leadership transit</p>	<p>MONITOR</p> <p>LCC POSITION: WATCH</p>	<p>9/9/21 Enrolled and presented to Governor</p>

	project. Would require the environmental leadership transit project to meet certain labor requirements.		
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CANNABIS

AB 1138 (Rubio, Blanca)	Unlawful cannabis activity: enforcement. Would impose a civil penalty on persons aiding and abetting unlicensed commercial cannabis activity of up to \$30,000 for each violation. The bill would prohibit filing an action for civil penalties brought against a person pursuant to MAUCRSA 3 years after the first date of discovery of the violation by a licensing authority or a participating agency, whichever is earlier or earliest.	MONITOR LCC POSITION: WATCH	9/20/21 Enrolled and presented to Governor
AB 45/ (Aguiar-Curry) formerly SB 235 (Allen)	Industrial hemp products. Would require a manufacturer of dietary supplements and food that includes industrial hemp to be able to demonstrate that all parts of the plant used come from a state or country that has an established and approved industrial hemp program, as defined, that inspects or regulates hemp under a food safety program or equivalent criteria to ensure safety for human or animal consumption and that the industrial hemp cultivator or grower is in good standing and compliance with the governing laws of the state or country of origin.	OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED (Ltr sent 6/18/21) LCC POSITION: WATCH	9/17/21 Enrolled and presented to Governor <i>Final amendments were favorable to SBCCOG concerns</i>

FEDERAL

HR 2307 (Deutsch)	Energy Innovation & Carbon Dividend Act. Imposes a fee on the carbon content of fuels, including crude oil, natural gas, coal, or any other product derived from those fuels that will be used so as to emit greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. The fee is imposed on the producers or importers of the fuels and is equal to the greenhouse gas content of the fuel multiplied by the carbon fee rate. The rate begins at \$15 in 2021, increases by \$10 each year, and is subject to further adjustments based on the progress in meeting specified emissions reduction targets.	REQUEST TO CONGRESSM AN LIEU TO SUPPORT RE- INTRODUCING (12/8/20) (Ltr sent 12/22/20)	4/1/21 Introduced in House Previously supported in last session
HR 1019 (Panetta)	Electric Bicycle Incentive Kickstart for the Environment (E-BIKE) Act. Creates a consumer tax credit that covers 30% of the	SUPPORT (3/8/21)	2/11/21

	cost of an electric bicycle (up to \$1,500 credit); applies to new electric bicycles that cost less than \$8,000; is fully refundable, allowing lower-income workers to claim the credit.		Introduced and referred to Committee on Ways and Means
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NEW LAWS

Bill Number	Description	Subject Area	SBCCOG Position
AB 68 (Salas)	Department of Housing and Community Development: California Statewide Housing Plan: annual reports.	Housing	Monitor
AB 215 (Chiu)	Planning and Zoning Law: housing element: violations.	Housing	Oppose
AB 246 (Quirk)	Contractors: disciplinary actions.	Environment	Support
AB 361 (Rivas)	Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.	Governance	Support
AB 602 (Grayson)	Development fees: impact fee nexus study.	Housing	Oppose
AB 787 (Gabriel)	Planning and zoning: housing element: converted affordable housing units.	Housing	Monitor

BILLS THAT DID NOT PASS

Bill Number	Title	SBCCOG Position
AB 538 (Muratsuchi)	California Aerospace Commission: establishment.	SUPPORT
AB 78 (O'Donnell)	San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers & Mountains Conservancy: territory: Dominguez Channel watershed & Santa Catalina Island.	SUPPORT
ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry)	Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval.	MONITOR
AB 500 (Ward)	Local planning: permitting: coastal development: housing.	MONITOR

AB 989 (Gabriel)	Housing Accountability Act: appeals: Office of Housing Appeals.	OPPOSE
AB 1199 (Gipson)	Homes for Families and Corporate Monopoly Transparency Excise Tax: qualified property: reporting requirements.	MONITOR
AB 1401 (Friedman)	Residential and commercial development: remodeling, renovations, and additions: parking requirements.	OPPOSE
ACA 7 (Muratsuchi)	Local government: police power: municipal affairs: land use and zoning.	SUPPORT
SB 679 (Kamlager)	Los Angeles County: affordable housing.	MONITOR
AB 1435 (Carillo)	Noncannabis cannabinoids.	MONITOR

State Legislative Calendar

Oct. 10 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before Sept. 10 and in the Governor's possession by Sept. 10

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October 7, 2021

TO: SBCCOG Legislative Committee

FROM: Jacki Bacharach, Executive Director
David Leger, Analyst

RE: Proposals for Legislation

Adherence to Strategic Plan:

Goal B: Regional Advocacy. Advocate for the interests of the South Bay.

