



REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE WESTSIDE CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Thursday, February 9, 2023

11:30 AM - Board Luncheon

12:00 PM - Meeting

1:15 PM - Adjourn

Location for In-Person Participation:

Beverly Hills City Hall, 2nd Floor Municipal Gallery
455 N. Rexford Dr. Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Remote Participation via Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85112998714>

Livestream on YouTube:

http://bit.ly/wscocg_livestream

MEETING INFORMATION AND ACCOMMODATION

To combat the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19), the member cities of the Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG), and the WSCCOG, have held teleconferenced publicly accessible meetings. AB 361 has authorized public meetings to continue to take place via teleconference because State and Local officials are recommending measures to promote social distancing.

The WSCCOG Regular Board meeting on **February 9, 2023** will be held in-person with remote participation using Zoom and livestreamed on YouTube. WSCCOG Board voting members may participate and vote on action items on the agenda in-person or via remote participation using Zoom.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BY PROVIDING E-COMMENT

Members of the Public who wish to comment on matters before the Board remotely are strongly encouraged to submit an email with their written comments limited to 1,000 characters to Riley O'Brien at riley@estolanoadvisors.com by no later than 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. *Note: E-Comments received after 12:00 p.m. will be forwarded to the Board and posted on the WSCCOG's website at www.westsidecities.org/meeting as part of the official meeting record. The email address will remain open during the meeting for providing public comment during the meeting. Emails received during the meeting will be read out loud at the appropriate time during the meeting provided they are received before the Board takes action on an item (or can be read during general public comment). For any questions regarding the meeting, please contact Winnie Fong at winnie@estolanoadvisors.com or (323) 306-9856.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome, Introductions, and Identification of WSCCOG Voting Members (Including Identification of Mayors and Councilmembers Voting in Item #3 - SCAG Regional Council District 41 Election) (3 min)
3. [Authorization To Conduct Teleconferencing Meetings Under AB 361](#) (1 min)
4. [SCAG Regional Council District 41 Election for Participating Cities: Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica, and West Hollywood](#) (30 min)
5. Three Minute Recess to Transition to WSCCOG Business and Allow Councilmembers Who Are Not Staying to Exit Meeting (3 min)
6. Action Items (6 min)
 - A. [WSCCOG December 8, 2022 Board Meeting Notes](#)
Recommended Action: Approve the draft meeting notes for the WSCCOG Board meeting held on December 8, 2022.
 - B. [SCAG Transportation Committee – WSCCOG Representative](#)
Recommended Action: Appoint the WSCCOG representative to the SCAG Transportation Committee.
 - C. [SCAG Energy and Environment Committee – WSCCOG Representative](#)
Recommended Action: Appoint the WSCCOG representative to the SCAG Energy and Environment Committee.
7. Executive Director’s Report (10 min)
 - A. [Executive Director Updates](#)
 - B. [Statement of Economic Interests \(Form 700\) Annual Filing](#)
8. Housing and Homelessness (10 min)
 - A. [Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing \(PATH\) Draft Application](#)
 - B. [Local Solutions Fund \(LSF\) – Local Homeless Services and Housing Programs Funding Framework](#)
9. Legislation
 - A. [League of California Cities Update – Jeff Kiernan, LA County Regional Public Affairs Manager](#)
10. Announcements (5 min)
11. Future Meeting and Agenda Items (2 min)
 - A. Thursday, April 13, 2023 - City of Culver City
12. Public Comments (5 min)
13. Adjourn

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WESTSIDE CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Instructions for Public Comments

You may submit public comments in three (3) ways:

1. **Provide public comments in-person:** Members of the Public may comment on matters on the agenda to the WSCCOG Board in person during the meeting, which will be held at:

Beverly Hills City Hall, 2nd Floor Municipal Gallery
455 N. Rexford Dr. Beverly Hills, CA 90210

2. **To listen and provide verbal comments via remote participation on Zoom:** To participate remotely on Zoom, use the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85112998714>. To make a comment during the meeting on Zoom, use the “raise hand” function located in the participants’ window and wait for the WSCCOG staff to announce your name.
3. **Submit written comments via email to:** Members of the Public who wish to comment on matters before the Board remotely are strongly encouraged to submit an email with their written comments limited to 1,000 characters to Riley O’Brien at riley@estolanoadvisors.com by no later than 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. All written comments received after 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be announced and included as part of the official record of the meeting.

Instructions for WSCCOG Board Members and Member City Staff in the Meeting

To participate in the meeting virtually as a WSCCOG Board member, Mayor, Councilmember, or staff member of the WSCCOG member cities, please contact Winnie Fong, WSCCOG Project Director at winnie@estolanoadvisors.com before the meeting and provide your name and email address. A Zoom email will be sent to you including a unique link to enter the meeting as a panelist participant.

To make a comment during the meeting, use the “raise hand” function located in the participants’ window and wait for the WSCCOG staff to announce your name.



DATE: February 6, 2023

TO: Westside Cities Council of Governments Board

FROM: Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff and Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: Authorization to Conduct Teleconferencing Meetings under AB 361

Recommended Action

1. Make findings that a statewide state of emergency continues to exist, and local and state health officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing in order to conduct this meeting via teleconference.
2. Discuss findings under AB 361 and approve conducting the WSCCOG meetings via teleconferencing for the February 9, 2023 WSCCOG Regular Board Meeting.

Background

Governor Newsom signed into law AB 361, which went into effect on October 1, 2021 (replacing earlier Executive Orders governing teleconferencing during the COVID-19 state of emergency). This legislation authorizes a local agency to continue the use of teleconferencing without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act when a legislative body (such as the WSCCOG Board) holds a meeting during a declared state of emergency. The bill allowed the WSCCOG Board to conduct a teleconference meeting when state or local health officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing during a proclaimed statewide state of emergency. There are other findings that can be made that are not relevant here. This report confirms the requirements for continued virtual teleconference meetings for all Brown Act meetings that will remain virtual for this meeting.

The WSCCOG has six member agencies, all of whom are still navigating local states of emergency and determining whether to meet in person, virtually, or both. Staff members in various cities may be working remotely and there is not one uniform standard for safely and comfortably conducting in-person meetings at this time. Accordingly, under AB 361, the WSCCOG may continue to rely on teleconferencing to provide safe meeting environment for officials, staff, and community members by making the required findings. State and local health officials still recommend measures for social distancing, especially during the period when the Delta and Omicron Variant (or other variants) are spreading.



DATE: February 6, 2023

TO: Westside Cities Council of Governments Board

FROM: Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff and Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: SCAG Regional Council District 41 Special Election

Background

The Regional Council is SCAG's 86-member governing board. Membership is comprised of local elected officials representing the six counties and 191 cities within the SCAG jurisdiction, including elected representatives from 67 Districts, each consisting of one or more cities in the region with approximately equal population and geographic continuity; an elected representative from each of the six counties within the region; and representatives of the County Transportation Commissions and tribal governments located within the region. Regional Council District 41 represents the WSCCOG jurisdictions, which includes the cities of Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica, and West Hollywood.

The Regional Council has general authority to conduct the affairs of SCAG, and implements the policy direction provided at the annual General Assembly of the membership. In addition, the Regional Council acts upon policy recommendations from SCAG policy committees and external agencies; appoints committees to study specific problems and programs; amends, decreases or increases the proposed budget to be reported to the General Assembly; and directs the actions of the agency throughout the year.

Notice of Vacancy for Regional Council District 41

On December 7, 2022, the WSCCOG received a letter from SCAG regarding a vacancy for the Regional District 41 representative seat, which was previously held by former Councilmember Alex Fisch of City of Culver City (refer to [Attachment A](#)). The letter also indicates that the WSCCOG will administer the call for candidates and conduct the Regional Council Election. Eligible candidates include all Mayors and Councilmembers of the District 41 member cities.

Call for Candidates and Special Election Announcement for Regional Council District 41

On December 21, 2022, the WSCCOG staff issued the first noticed for the Call for Candidates to all Mayors and Councilmembers of Regional Council District 41 to submit a letter of interest to fill the vacancy and complete the remaining term to the next SCAG May 2023 General Assembly plus two (2) years to the adjournment of the May 2025 General Assembly (refer to [Attachment B](#)). The WSCCOG issued a second notice on January 26, 2023 announcing a Special Election of the following three (3) declarations of candidacy for District 41 (refer to [Attachment C](#) for the letters from each candidate):

1. The Honorable John Mirisch, City of Beverly Hills
2. The Honorable Göran Eriksson, City of Culver City
3. The Honorable Lauren Meister, City of West Hollywood

Regional Council District Election Procedures

In accordance with the [SCAG Regional Council Policy Manual](#) (June 2019 as amended through November 2022):

- The Regional Council District Representative shall be elected by a majority of the votes of those city councilmembers present from voting-eligible cities with a quorum.
- A quorum shall consist of at least one City Councilmember present from at least two-thirds of the voting-eligible SCAG member cities in a District.
 - When a District encompasses more than one city, a maximum of five (5) city councilmembers from each of the voting-eligible cities in the Multi-City District shall be provided the opportunity to vote for the individual who will serve as the District Representative to ensure equity among cities in voting. In a voting-eligible city comprised of more than five (5) city councilmembers, the mayor of such city shall appoint a maximum of five (5) members to vote in Multi-City District Representative Elections.
- Nominations from the floor and proxy voting are not allowed.
- Participation and voting via teleconferencing are allowed pursuant to Agenda Item 3: Authorization to Conduct Teleconferencing Meetings under AB 361.
- In the event of a tie vote, additional balloting shall occur until a District Representative is elected.

Attachments:

- A. Notice of Vacancy - SCAG Regional Council District 41
- B. First Notice of Special Election: Call for Candidates for SCAG Regional Council District 41
- C. Second Notice: Special Election for Regional Council District 41 Representative
- D. Candidate Bio: Councilmember John Mirisch, City of Beverly Hills
- E. Candidate Bio: Councilmember Göran Eriksson, City of Culver City
- F. Candidate Bio: Councilmember Lauren Meister, City of West Hollywood



December 7, 2022

Via Email: cecilia@estolanoadvisors.com and winnie@estolanoadvisors.com

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Dear Subregional Executive Director,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a vacancy for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council (RC) District 41. This vacancy may be the result of a City Council election, a Member terming out, or another reason. Thank you for indicating the selection of Option "A" for administration of Regional Council District Elections. Discussions with the Subregional Executive Directors in 2018 and 2019 resulted in subregions indicating their RC District Representative election process preference among Option "A," "B," or "C" (which are summarized below).

