



WESTSIDE CITIES

- BEVERLY HILLS
- CULVER CITY
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- SANTA MONICA
- WEST HOLLYWOOD
- COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Mr. Ikhata:

The Westside Cities Council of Governments extends its support to the Southern California Association of Governments for their application for a California Regional Blueprint Planning Grant.

We endorse the Compass Blueprint strategy and SCAG's efforts to secure additional State resources to allow local governments to plan collectively for future growth. The help that SCAG provides through its Compass Blueprint funded suite of services, assistance and research enables local jurisdictions to voluntarily update and implement local plans and strategies which support shared sustainable development principles. These resources also help communities address federal and state planning mandates associated with new development, energy emission reduction, and air quality conformity.

Since 2001, the Southern California Association of Governments has worked with communities to establish the Compass Blueprint vision & implementation strategy to promote sustainable and balanced development. We support the continued funding of this effort and endorse its incentive based approach of serving the region by helping local governments plan for the future.

We look forward to working in continued partnership with SCAG to create a more sustainable Southern California.

Sincerely,

John Heilman, Chair
Westside Cities Council of Governments

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