The new legislative session will be starting in January and legislative proposals from the SBCCOG as well as specific advocacy issues for this session should be reviewed. From the last meeting, the following issues were mentioned:

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

- Support legislation to provide financial incentives to all slow speed vehicles that are bought – not just e-bikes.
- After analysis of a South Bay Regional Housing Trust Fund and, if implementation is agreed to, advocating funding through the State Budget
- Support of a significant replacement of redevelopment tools for cities as well as state subsidies for affordable housing.
- Support legislation that would prohibit foreign investors and/or conglomerates from buying up properties and holding them or just increasing the prices
- Support easier access to loans for securing home ownership
- Support an evaluation of the effectiveness of SB 9/10 strategies, ADUs and other recent state legislation in address affordable housing

ADVOCACY

- Support of the initiative/ballot proposition for local control over zoning

RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss, provide feedback, and recommend Board approval to pursue legislation as needed for the issues listed above.

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Briefing with Legislative District Staff

Thursday, October 14, 2021

9:00 am – 10:45 am

via Zoom

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AGENDA

- 9:00 am Call to Order
SBCCOG Legislative Committee Chair Stacey Armato
- 9:05 am SBCCOG Program Update – Jacki Bacharach
Handouts at the meeting – SBCCOG Legislative Matrix
SBCCOG Program Presentation
- 9:15 am City Issues Identified for Discussion & Dialogue
- 9:20 am Panel of Federal Issues with **Congressmembers Ted Lieu and Maxine Waters**
- 9:40 am Federal Representatives – Brief Reports on Perspectives from the Capitol & Priorities in the District
Confirmed Representatives from:
U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, represented by Jeanette Christian
Congressmember Nanette Barragán, represented by Patricia Camacho

Pending U.S. Senator Alex Padilla, represented by Zahra Hajee
- 9:50 am Panel of State Issues with Senators Bradford & Kamlager and Assemblyman Muratsuchi & Burke
- 10:15 am **Confirmed** Representatives from:
Assemblymember Mike Gipson, represented by Victor Ibarra

Pending State Senator Ben Allen, represented by Olina Wibroe-Benson
Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell, represented by Hina Ahmad
- 10:30 am League of Cities Update
- 10:35 am Discussion and Public Comment
- 10:45 am Adjourn to Thursday, January 13, 2022

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October 7, 2021

TO: SBCCOG Legislative Committee
FROM: Jacki Bacharach, Executive Director
RE: Suggested Questions for Legislative Briefing

Adherence to Strategic Plan:

Goal B: Regional Advocacy. Advocate for the interests of the South Bay.

Board members for some time have wanted more city issues addressed at the SBCCOG Quarterly Legislative Briefings. We have tried different ways to solicit questions in advance in the past. This year, we asked not only Board members to send me their questions but also we asked city managers. By September 30, responses were received from Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach and Inglewood. They are as follows:

HOUSING AND HOUSING ELEMENTS

1. Given that the Governor granted extensions due to COVID-19 to just about everything except Housing Elements; and that the RHNA allocations were exceptionally large this cycle; and that the RHNA allocations were very late last year for the SCAG region; and given the expansive new burden of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) being added to Housing Elements in this Cycle; and given that HCD's instructions for how to address AFFH was very late, further delaying SCAG region jurisdictions from making significant progress on the Housing Elements; and given that HCD has been granted additional time to review SCAG region Housing Elements meaning that comments may not be returned to cities by the deadline to adopt the element: Why have cities not been granted an extension to adopt the Housing Elements until after HCD comments are received and a reasonable time to make corrections are granted?
2. Generally, the COG should lobby against bills that impose one size fits all housing, zoning, density standards and dictate standards in single family zones or other zones as all Cities are very different.
3. Support bills that support City efforts through their State Mandated Housing Elements to address these issues appropriately for each City. Since that is the purpose of Housing Element Law and the RHNA, focus efforts on supporting City efforts to implement those plans, whether its funding to support affordable housing where Cities choose to appropriately increase density, regional housing trust funding, or reform of Housing Element Law. We need more teeth in Housing Element law that hold cities accountable is preferable to forcing higher density in what may be the wrong places to meet other overarching State goals such as reduced VMT, or sustainability.

ADU

4. How will ADU's affect a Community long-term? Especially for areas with limited on-street parking and with high parking demand?
5. To the extent the COG lobbies on behalf of coastal cities, the Coastal Commission should not have separate authority over affordable housing in Coastal Zone, or how accessory dwelling units are treated as replacement housing under SB330, it should all be consistent with State law and local Housing Elements.

FUNDING

6. With increasing congestion, will there be more assistance and funding available for local cities to implement improvement projects?

The City of Inglewood sent in their legislative priorities:

- Transportation (funding for transit projects including the Inglewood Transit Connector)
- Water Supply (funding support for City of Inglewood water supply)
- Community Policing (grant funding for community policing and related programs)
- Residential Sound Insulation Program (improved federal funding from DOT/FAA)
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) (improved funding)

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and decide whether to use these questions so that they can be sent to the legislators in advance of the briefing.