Recognizing the critical role of Subregional Executive Directors in Regional Council District elections, please be reminded of the three options, as described below.

Option A: Subregional Executive Director administers and conducts the RC District Election using attached templates and maintains contact with SCAG RAO.

Option B: SCAG administers, conducts the election, and maintains communication with the Subregion.

Option C: Subregional Executive Director administers, and SCAG conducts the election. SCAG and the Subregion maintain communication.

SCAG requests the use of standardized notice of election templates, attached and described below (as may need to be modified for the circumstances), as appropriate for Option A, B, or C applied in your Subregion.

As you proceed, keep in mind that while SCAG's Regional Policy Manual (Art. V.C and Appendix A: [Regional Council Policy Manual](#)) provides noticing and election timeframes, the Policy Manual also provides that in the case of a **special election** that is triggered by a vacancy, the timeframes may be shortened or otherwise altered as necessary. That said, SCAG staff recommends you provide at least two weeks' notice of the election date/meeting time, and adhere to the below best practices/templates (see attachments):

- 1st Notice of Special Election Subregion Administers RC Election
- 2nd Notice of Special Election Subregion Administers RC Election - Candidates listed and confirmation of election meeting
- Declaration of RC District Representative and Cancellation of RC District Special Election (if only one candidate)
- Declaration of RC District Special Election Winner

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Deborah Robertson, Rialto

Transportation
Ray Marquez, Chino Hills

The Regional Affairs Officer (RAO) assigned to your Subregion will contact you regarding the election schedule and process, and you are welcome to reach out in the meantime. If you have any comments, questions or concerns, please contact Sarah Patterson, the RAO assigned to your subregion, at (213) 236-1904 or via email patterson@scag.ca.gov.

Sincerely,
Maggie Aguilar,
Clerk of the Board, SCAG

Cc: Sarah Patterson, SCAG



Date: December 21, 2022

To: The Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers of the Cities of Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica, and West Hollywood

From: Cecilia V. Estolano, WSCCOG Executive Director
Winnie Fong, WSCCOG Project Director

CC: City Managers and City Managers, Cities of Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica, and West Hollywood
Sarah Patterson, Department Manager – Regional Services, SCAG
Michael Houston, Chief Counsel, SCAG
Jeffrey Elder, Deputy Legal Counsel, SCAG
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk to the Board, SCAG

Subject: First Notice of Special Election: Call for Candidates for SCAG Regional Council District #41

This memorandum is to notify all Mayors and Councilmembers of SCAG’s Regional Council (RC) District #41, which includes the Cities of Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica, and West Hollywood of an upcoming election for RC District #41. The incumbent’s term of office is ending as result of a City Council election, a Member terming out, or another reason.

Call for Candidates: Mayors and Councilmembers from Member cities within RC District #41 are eligible candidates. Interested candidates must submit their interest in writing to the Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG) **no later than Friday, January 20, 2023** by email to: Winnie Fong, WSCCOG Project Director at winnie@estolanoadvisors.com.

Term of Office: Remaining term to next SCAG May 2023 General Assembly plus two (2) years to the adjournment of the May 2025 General Assembly.

District Election: If there are two (2) or more candidates, an election will be held by member cities within RC District #41. The WSCCOG will hold the district election in a hybrid meeting.

Date: Thursday, February 9, 2023
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Location: City of Beverly Hills - 2nd Floor Municipal Gallery
455 N. Rexford Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Virtual: Zoom

As soon as the candidate notification period has ended, the WSCCOG will send a Second Notice identifying all candidate names and confirming the District Representative election date, time, and virtual link information.

As a Regional Council representative, the member is eligible to:

- Serve on one of SCAG's policy committees: Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD); Energy and Environment Committee (EEC); or Transportation Committee.
- Be appointed by the SCAG President to other SCAG committees.
- Receive \$120 stipend for attending SCAG meetings or SCAG-sponsored events as provided in the Regional Council Policy Manual.
- Receive public transit or mileage reimbursement (based on travel distance between member's seat of government and SCAG's meeting/event location) as provided in the Regional Council Policy Manual.
- Receive parking validation at SCAG's Los Angeles office.
- Receive lodging reimbursement for travel requirement of 75 miles or more one-way as provided in the Regional Council Policy Manual.

All regular meetings of the Regional Council and Policy Committees are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month at SCAG's downtown Los Angeles Office. Attached is the 2023 Schedule of Meetings. Finally, the RC District Special Election will be conducted in-person and virtually via zoom link.

Please do not hesitate to contact Winnie Fong, WSCCOG Project Director if you have any questions at (323) 306-9856 or via email at winnie@estolanoadvisors.com.



Southern California Association of Governments
 Hybrid (In-Person and Remote Participation)
 900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 - Policy B Meeting Room
 Los Angeles, CA 90017
November 3, 2022

2023 Schedule of Regular Meetings

[Approved by the Regional Council: November 3, 2022]

All regular meetings of the Executive/Administration Committee are scheduled on the 1st Wednesday of each month and all regular meetings of the Regional Council and Policy Committees are scheduled on the 1st Thursday of each month.

WEDNESDAY		
Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)	3PM - 4PM	Policy Room B
THURSDAY		
Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee	9:30AM - 11:30AM	Policy Room B
Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)	9:30AM - 11:30AM	Policy Room A
Transportation Committee (TC)	9:30AM - 11:30AM	Board Room
Regional Council (RC)	12:00PM - 2:00PM*	Board Room

**Note new RC time*

Executive Administration Committee	Regional Council and Policy Committees
January 4, 2023	January 5, 2023
February 1, 2023	February 2, 2023
March 1, 2023	March 2, 2023
April 5, 2023	April 6, 2023
May 3 - 5, 2023 (Wednesday - Friday) SCAG 2023 Regional Conference and General Assembly	May 3 - 5, 2023 (Wednesday - Friday) SCAG 2023 Regional Conference and General Assembly
May 31, 2023	June 1, 2023
July 5, 2023	July 6, 2023
August 2, 2023 (DARK)	August 3, 2023 (DARK)
September 6, 2023	September 7, 2023
October 4, 2023	October 5, 2023
November 1, 2023	November 2, 2023
December 6, 2023	December 7, 2023 SCAG Annual Economic Summit



Date: January 26, 2023

To: The Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers of the City of Beverly Hills
The Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers of the City of Culver City
The Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers of the City of Santa Monica
The Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers of the City of West Hollywood

From: Westside Cities Councils of Governments (WSCCOG)

CC: City Managers and Clerks, Cities of Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica, and West Hollywood
Sarah Patterson, Department Manager – Regional Services, SCAG
Michael Houston, Chief Counsel, SCAG
Jeffrey Elder, Deputy Legal Counsel, SCAG
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk to the Board, SCAG

Subject: Second Notice: Special Election for Regional Council District 41 Representative

This is to notify all Mayors and Councilmembers of SCAG’s Regional Council District 41 that after the Call for Candidates closing date of January 20, 2023, the Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG) received three (3) declarations of candidacy from the following:

1. The Honorable John Mirisch, City of Beverly Hills
2. The Honorable Göran Eriksson, City of Culver City
3. The Honorable Lauren Meister, City of West Hollywood

Please refer to the attached documents for more information from each candidate. According to SCAG Regional Council Policy Article V.C, if there are two (2) or more candidate nominations received by the deadline date, a District Representative election will be held by the member cities within Regional Council District 41, which is comprised of the cities of Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica, and West Hollywood.

Please be advised that the District 41 Representative Special Election is scheduled for:

Date: Thursday, February 9, 2023
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Location: City of Beverly Hills - 2nd Floor Municipal Gallery
455 N. Rexford Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Virtual: Zoom Link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85112998714>

Mayors and Councilmembers from the voting-eligible cities in District 41 will be allowed to participate and vote in-person or by teleconference via Zoom. Please refer to the election and voting procedures below.

District Election Procedures

- Special election are elections resulting from a vacancy of the District Representative seat.
- District Representatives shall be elected by a majority of the votes of those City Councilmembers present from voting-eligible cities with a quorum.
- A quorum shall consist of at least one (1) City Councilmember present from at least two-thirds of the voting-eligible SCAG Member cities in a District.
 - District 41 is comprised of four (4) member cities. Therefore, at least one (1) local elected official from three (3) of the Member cities within District 41 must be present to constitute a quorum. When a quorum is present, an election may be conducted.
- A maximum of five (5) City Councilmembers from each of the voting-eligible cities in District 41 shall be provided the opportunity to vote for the individual who will serve as the District Representative to ensure equity among cities in voting.
 - If a voting-eligible city is comprised of more than five (5) City Councilmembers, then the Mayor of such city shall appoint a maximum of five (5) members to vote in the District Representative Election.
- Nominations from the floor are not permitted.
- Proxy voting is not allowed.
- Teleconferencing is allowed.
- In the event of a tie vote, additional balloting shall occur until a District Representative is elected.
- Elected officials from cities that are not voting-eligible Members of SCAG are not entitled to vote and cannot be candidates for District Representative positions.

Term of Office: The candidate will serve the remaining term to the SCAG May 2023 General Assembly plus two (2) years to the May 2025 General Assembly.

For more information about the Regional Council, refer to the attached SCAG 101 fact sheet or visit the SCAG website here <https://scag.ca.gov/leadership-regional-council>.

If you have any questions, please contact Winnie Fong, WSCCOG Project Director at winnie@estolanoadvisors.com or (323) 306-9856.



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

455 NORTH REXFORD DRIVE • BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA 90210

John A. Mirisch
Councilmember

January 19, 2023

Ms. Cecilia Estolano
Estolano LeSar Perez Advisors
448 S. Hill Street, Suite 618
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Re: Letter of Interest for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
Regional Council District Representative for District #41

Dear Ms. Estolano:

As the former mayor and current Councilmember of Beverly Hills, California, please accept this letter as my notice of interest in representing the cities of Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica and West Hollywood as the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council District Representative for District #41.

Since my election to the City Council of Beverly Hills in 2009, I have developed numerous, close-working relationships with the elected officials of Culver City, Santa Monica and West Hollywood. I truly understand the unique attributes of these cities and feel I can represent all of our interests as a representative on the SCAG Regional Council.

Additionally, I have developed strong relations with elected officials in various cities across Southern California while representing the City of Beverly Hills on the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee, being the City's voting delegate at SCAG's General Assembly for over five years, and representing Beverly Hills at the League of California Cities annual conference.

I am also a Presidential appointment to SCAG's Community, Economic & Human Development Committee where I work with many other elected officials to study problems, programs and other matters which pertain to the regional issues of community, economic and human development and growth. My active role as a member of these committees has allowed me to establish relationships throughout the region as we work together towards common goals.

I realize that only through working together on regional solutions can we help adapt and overcome the challenges facing our cities when it comes these issues. I believe that I can represent the interests of each city in the Westside Cities Council of Governments; therefore, I am respectfully submitting this letter for consideration as the SCAG Regional Council District Representative for District #41.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Mirisch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "M".

John Mirisch
Councilmember, Beverly Hills



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January 18, 2023

Ms. Winnie Fong
Project Director
Westside Cities Council of Governments
Via e-mail: winnie@estolanoadvisors.com

Subject: WSCCOG Representation on the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council for District #41

Dear Ms. Fong:

I welcome the opportunity to serve as the WSCCOG's representative to the SCAG Regional Council for District #41. I have experience working alongside my colleagues on the WSCCOG. As a City Council Member, I represent the City on the L.A. County Division of the League of California Cities; Independent Cities Association; and the LAX Community Noise Roundtable. Through these organizations, I regularly work with elected officials and other agencies. I also serve on City Council subcommittees covering topics like mobility, traffic, parking, and economic development. My priorities as a Council Member span a wide range of issues including public safety and local programs to serve our business community.

I am committed to representing the WSCCOG member cities on the Regional Council to advocate for the Westside's strategic initiatives, which include our subregion's priorities for improving transportation and mobility; advancing goals to address homelessness; and planning efforts to take action on housing policies, programs, and actions. Leveraging SCAG's resources to advance such changes will improve the quality of life, so that we can enhance the vitality of each of our communities.

I hope that I can expand upon my current efforts representing the City of Culver City on the WSCCOG Board by actively serving as Regional Council District #41 Representative and would appreciate the Board's favorable consideration of my appointment.

Sincerely,

Göran Eriksson
Council Member

cc: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
John M. Nachbar, City Manager



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January 17, 2023

Cecilia Estolano, Executive Director
Westside Cities Council of Governments
c/o Estolano Advisors, LLP

VIA EMAIL

Re: **Letter of Interest: Candidate for the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) Regional Council (RC) District #41 for the term that expires on the next SCAG May 2023 General Assembly plus two (2) years to the adjournment of the May 2025 General Assembly.**

Dear Ms. Estolano:

I am writing to you to submit my name as a candidate for SCAG's RC's District #41. It would be a great opportunity for the City of West Hollywood to have a chance to represent this body. Culver City and the City of Santa Monica have each held the seat for a number of years, and I appreciate their service.

With the experience I have amassed as a former delegate (and current alternate) to the Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG), as the current WSCCOG appointee to SCAG's Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) committee, and as an experienced City Councilmember going into my third and final term in office, I am well prepared to serve on the RC.

For the past 4+ years, I have actively participated in SCAG discussions regarding critical planning efforts for Southern California – these included conversations around housing, economic development, transportation, climate action, and resilience. I have represented this body fairly and would continue to do so as the WSCCOG representative on the RC.

As I've said many times before, the WSCCOG is comprised of vibrant Westside cities, each with its own character. The WSCCOG deserves a representative who is cognizant of and sensitive to our cities' differences and commonality, as well as our shared goals. As someone who has been involved with this organization since the time I was elected in 2015, I believe I am the most qualified to be appointed as WSCCOG's representative to SCAG's RC's District #41.

Thanks to all, in advance, for the time and consideration. Should anyone have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 323-848-6460.

Sincerely,

Lauren Meister,
Councilmember

LM:hgm

WHAT IS SCAG

Founded in 1965, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is the nation's largest Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Council of Governments (COG), encompassing six counties, 191 cities and 19.1 million residents. In addition to conducting research and developing long-range transportation plans, SCAG convenes local governments and agencies to address regional transportation, land use and other issues of mutual concern.

SCAG REGION AT A GLANCE



191 CITIES



15th LARGEST ECONOMY IN THE WORLD



6 COUNTIES



38,618 SQUARE MILES



48.3% OF TOTAL STATE POPULATION



19.1 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE REGION



OUR VISION

Southern California's Catalyst for a Brighter Future

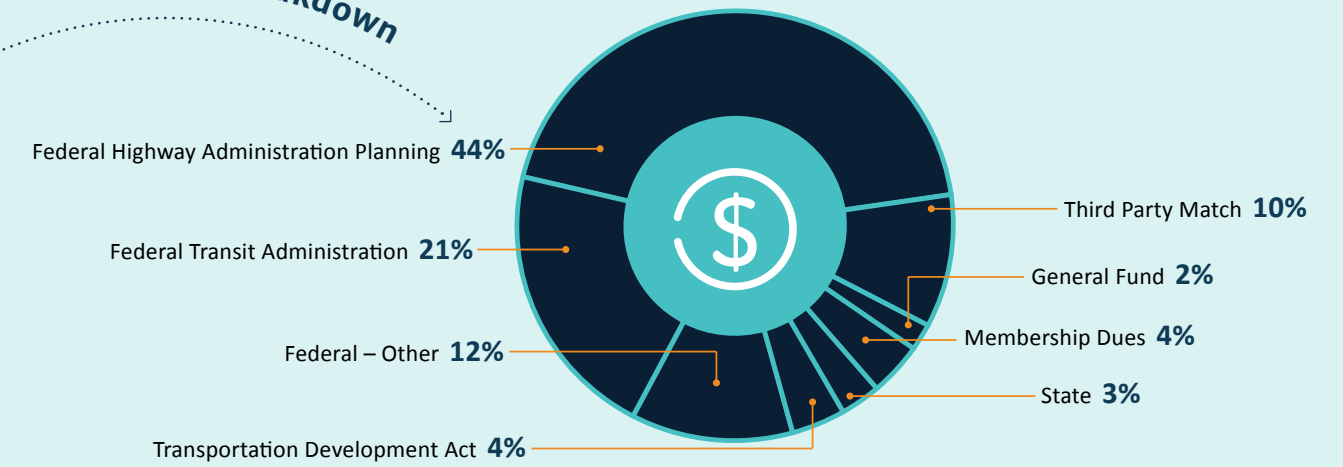
OUR MISSION

To foster innovative regional solutions that improve the lives of Southern Californians through inclusive collaboration, visionary planning, regional advocacy, information sharing, and promoting best practices.

HOW SCAG IS FUNDED

SCAG receives most of its funding from the federal government through Consolidated Planning Grants from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). In addition to federal sources, SCAG applies for and receives funding from Caltrans. SCAG receives supplementary funding through state and local sources, in addition to third party matching.

Funding Breakdown



KEY INITIATIVES & PROGRAMS



TRANSPORTATION

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN/SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY (RTP/SCS)

Every four years, SCAG develops and implements a Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, a long-range visioning plan that balances future mobility and housing needs with economic, environmental and public health goals.

TRANSIT & PASSENGER RAIL

SCAG collaborates with various state and regional stakeholders to plan regional, intercity and interregional mobility improvements to effectively move people throughout the region.

GOODS MOVEMENT

SCAG evaluates the regional goods movement system and identifies strategies to address current and future goods movement challenges while strengthening national awareness of Southern California's contribution to the national economy through goods movement activities.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

SCAG engages and supports local communities in developing active transportation plans and projects to encourage the use of human-powered transportation such as walking and biking.



FEDERAL & STATE COMPLIANCE

FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FTIP)

Every two years, SCAG develops the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), a comprehensive list of planned or proposed transportation projects over a six-year period.

REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT (RHNA)

SCAG conducts the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) every eight years to determine each jurisdiction's "fair share" of the region's future housing need by income group based on existing need and anticipated growth.

AIR QUALITY

SCAG must ensure its programs comply with federal, state, and regional air quality requirements, so that transportation activities will not cause or contribute to new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the prescribed air quality standards.



DATA, MODELING, & FORECASTING

TRANSPORTATION MODELING

SCAG develops, maintains and operates the Regional Transportation Model in support of federal and state mandated planning activities including the RTP/SCS, FTIP, air quality management plans, corridor and special studies and strategic initiatives.

REGIONAL AFFILIATE OF THE US CENSUS BUREAU'S CALIFORNIA STATE DATA CENTER

SCAG maintains and makes available a range of U.S. Census Bureau data products for the Southern California region and provides relevant data and analyses to local jurisdictions and other stakeholders in the SCAG region.

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) SERVICES PROGRAM

The Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Services Program provides training, resources and technical support to local jurisdictions, universities, stakeholders and partners so that they can utilize this technology.

GROWTH FORECASTING

SCAG develops various growth projections including population, households, and employment, which serve as the basis for developing federal and state mandated long-range planning efforts.



SUSTAINABILITY

SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM

The Sustainability Program develops initiatives that support the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and vehicle miles traveled (VMT), such as integrating land use and transportation planning. Encouraging infill with high-quality transit and climate adaptation are principal focus areas.

SUSTAINABLE PLANNING GRANTS

To implement the strategies in the RTP/SCS, the Sustainability Planning Grants Program offers funding and technical assistance to SCAG member jurisdictions to assist local planning and policy efforts in three categories: Integrated Land Use, Active Transportation and Green Region.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) PROGRAM READINESS STRATEGIES


To help implement the State's goals for zero-emission vehicles, SCAG is studying how to expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure in residential, commercial and public buildings. EVs will play a critical role in helping the region reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) and other air pollutants.

2022-2023 RC OFFICERS



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HOW ARE DECISIONS MADE AT SCAG

Regional Council (RC)

The Regional Council is SCAG's 86-member governing board. This decision-making body is comprised of local elected officials representing the six counties and 191 cities in the SCAG region, as well as representatives from each of the counties and county transportation commissions, Transportation Corridors Agency, recognized tribal governments, and air quality districts, as well as a public transportation representative. The Regional Council convenes monthly and has general authority to conduct the affairs of SCAG and implements the policy direction provided at the annual General Assembly of the membership. In addition, the Regional Council acts upon policy recommendations from SCAG policy committees and external agencies, appoints committees to study specific problems and programs, and amends, decreases, or increases the proposed budget to be reported to the General Assembly.



Policy Committees

SCAG's decision-making process is also guided by the work of SCAG's Executive/Administration Committee (EAC), Policy Committees (listed below) and the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee:

- Transportation (TC)
- Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD)
- Energy and Environment (EEC)

Members of the Regional Council each serve on one Policy Committee for a two-year term. Each of the 16 subregional organizations also appoint Policy Committee representatives. Much of the discussion and debate on issues occurs in the Policy Committees and all issues considered by the Regional Council must originate through one or more of the committees.

General Assembly (GA)

SCAG is governed by the General Assembly, which includes one official delegate from each of SCAG's member cities (except for the City of Los Angeles which has three), one from each county in the SCAG region, and one from each member county transportation commission. General Assembly representatives consider and adopt the SCAG Bylaws and the General Fund budget, as well as elect the incoming President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President. This body meets annually at the Regional Conference and General Assembly.

WHAT ARE THE POLICY COMMITTEES

Executive Administration Committee (EAC)

The Executive Administration Committee is responsible for developing policy recommendations to the Regional Council on administration, human resources, budgets, finance, operations, communications, or any other matter specifically referred to the Committee by the Regional Council.

- CHAIR:** Jan C. Harnik, *Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)*
- 1ST VICE CHAIR:** Art Brown, *City of Buena Park, RC District #21*
- 2ND VICE CHAIR:** Curt Hagman, *County of San Bernardino*
- IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR:** Clint Lorimore, *City of Eastvale, RC District #4*

Transportation Committee (TC)

The role of the Transportation Committee is to study problems, programs and other matters which pertain to the regional issues of mobility, air quality, transportation control measures and communications, and make recommendations on such matters to the Regional Council. The TC approves release of the draft Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) for public comment and recommends the RTP/SCS for approval by the Regional Council.

- CHAIR:** Ray Marquez, *City of Chino Hills, RC District #10*
- VICE-CHAIR:** Tim Sandoval, *City of Pomona, RC District #38*

Community, Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)

The role of the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee is to study problems, programs and other matters which pertain to the regional issues of community, economic and human development and growth. This committee reviews projects, plans and programs of regional significance for consistency and conformity with applicable regional plans. The CEHD recommends the Regional Council adopt the region's growth forecast and the state-mandated Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

- CHAIR:** Frank Yokoyama, *City of Cerritos, RC District #23*
- VICE-CHAIR:** David J. Shapiro, *City of Calabasas, RC District #44*

Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)

The Energy and Environment Committee considers environmental and energy issues of regional significance, including but not limited to air quality, water quality, solid and hazardous waste, habitat preservation, environmental justice and environmental impact analysis. The EEC approves release of the Draft Program Environment Impact Report (PEIR) for the RTP\SCS and recommends the Regional Council approve the RTP\SCS PEIR.

- CHAIR:** Deborah Robertson, *City of Rialto, RC District #8*
- VICE-CHAIR:** Luis Plancarte, *County of Imperial*

Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee (LCMC)

The Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee provides guidance and recommendations to the Regional Council regarding legislative matters impacting the region, policy direction on SCAG's communications strategy, outreach, issues and materials, SCAG membership benefits and sponsorship opportunities.

- CHAIR:** José Luis Solache, *City of Lynwood, RC District #26*
- VICE-CHAIR:** Patricia Lock Dawson, *City of Riverside, RC District #68*



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Councilmember John Mirisch, City of Beverly Hills

<http://www.beverlyhills.org/citymanager/mayorandcouncilmembers/councilmemberjohnmirisch/web.jsp>



Councilmember John A. Mirisch was elected to the Beverly Hills City Council in 2009, 2013, 2017 and 2022. He also served as mayor in 2013, 2016 and 2019.

A fourth generation Beverly Hills resident, Councilmember Mirisch lived abroad for a number of years, working as a film executive in marketing and distribution, before returning to his hometown.

Prior to his devoting the past few years to public service, Councilmember Mirisch worked as an executive at Paramount Pictures, one of the world's leading film companies, where he ran the International theatrical sales department. Before that, he oversaw international distribution for IMAX, the world's most well-known premium movie-going experience. In addition, he worked with United International Pictures as the Managing Director of its Swedish and Austrian offices. While in Europe, he was selected to serve on the boards of the Austrian and Swedish Film Distributors' Associations, as well as the Swedish Academy Awards Selection Committee.

During his first term as mayor, he formed the Sunshine Task Force, aimed at making Beverly Hills into a model for local governmental transparency and public participation. The Sunshine Task Force has become a permanent fixture within City government, having recently authored a new lobbyist ordinance which the Council passed into law. Councilmember Mirisch also was the architect of the City's Cultural Heritage Commission, which was created in 2012 to honor the City's rich history and architectural legacy.

During his second term as mayor, Councilmember Mirisch created the City's pioneering autonomous vehicle project, unanimously approved by the Council; the vision of this initiative is to incorporate autonomous vehicle technology within public transportation and to develop a municipal autonomous shuttle system to provide on demand, point-to-point transportation throughout Beverly Hills. Together with his colleague, the Honorable Lili Bosse, he also personally negotiated the largest development agreement in the City's history, worth an estimated \$820 million in municipal revenue over 30 years.

During his third term, he embraced and celebrated arts and culture in Beverly Hills through engaging Mayoral initiatives including community sing-a-longs at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts. He also guided the evolution of the Fine Arts Commission to the Arts & Culture Commission and championed the restoration of the Greystone Theatre.

A firm believer that local government, when done right, is the best form of democracy, as it is closest to the people, Councilmember Mirisch works with other likeminded elected officials throughout the state to vigorously safeguard communities statewide by protecting local rights from the incursions of Sacramento politicians and special interest groups. Councilmember Mirisch attended Hawthorne Elementary and Beverly Hills High School. There he followed in a tradition started by his mother Wendy Goldberg, who attended public school in Beverly Hills, as did his brother Richard Mirisch and his sister Amanda Goldberg. He also graduated magna cum laude from Yale University.

Councilmember Mirisch is the proud father of two sons, Vin and Mpenzi. Vin enjoys playing baseball,

tennis, and attending Dodger games, classical music concerts and the opera with his father. Councilmember Mirisch, Vin and Mpenzi are also proud members of the Geelong Football Club of the Australian Football League.

In addition to being a film enthusiast, Councilmember Mirisch enjoys traveling and spending time with his family. Together with his brother Richard, he has three fantasy baseball championships to his credit, having won the Showbiz Baseball league in 2006, 2008 and 2009.

Councilmember Mirisch, a dual Swedish-American citizen, is the first Swedish national to serve as mayor of Beverly Hills.

Councilmember Göran Eriksson, City of Culver City

<https://www.culvercity.org/City-Hall/City-Council/Council-Member-G%C3%B6ran-Eriksson>



Göran Eriksson was elected to the City Council of the City of Culver City in April 2016 and was re-elected to a second term on the City Council on December 14, 2020.

He has served on various renowned organizations, including:

- Current President of the California Independent Cities Association.
- Member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for the National League of Cities.
- Co-Chair of the National League of Cities Aviation Subcommittee.
- Member of the National League of Cities Unmanned Air Mobility Integration Advisory Forum
- Member of the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Community Noise Roundtable

The City Council has appointed Council Member Eriksson to several Committees and Subcommittees, including:

- LAX Ad Hoc Subcommittee
- Economic Development Subcommittee
- Mobility Traffic & Parking Subcommittee
- Police Liaison Subcommittee

Prior to Eriksson's election to his first term on the City Council in 2016, he served on the following committees:

- Appointee to the Culver City Advisory Committee on Redevelopment.
- Chair of the Culver City Finance Advisory Committee, which provides advice to the City Council on issues including the review of revenues and expenditures of tax measures; the City Council Budget; methods through which the City can reduce expenditures; and ways to increase or diversify City revenues.
- Vice Chair of the Culver City Unified School District Citizen Bond Oversight Committee, a financial oversight committee ensuring the Bond funds voted on by the community are used to improve the school district properties.

As a businessman and entrepreneur, Eriksson has been involved in international sales, marketing and business development for over 30 years. From 1985 to 1987, Eriksson worked with the Swedish Offices of Science & Technology in Los Angeles. He has also served as Vice President of Puregas Solutions LLC, a developer and manufacturer of renewable energy biogas upgrading plants, and as

Senior Advisor at *Invest in Sweden Agency* in Los Angeles, the Swedish government agency with a mission to stimulate foreign direct investment into Sweden.

In 1987, Eriksson founded the international business development consultancy *esi Techtrans, Inc.* and has served as President since inception. More than 50 European companies have benefited from his establishment and business development experience and insights as they have entered the U.S. market. In 1992, he and his wife Britta Eriksson, co-founded Euro VAT (Value Added Tax) Refund Inc, a leading VAT financial service corporation specializing in VAT reclaim and management. Eriksson currently serves as its Chairman of the Board and Chief Financial Officer.

Community service has been at the center of Eriksson's commitment to the people he serves. His history of volunteer work includes:

- Co-founder and President of the Swedish American Chamber of Commerce, Greater Los Angeles.
- Vice Chairman of the Swedish American Chamber of Commerce, United States.
- Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Lund University Foundation, Inc.
- Past President and current Member of the Culver City Chamber of Commerce.
- Member of the Culver City Exchange Club, under the umbrella of National Exchange Association, a community 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to raising funds for organizations who work to alleviate child abuse.

As the Chairman of the Lund University Foundation, Eriksson spearheaded a project to organize, translate, and publish the witness testimonies of over 500 survivors from the WW2 Holocaust concentration camp in Ravensbrück, Germany. Between 2014 and 2017, Eriksson and his colleagues raised over \$3,000,000 for the project, which has been used to educate the world on the experience of victims of the Ravensbrück concentration camp.

Eriksson has been a frequent speaker and moderator at major trade shows and industry seminars addressing trends within the U.S., Environmental Industry, Information Technology, and international business development. He has appeared on CNBC and also been requested as a regular guest commentator on *Biz Talk Soup Radio*, a nationally syndicated radio program covering financial and technology issues.

Eriksson earned his Master of Science degree in Computers and Electronics at LTH, University of Lund, Sweden, where he also served as Chairman of the Lund University Student Body. Married to his wife Britta for more than 30 years, they have two sons, Philip and Niklas, who grew up in Culver City.

Councilmember Lauren Meister, City of West Hollywood

<https://www.weho.org/city-government/city-council/councilmembers/councilmember-lauren-meister>



After nearly two decades as a neighborhood advocate, Lauren Meister was elected to the West Hollywood City Council on March 3, 2015; re-elected for her second term on March 5, 2019; and re-elected for her third term on November 8, 2022.

Since being elected, Councilmember Meister has worked on initiatives to: strengthen the Rent Stabilization Ordinance, develop more neighborhood-friendly planning and land use policies, provide social services for people who are homeless, create a Small Business Task Force, establish West Hollywood as a safe haven for LGBTQ asylum seekers, increase community engagement and transparency, implement a Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) Program, educate the public on safety issues related to children and pets, embrace and promote our historic resources and, raise the bar on design standards, environmental programs, and sustainability.

In her first term as mayor (April 2016-May 2017), she joined with mayors from across the nation to show support for preserving the [Affordable Care Act \(ACA\)](#) and protecting LGBT, immigrant and refugee communities. She also initiated an item to take steps to prohibit West Hollywood City Hall from doing business with entities that provide financial or other benefits to the President of the United States and develop socially conscious banking policies. In her second term as Mayor (September 2021-January 2023), Meister focused on community resilience and preparedness. As Mayor, she represented West Hollywood on the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee, the Los Angeles County Sanitation District, and the Sanitation District Personnel Committee.

Among Councilmember Meister’s priorities:

- Initiating and supporting policies to save our affordable housing stock and local neighborhood serving businesses,
- Prioritizing public safety, social services, and housing production to reflect the needs of our community,
- Preserving our city’s rich history and unique character,
- Protecting and enhancing parks and green space,
- Advocating for safe mobility options and fair parking policies.

Prior to her election in 2015, Councilmember Meister became involved with the City of West Hollywood as a neighborhood watch captain, took the LASD Community Emergency Response Team “CERT” training, and attended the West Hollywood Sheriff’s Community Academy. She went on to lead the largest neighborhood association in the city, representing residents on issues such as public safety, traffic circulation, parking, and development.

She served on numerous commissions and committees for the City of West Hollywood, including the Planning Commission and Public Safety Commission. She worked to mitigate traffic and parking impacts of new and proposed projects in the City, supported creative parking solutions to help neighborhood businesses, initiated the City’s “Live, Work, Play, Be Safe” educational campaign, and supported new ideas to increase pedestrian and bicycle safety. She also worked on campaign finance reform and has been a strong advocate for a stricter code of ethics.

At the request of former Congressman Henry Waxman, Councilmember Meister testified before Congress in support of health insurance regulation and universal health care, and she worked with City of Los Angeles Councilmember Paul Koretz to reduce helicopter noise in residential neighborhoods.

In 2013, she served as Chair of the successful “Yes on Measure C” Term Limits for West Hollywood committee, limiting all Council members elected on or after March 2013 to no more than three full or partial terms on the City Council.

Professionally, Councilmember Meister is the sole proprietor of her own marketing research firm based in West Hollywood. She has a bachelor’s degree in Sociology, a Graduate Certificate in Public Administration, and a master’s degree in Public Administration with a concentration in Emergency Services Management.

A resident of West Hollywood for more than 30 years, Councilmember Meister has been both a renter and a homeowner in the City. Councilmember Meister’s parents, sister, and rescue dogs, Suki and Sammy, also call West Hollywood home.

DRAFT MEETING NOTES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022
12:00 NOON

West Hollywood Library Building
City Council Chambers
625 N San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069

IN ATTENDANCE:

Beverly Hills: Vice Mayor Julian Gold, M.D. (WSCCOG Chair), Councilmember Sharona Nazarian. Staff: Gabriella Yap, Rachel Evans, Martha Eros, Helen Morales.

Culver City: Councilmember Alex Fisch (WSCCOG Vice Chair), Councilmember Göran Eriksson. Staff: Shelly Wolfberg.

Santa Monica: Councilmember Phil Brock (WSCCOG Secretary). Staff: Anuj Gupta, Jason Kligier.

West Hollywood: Mayor Lauren Meister. Staff: Hernan Molina, Corri Planck, David Fenn.

City of LA: Staff: Jay Greenstein (Council District 5), Steve Luu, Zachary Campos.

County of LA: Staff: John Leonard, Zac Gaidzik (Supervisory District 3)

WSCCOG: Staff: Cecilia Estolano (WSCCOG Executive Director), Winnie Fong, Riley O'Brien. Legal Counsel: Lauren Langer.

Other: Craig Hoshijima (Metro); Jeff Kiernan (League of California Cities)

1. WSCCOG REGULAR BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Julian Gold (WSCCOG Chair) called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

2. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND IDENTIFICATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

Voting members: Vice Mayor Julian Gold (City of Beverly Hills); Councilmember Alex Fisch, Councilmember Göran Eriksson (City of Culver City), Councilmember Phil Brock (City of Santa Monica); Mayor Lauren Meister (City of West Hollywood).

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. Authorization to Conduct Teleconferencing Meetings under AB 361

Councilmember Alex Fisch moved to approve the use of teleconference for the December 8th, 2022 WSCCOG Board meeting, as well as continue the WSCCOG

future regular board meetings via hybrid format. Councilmember Phil Brock seconded the motion. The motions passed unanimously.

B. WSCCOG October 13, 2022 Board Meeting Notes

Councilmember Fisch moved to approve the draft October 13, 2022 WSCCOG Board Meeting Notes, and Mayor Lauren Meister seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Proposed WSCCOG Project Priority and Funding Allocation for the Measure M Subregional Equity Program (SEP)

Cecilia Estolano (WSCCOG Executive Director) introduced the recommended action item on which Riley O'Brien (WSCCOG Analyst) presented. O'Brien described the recommended action and provided background on the SEP allocation process. O'Brien emphasized the role of the WSCCOG Transportation Working Group, consisting of transportation-focused staff from each member jurisdiction, in shaping the recommended action. O'Brien also detailed the potential benefits of the recommended action, which would prioritize subregion-wide bus rapid transit infrastructure and long-term planning for an extension of the D Line (Purple) subway.

Vice Mayor Gold asked for more context on the SEP cash flow, and Metro staff Craig Hoshijima responded by describing how Metro is using federal infrastructure funds to allocate limited near term SEP funding to the WSCCOG between FY 2024 through FY 2028. Hoshijima also described how MSP funding, including SEP, will increase over the next several decades, and Vice Mayor Gold expressed concern about the long timeline for accessing funds. Public commenter Kevin Burton expressed support for the recommended action. Councilmember Fisch moved to adopt the recommended action, and Mayor Meister seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Westside Regional Behavioral Health Center Feasibility Work Plan

Winnie Fong (WSCCOG Project Director) introduced the recommended action item and presented background and details on the work plan to develop a behavioral health center to support unhoused individuals and others in need. Fong described the WSCCOG staff intention to continue convening the WSCCOG Homelessness Working Group, updating the recent Landscape Scan on Current Services and Programs as new information develops. Fong also explained the need to address legal procedures to enable the City of West Hollywood, which is in LA County's Service Planning Area (SPA) 4, to access a behavioral health center in SPA 5, where other WSCCOG jurisdictions are located. Fong concluded by describing the next steps for stakeholder engagement and procurement of a feasibility study.

Mayor Meister emphasized the need to ensure West Hollywood can access the health center despite the jurisdictional and potential legal barriers between SPA 4 and SPA 5, and Vice Mayor Gold reinforced this claim. Councilmember Fisch moved to approve the recommended action item, and Mayor Meister seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. 2023 WSCCOG Regular Board Meeting Schedule

Cecilia Estolano (WSCCOG Executive Director) described the 2023 WSCCOG Regular Board Meeting Schedule and noted the WSCCOG staff's intention to continue with hybrid meetings. Mayor Meister moved to approve the recommended meeting schedule, and Councilmember Brock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Cecilia Estolano (WSCCOG Executive Director) described upcoming potential vacancies on the SCAG Regional Council District 41, SCAG Transportation Committee, SCAG Energy and Environment Committee, and Metro Westside/Central Service Council.

5. LEGISLATION

Jeff Kiernan from the League of California Cities described the organization's legislative year-in-review, along with their 2023 goals, which include housing, public safety, and fiscal sustainability. Kiernan noted that the agenda packet includes these details.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hernan Molina (West Hollywood staff member) invited Board Meeting attendees to tour the city's new aquatics facility. Winnie Fong (WSCCOG Project Director) mentioned a mid-December webinar focused on Project Homekey.

7. FUTURE MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next WSCCOG board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Riley O'Brien confirmed that WSCCOG staff had not received any additional public comments as of 1:05pm.

9. ADJOURN

The WSCCOG Board adjourned at 1:06 p.m.



DATE: February 6, 2023
TO: Westside Cities Council of Governments Board
FROM: Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff
SUBJECT: SCAG Transportation Committee – WSCCOG Representative

Recommended Action

Appoint the WSCCOG representative to the SCAG Transportation Committee.

Background

The role of the SCAG Transportation Committee is to 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.

WSCCOG is seeking to appoint a new representative to serve on the SCAG Transportation Committee for a two-year term effective March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2025. The WSCCOG staff posted the candidacy notice on January 5, 2023 and received three (3) letters of interest for the representative seat:

1. Councilmember Sharona Nazarian, City of Beverly Hills
2. Vice Mayor Yasmine-Imani McMorrin, City of Culver City
3. Mayor Pro Tempore John Erickson, City of West Hollywood

Voting Process

The SCAG Transportation Committee representative shall be elected by a majority of the quorum of the COG. The voting member from each member city present at the meeting will cast one (1) vote. The candidate with the majority of the votes will be appointed as the WSCCOG's representative to the SCAG Transportation Committee.

Attachments

- A. Letter of Interest - Councilmember Sharona Nazarian, City of Beverly Hills
- B. Letter of Interest - Vice Mayor Yasmine-Imani McMorrin, City of Culver City
- C. Letter of Interest - Mayor Pro Tempore John Erickson, City of West Hollywood



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Sharona R. Nazarian, PsyD
Councilmember

January 19, 2023

Ms. Cecilia Estolano
Estolano LeSar Perez Advisors
448 S. Hill Street, Suite 618
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Re: Letter of Interest for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
Transportation Policy Committee

Dear Ms. Estolano:

Please accept this letter as my notice of interest in representing the cities of Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica and West Hollywood as the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Transportation Policy Committee.

I have experience with transportation issues as I was a Public Works Commissioner for the City of Beverly Hills. I have also served as a Commissioner on the Human Relations Commission.

Additionally, for numerous years, I have served as a Commissioner for the Los Angeles County Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs (Commission). Under my leadership as the Chair and Vice Chair of this Commission, I built consensus with the other Commissioners to revise our mission statement and to prioritize our goals each year. I have also successfully led efforts which:

- Streamlined our process for reviewing and making recommendations to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on legislation;
- Implemented programs for Los Angeles County's most vulnerable population to prevent and treat alcohol and drug addiction; and
- Coordinated with the Department of Public Health for all five Public Health Deputies to provide reports and updates to the Commission.

I am proud of my accomplishments with this Commission as I was able to cohesively work with other Commissioners to generate solutions for county-wide issues on the use of alcohol and other drugs. It is this experience of building consensus that I will bring to the SCAG Transportation

Policy Committee on behalf of the Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG) and its member cities.

I believe transportation is a regional issue and I can advocate on behalf of our WSCCOG for critical and necessary changes to the current public transportation system. Our transportation system in the Southern California region needs to focus on:

- 1) Improving safety for the riders: This applies to people waiting at bus stops and train stations as well as when they are riding on public transportation;
- 2) Determining the most effective routes for public transportation: Many residents state they would take public transportation except the bus routes or train routes take double or triple the time as driving. We need to explore ways to improve or redesign the transportation routes so people are more incentivized to take public transportation;
- 3) Improving the cleanliness of our public transportation: People report the public transportation is not cleaned as frequently as it should be, which results in an undesirable atmosphere for commuting to work.
- 4) Improving the environment – Examine ways to move to clean fuel vehicles for public transportation.

It will take an incredible effort to build the consensus we need for these changes. I feel this is a challenge I am ready for. I believe I can represent the interests of each city in the WSCCOG regarding our transportation needs; therefore, I am respectfully submitting this letter for consideration as the SCAG Transportation Policy Committee member.

Sincerely,



Sharona R. Nazarian, PsyD
Councilmember, Beverly Hills



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January 20, 2023

Ms. Winnie Fong
Project Director
Westside Cities Council of Governments
Via e-mail: winnie@estolanoadvisors.com

Subject: WSCCOG Representation on the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Transportation Committee

Dear Ms. Fong:


I am seeking the WSCCOG's nomination to serve as our subregion's representative to the SCAG Transportation Committee. In my role as Vice Mayor and as a Council Member, I've been working toward creating more efficient and safe modes of transportation for our community. Our cities' shared goals will result in many benefits for transit passengers, cyclists, motorists, and pedestrians.

Culver CityBus, the second oldest municipally owned bus line in the State of California, is moving towards electrification of our fleet. Battery-electric vehicles are not only quieter and cleaner, but easier to maintain and produce zero emissions on the road which means cleaner air for our community and the region. We are striving towards a net-zero carbon emissions goal. The timing is right for these types of vehicles, especially mass transit, and in time for the 2028 Olympics. Our cities are experiencing great economic growth and opportunities. We need to continue to pursue options beyond single passenger cars to serve our subregion's workers and residents.

Regionally, I'm proud of our growth, when it comes to closing the gap in the Metro Rail Network. Completing both the Metro Purple (D Line) Extension Transit Project and Crenshaw Northern Extension Project, will go a long way in providing safe, low cost, and equitable transportation by connecting people to important employment centers, restaurants, hotels, and our many tourism opportunities.

I look forward to serving as the Representative to serve on the SCAG Transportation Committee. I see this appointment as an opportunity to bring our subregion's transportation plans, programs, and projects to fruition through collaborative efforts and much needed funding. I am seeking the Board's positive consideration of my appointment.

Sincerely,


Yasmine-Imani McMorris
Vice Mayor

cc: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
John M. Nachbar, City Manager



City of West Hollywood

Item 6B - Attachment C

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January 20, 2023

Cecilia Estolano, Executive Director
Westside Cities Council of Governments
c/o Estolano Advisors, LLP
448 South Hill Street, #618
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Re: **Letter of Interest: Appointment as the Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG) representative to the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) Transportation Committee (TC)**

Dear Ms. Estolano:

I am respectfully submitting my letter of interest to serve as the WSCCOG's representative to SCAG's Transportation Committee, which Councilmember Lindsey P. Horvath of West Hollywood has now vacated as she assumed the office of Supervisor for the County of Los Angeles' 3rd District.

On November 3, 2020, the voters of West Hollywood elected me to the City Council. This election marks an important milestone in my public service career, which spans more than ten years, both as an employee of and a Planning Commissioner for the City of West Hollywood. My service to the community also includes currently serving at the Interim Vice President of Public Affairs, Communications, and Marketing at Planned Parenthood Los Angeles (PPLA) and as the Legislative Representative for Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), where I assisted with procuring regulatory approvals at the county, state, and federal levels for the improvement of the airport. Academically, I was able to attend Claremont Graduate University where I received dual master's degrees in Applied Gender Studies and Women Studies in Religion, and then my Ph.D. in American Religious History focusing on LGBTQ history and American Public Policy in May 2019.

Over the years, I also had the opportunity and the honor of serving on the boards of organizations such as the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Southern California, where I am the President of the Board, the National Organization for Women (NOW) National Board, where I represent the Pacific District, and additionally the American Academy of Religion Western Region, where I am currently the President. In addition to this, I am currently serving as the Vice President of the Los Angeles County Library Foundation and serve as the Legislative Committee Vice Chair and on the Executive Board of the California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) as well as on several policy committees for both the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the League of California Cities (CalCities).

My desire to run for office and become a policymaker was anchored, in part, in my concerns over the plight of millions of Californians who continue to struggle to find safe, decent, affordable housing within their communities and without having to commute for hours each day as millions of Californians are forced to do. Alongside the fight for housing is also the growing need to match those policy decisions with equitable access to transportation.

The state's current housing and current mobility challenges are unacceptable for any state, but it is even more unacceptable for a state-nation like California, which its economy ranks amongst the world's top five. California has always led the nation, and I am convinced that with courageous and thoughtful leadership we can get out of the current situation and thrive. We can surmount this challenge and build the transit-oriented/aligned housing units needed following sustainable development patterns, which take care of people, provide solutions to our traffic congestion problems, and protect the environment.

Furthermore, as a housing and transportation advocate, I believe that we must be open minded when it comes to addressing and accommodating population growth in a way that addresses economic disparities and systemic racial disparities in accessing good, safe, and affordable housing close to reliable systems of transportation, good paying jobs, and schools. I believe that I have the skillset to address these issues head on and be part of the broader discussion that addresses the next generation's approach to create sustainable communities with multimodal transportation and affordable housing.

I believe that my public service experience coupled with my academic work make me an ideal candidate to represent the WSCCOG at SCAG's Transportation Committee.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 323-848-6460 or via email at jerickson@weho.org

Sincerely,



John M. Erickson, Ph.D.
MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

JE:hgm



DATE: February 6, 2023
TO: Westside Cities Council of Governments Board
FROM: Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff
SUBJECT: SCAG Energy and Environment Committee – WSCCOG Representative

Recommended Action

Appoint the WSCCOG representative to the SCAG Energy and Environment Committee.

Background

The Energy & Environment Committee considers environmental and energy issues of regional significance, including but not limited to air quality, water quality, solid and hazardous waste, habitat preservation, environmental justice, and environmental impact analysis.

WSCCOG is seeking to appoint a new representative to serve on the SCAG Energy and Environment Committee for a two-year term effective March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2025. The WSCCOG staff posted the candidacy notice on January 5, 2023 and received one (1) letter of interest for the representative seat from Councilmember Phil Brock, City of Santa Monica.

Attachment

- A. Letter of Interest - Councilmember Phil Brock, City of Santa Monica



Council Member Phil Brock

February 3, 2023

Winnie Fong
Westside Cities Council of Governments

By email: Winnie@estolanoadvisors.com

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Southern California Association of Governments Energy & Environment Committee. I am currently a city council member for the City of Santa Monica with two years tenure, will become Santa Monica's Mayor in December 2023, and have served as the alternate Santa Monica representative to the WSCCOG for approximately eighteen months. I was also the WSCCOG's director representative to the LA County Division of Cal Cities in 2022.

In the past, I was the Chair of the Santa Monica Recreation & Parks Commission (14 years), a Santa Monica Arts Commissioner (four years), and President of the California Association of Recreation & Parks Commissioners and Board Members. I authored weekly op-eds for the Santa Monica Mirror (7 years) as a member of the SMart Group. These op-eds focused on water conservation, renewable building, and energy efforts by placing a lens on a Santa Monica that must be ecologically ready for the next century.

In looking at the needs of all member SCAG cities, there is a tremendous burden caused by global warming, our past environmental failures, and an urgent need to plan for the future. The efforts to consider new ways to integrate renewable energy, plan now for sea level rise, retain and increase the amount of natural habitat and open space available for our many residents, air and water quality, and environmental justice and equity are of tantamount importance to every municipality with SCAG's reach. I would be honored to serve on the Energy and Environment Committee of SCAG.

Best

Phil



DATE: February 6, 2023
TO: Westside Cities Council of Governments Board
FROM: Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff
SUBJECT: Executive Director Updates

WSSCOG Updated Board Roster (FY 2022-23)

Member	Name	Voting Position	Officer
City of Beverly Hills	Julian Gold, M.D., Vice Mayor	Delegate	Chair
	Sharona R. Nazarian, PsyD, Councilmember	Alternate	
City of Culver City	Göran Eriksson, Councilmember	Delegate	Vice Chair
	Dan O'Brien, Councilmember*	Alternate	
City of Santa Monica	Oscar de la Torre, Councilmember*	Delegate	Secretary
	Jesse Zwick, Councilmember*	Alternate	
City of West Hollywood	Sepi Shyne, Mayor	Delegate	
	Lauren Meister, Councilmember	Alternate	
Los Angeles	Traci Park, Councilmember (CD 11)*	Delegate	
	Katy Yaroslavsky, Councilmember (CD 5)*	Alternate	
County of Los Angeles	Lindsey Horvath, Supervisor (SD 3)*	Delegate	
	TBD	Alternate	

**New to the WSSCOG Board*

2023 WSSCOG Regular Board Meeting Schedule

The WSSCOG Board will meet on the second Thursday of every even-numbered month. The list of upcoming meetings is listed below. AB 361 is in effect until the end of 2023. The WSSCOG Executive Director will continue to work with the WSSCOG Chair and legal counsel to determine the continuation of hybrid meetings after reviewing the changes to public meetings due to new laws that took effect on January 1, 2023 and the Governor's announcement that the COVID-19 State of

Emergency will end on February 28, 2023 (refer to [Attachment A](#) for a summary of Brown Act changes in 2023).

- Thursday, February 9, 2023
- Thursday, April 13, 2023
- Thursday, June 8, 2023
- Thursday August 10, 2023
- Thursday, October 12, 2023
- Thursday, December 14, 2023

2023 WSCCOG Board Appointments

WSCCOG staff will be coordinating future appointments for the following committees in 2023:

Metro Westside/Central Service Council

David Feinberg (Santa Monica Big Blue Bus) is currently serving a three-year term from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2023 on the Metro Westside/Central Service Council. Metro requests that the WSCCOG submit a letter nominating the incumbent or a replacement nominee for the July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026 term to ensure that fully appointed Service Councils are maintained. The WSCCOG is currently accepting letters of interest until March 31, 2023. WSCCOG Board will select the nominee at the next WSCCOG Regular Board meeting in April 2023. Refer to [Attachment B](#) for more information and eligibility.

Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission

Vice Mayor Yasmine-Imani McMorris (City of Culver City) is currently serving a two-year term on the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission from September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2023. The WSCCOG will open the call for candidates in June 2023 and the Board will appoint the representative at the WSCCOG Regular Board Meeting in August.

WSCCOG Recent Activities

Below is a summary of WSCCOG activities between December 6, 2022 and February 6, 2023:

Administrative Activities

WSCCOG staff continued working with the City of Beverly Hills and Moss, Levy & Hartzheim LLP on the WSCCOG's FY 2021-22 financial audit. WSCCOG staff also facilitated the Automated Clearing House (ACH) payment processes with the County, SCAG, and Metro as part of the Treasurer transition. WSCCOG staff participated in the following meetings: COG Executive Director monthly meetings; Metro CEO and Subregional Directors meeting.

Transportation Working Group

WSCCOG staff convened the Transportation Working Group in January. Refer to [Attachment C](#) for agenda items that were discussed in the meeting.

- **Metro Multi-Year Subregional Program (MSP) Checklist and Annual Update**
WSCCOG staff and Fehr & Peers will work with the Westside member cities on this year's Metro's MSP annual update. Metro staff recently presented a Complete Streets Project Initiation Checklist for all MSP projects, which will enable compliance with recent Metro

Board direction to ensure countywide investments enhance safety and enable multimodal travel for all road users. As the WSCCOG's primary MSP focuses on active transportation and first-last mile connections to transit stops, compliance with this new requirement will be relatively straightforward. The WSCCOG staff will present the MSP recommended updates to the WSCCOG Board in June 2023 for approval, followed by a 90-day review by Metro staff before it is submitted to the Metro Board for final approval in October 2023.

- **Metro Sepulveda Transit Corridor Station Open Houses**

In January 2023, WSCCOG staff attended a virtual briefing and an in-person "open house" focused on proposed station locations and layouts for the Sepulveda Transit Corridor. WSCCOG staff reiterated the subregion's preference for an on-campus UCLA station and a seamless transfer to the D Line (Purple) at Wilshire. Metro staff and consultants described their intention to avoid utility relocation and property impacts in determining station placement, and they acknowledged needing further study to measure noise impacts and transfer times associated with Alternatives 1 and 2, which would require riders to use an electric bus or automated people mover to access the UCLA campus. Metro is accepting comments on the proposed station locations on a rolling basis in advance of the next official update later this year.

Homelessness Working Group

WSCCOG staff convened the Homelessness Working Group in January. Refer to [Attachment D](#) for agenda items that were discussed in the meeting.

- **LA County CEO-HI Virtual Regional Convening (February 22, 2023)**

The Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative (CEO-HI) will be hosting a Regional Convening for the Westside Cities and Las-Virgenes-Malibu COG on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to facilitate a discussion with the Department of Mental Health (DMH) about mental health services for people experiencing homelessness (refer to [Attachment E](#) for more the agenda). The meeting will take place virtually on Zoom. Invitation to this convening is limited to city and County staff, City Managers, Mayors, and City Councilmembers. Interested attendees are encouraged to reach out to Winnie Fong, WSCCOG Project Director at winnie@estolanoadvisors.com for the registration link to the meeting.

Housing Working Group

WSCCOG staff convened the Housing Working Group in January for ECONorthwest to present the draft memos and findings on existing housing funding sources to preserve and develop affordable housing in the region. ECONorthwest is currently engaging with the Westside cities to understand how much existing funding is available to capitalize a fund and how much could be leveraged from outside sources. The consultant will then use the information to conduct a pro forma analysis to evaluate the range of funding gaps as part of the draft strategy and recommendations. ECONorthwest is scheduled to present the findings and proposed recommendations at the next WSCCOG Regular Board meeting in April.



Brown Act changes are coming to cities in 2023. Here is what to expect

Dec 14, 2022

This story has been updated to acknowledge that cities may need to carefully review any questions on the continued applicability of AB 361 (Rivas, Robert) with their city attorney. It has also been updated to better clarify the distinction between “just cause” and “emergency circumstances” in AB 2449 (Rubio, Blanca), as well as a limitation with AB 2647 (Levine).

Several notable changes to public meetings are in place due to new laws that took effect on Jan. 1 and the Governor’s announcement that the COVID-19 State of Emergency will end on Feb. 28. Ending the state of emergency may impact cities’ ability to conduct remote meetings utilizing [AB 361 \(Rivas, Robert\)](#). Additionally, the new [AB 2449 \(Rubio, Blanca\)](#) is limited in scope and contains onerous requirements, as explained below.

If city officials determine — in consultation with their city attorney — that they do not meet the requirements to utilize remote meeting laws, they will need to comply with several outdated provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act, including that each teleconference location must be listed on the agenda and accessible to the public.

Two other laws — [AB 2647 \(Levine\)](#) and [SB 1100 \(Cortese\)](#) — also took effect on Jan. 1, which govern public meetings more generally.

New remote public meetings option

Asm. Rubio Blanca’s [AB 2449](#) allows local agencies to hold remote public meetings without identifying each teleconference location and without making each location accessible to the public. This alternative option can only be used under limited circumstances and expires on Jan. 1, 2026. Crucially, this measure may be used if “just cause” is met or if “emergency circumstances” exist.

“Just cause” is defined as any one of the following:

- Child care or caregiving of a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner that requires a member to participate remotely.
- A contagious illness that prevents a member from attending in person.
- A need related to a physical or mental disability.
- Travel while on business of the legislative body or another state or local agency.

An “emergency circumstance” is a physical or family medical emergency that prevents a member of a legislative body from attending in person.

In order to participate remotely for “just cause”, a member must notify the legislative body at the earliest possible opportunity — including at the start of a meeting — of their need to participate remotely and provide a general description of the circumstances related to one of the four items above. A member may only use the just cause provision up to two meetings per calendar year. To participate remotely under “emergency circumstances”, the member must request that the legislative body allow them to participate in the meeting remotely because of emergency circumstances and the legislative body must take action to approve the request. The legislative body must request a general description of the circumstances relating to the member’s need to appear

remotely. This description does not have to be more than 20 words and does not need to include any personal medical information.

The following rules also apply when meeting under just cause or emergency circumstances:

- Members participating remotely must do so through audio and visual technology.
- The legislative body must provide a way for the public to remotely hear, visually observe, and remotely address the legislative body.
- The legislative body must provide notice of how the public can access the meeting and offer comment.
- The agenda must identify and include an opportunity for the public to attend and directly address the legislative body through a call-in option, an internet-based service option, and in person at the meeting.
- The legislative body cannot require comments to be submitted before the start of the meeting. The public must be allowed to make “real time” public comment.
- If there is a disruption to the meeting broadcast or in the ability to take call-in or internet-based public comment, no further action can be taken on agenda items until the issue is resolved.
- The legislative body must implement a procedure for receiving and resolving requests for reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities and must give notice of these procedures.
- A member may not participate in meetings remotely for more than three consecutive months or 20% of the agency’s regular meetings within a calendar year. If the legislative body regularly meets less than 10 times a year, a member may not participate remotely for more than two meetings.

Additionally, members participating remotely must publicly disclose at the meeting whether anyone else 18 years or older is present with the member and the general nature of the member’s relationship with the individual.

Supplementary materials and public meetings

Under the Brown Act, any documents that are distributed to a majority of a legislative body less than 72 hours before a meeting must be distributed to the public at the same time. To meet this requirement, some local governments posted these materials online. However, the Third District Court of Appeal recently held that this does not meet the Brown Act’s requirements.

As a result, local governments had to place copies of the document in a designated office open to the public. This meant that agencies had to keep offices open past normal business hours or withhold late-breaking information until the next business day. This increased costs or caused delays in decision-making, as materials often need multiple days for analysis.

The Cal Cities-sponsored [AB 2647 \(Levine\)](#) seeks to resolve the issues created by the Third District’s decision. This measure clarifies that supplementary materials distributed less than 72 hours before a meeting can be posted online if certain requirements are met and physical copies are made available for public inspection at the beginning of the next regular business day at a public office, so long as the regular business day starts at least 24 hours before that meeting.

Disruptive conduct and public meetings

The last few years have seen a rise in disruptive and threatening behavior in public meetings. Lawmakers responded by passing [SB 1100 \(Cortese\)](#), a new process that allows a presiding member of a legislative body conducting a meeting, or their designee, to remove someone for disrupting the meeting.

SB 1100 prescribes the following process for removal:

- Warn the individual that their behavior is disrupting the meeting and their failure to cease their behavior may result in removal.
- Remove the individual if they do not "promptly" cease their disruptive behavior.

The bill defines disruptive behavior as that which disrupts, disturbs, impedes, or renders infeasible the orderly conduct of the meeting. This includes, but is not limited to:

- A failure to comply with reasonable and lawful regulations adopted by a legislative body pursuant to Section 54954.3 or any other law.
- Engaging in behavior that constitutes the use of force or a true threat of force. "True threat of force" means a threat that a reasonable observer would perceive to be an actual threat to use force by the person making the threat.

However, existing statutory and case law already specifies other avenues for addressing public meeting disruptions. Under existing law — and as interpreted by the courts — a city council may adopt rules governing the conduct of their public meetings, including the removal of a person who makes slanderous, profane, or threatening remarks or other disorderly conduct that disrupts the meeting.

Additionally, legislative bodies can adopt reasonable regulations to ensure that people can address a legislative body on any item of interest to the public. However, the legislative body may not prohibit public criticism of its policies, procedures, programs, or services.

City officials and their attorneys may want to consider — should a situation call for it — whether they want to remove disruptive individuals pursuant to a rule adopted under existing statutory and case law or follow the new SB 1100 process.

Future Brown Act changes

Cal Cities will continue to push for sensible Brown Act modernization that balances local flexibility, transparency, and public accessibility, such as [AB 1944 \(Lee, 2022\)](#). Although the measure ultimately failed, it would have given local governments the flexibility needed to operate effectively in a world that is increasingly dependent on the internet while also increasing access to public meetings.

For questions or to provide comment regarding potential Brown Act legislation, please contact [Legislative Affairs Lobbyist Johnnie Pina](#). For more Brown Act guidance please refer to the League of California Cities' [Open & Public V: A Guide to the Ralph M. Brown Act](#).



SENT VIA EMAIL

January 24, 2023

Ms. Cecilia V. Estolano, Executive Director
Westside Cities Council of Governments
801 S. Grand Ave. #530
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Re: Appointment to Metro Westside/Central Service Council

Dear Ms. Estolano:

The Westside Cities Council of Governments has one appointment to Metro’s Westside Central Cities (WSC) Service Council. The purpose of the Service Councils is to improve bus service and promote service coordination with municipal and local transit. Metro’s Service Councils make decisions about bus routes and schedules for Metro bus lines operating in their region.

Service Council Bylaws require that nominees live, work, or represent the region; the seat is not required to be filled by an elected official. All Council representatives should have a basic understanding of the public transit network/service and passenger transit needs within their region, and ride public transit at least on a monthly basis. Metro Board Members, employees, and consultants working directly on projects or initiatives in their region related to bus service or that may impact bus service are not eligible to serve. The WSC Service Council currently meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Meetings generally have a duration of two hours. Consistent with AB361, Service Council meetings will continue to be held virtually through February 28, 2023 when the current declared state of emergency expires, after which in-person meetings will convene in the Metro Board Room.

In alignment with Metro’s Equity Platform, Metro strives to appoint Service Council members reflective of the demographics of their respective regions. For your reference, the 2020 American Community Survey demographics and 2019 Metro Ridership Survey demographics for the WSC Council region as compared the Council’s membership are provided:

WSC Demographics	Hispanic	White	Asian/ Pac Isl	Black	Native Amer	Other
WSC Council Region	42.8%	31.1%	13.3%	9.3%	0.2%	3.3%
WSC Regional Ridership	66%	7%	7%	16%	1%	4%
WSC Membership/No.	55%/5	11%/1	11.1%/1	11%/1	0%/0	11%/1

Cecilia V. Estolano

January 24, 2023

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Metro's 2019 Understanding How Women Travel report found that 54% of all bus riders are women, and 51% of Metro rail riders are women. The current gender makeup of the Council is as follows:

Gender	WSC Current Membership/No.	Los Angeles County
Male	33.3% (3)	49.7%
Female	66.6% (6)	50.3%

The terms of three of the nine positions on each of Metro's Service Councils expire on June 30 of each year in accordance with Council Bylaws. Members may serve more than one three-year term. The term of WSC Service Council appointee David Feinberg will expire on June 30, 2023; he has expressed his willingness to serve another term.

Metro respectfully requests that the Westside Cities Council of Governments submit a letter nominating the incumbent or a replacement nominee for the July 1, 2023-June 30, 2026 term to ensure that fully appointed Service Councils are maintained. Nominations should be submitted to me at ramosd@metro.net by **Friday, April 28, 2023**. I will then submit the required Board Report requesting that the Metro Board of Directors approve your nominees at the June 22, 2023 Metro Board meeting. Should you or your staff have any questions, please contact me at the email above or at 213.598.9715.

Sincerely,



Dolores Ramos

Manager

Regional Service Councils

cc: Nicole Englund, Chief of Staff, Metro

David Feinberg, Westside Central Service Council Member

Winnie Fong, Project Director

The Honorable Julian Gold, M.D., Chair, Westside Cities Council of Governments, Vice

Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

Elba Higueros, Deputy Chief of Staff, Metro

Stephanie N. Wiggins, Chief Executive Officer, Metro

WSCCOG Transportation Working Group

Agenda for Tuesday, December 27, 2022

Meeting cancelled

Agenda for Tuesday, January 24, 2023

1. Presentation (15 min)
 - a. Paul Backstrom (Metro) - Complete Streets Project Initiation Checklist for MSP
2. WSCCOG Updates (15 min)
 - a. MSP Annual Update
 - b. December 2022 Board Meeting Recap
 - c. SEP Funding Request Process
 - d. 2023 WSCCOG Board Member Roster
 - e. 2023 TWG Priorities and Future Agenda Items
3. Funding Opportunities (15 min)
 - a. Due March 9 - Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants
 - b. Due March 23 - Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) Microtransit Request for Proposals (RFP)
 - c. Caltrans Reconnecting Communities Highways to Boulevards (RC:H2B) Program
 - i. Call for Projects - Spring/Summer 2023
 - d. Metro Visionary Seed Fund
 - i. Forum on March 9, 2023
 - e. SCAG Grant Opportunities Overview
4. County and Regional Updates (15 min)
 - a. Metro Sepulveda Transit Corridor
 - i. Station-Focused Community Workshops
 - ii. Draft Agency Coordination and Public Participation Plan
 - iii. Draft Planning and Environmental Linkages Approach Memo
 - b. Metro Active Transportation Strategic Plan Network Prioritization
 - i. Final Prioritized ATSP Network
 - ii. Response from Metro on WSCCOG Comments
 - c. Metro VMT Target-Setting Effort
 - d. Recurring Items
 - i. LA County/Metro
 1. Crenshaw Northern Extension
 2. Westside/Central Service Council Meeting - Recap
 3. InfrastructureLA
 - ii. SCAG
 1. SCAG Regional Dedicated Transit Lanes Study Update

WSCCOG Homelessness Working Group

Agenda for Wednesday, December 28, 2022

Meeting cancelled

Agenda for Wednesday, January 25, 2023

1. County CEO-HI Updates
 - a. Regional Convening on February 22
2. Funding Opportunity Discussion
 - a. Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) Program - California Interagency Council on Homelessness
3. County Innovation Fund updates
 - a. Requests to modify program budget

SAVE THE DATE

**Westside Cities & Las Virgenes - Malibu COG Regional
Convening**

Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 4-5pm

Dear Partners,

The Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative (CEO-HI) recognizes the crucial role of cities and Councils of Governments (COGs) in the fight against homelessness.

Over the last few months, we've heard from City and COG leaders about their increasing need to learn more about mental health services for people experiencing homelessness. In response, we want to facilitate a discussion with our partners at the Department of Mental Health (DMH), who can provide information about their programs and services and address common questions and concerns.

CEO-HI will host this Regional Convening for the Westside Cities & Las-Virgenes-Malibu COG Regional Convening on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 4-5pm. The meeting will take place virtually on Zoom.

Meeting Objectives

- Strengthen understanding of DMH programs and services for people experiencing homelessness with mental health disorders
- Clarify options for seeking assistance and connecting individuals to services
- Enable strategic decision-making on the best use of the Local Solutions Fund to reduce unsheltered homelessness, ensure encampment resolutions, and increase pathways to permanent housing

Agenda

- Welcome Remarks
- Meeting Objectives
- DMH Presentation
 - Data on Homelessness and Mental Illness
 - DMH Target Population
 - Access Points
 - Mental Health Service Programs
 - DMH Housing Resources
- Facilitated Discussion



DATE: February 6, 2023

TO: Westside Cities Council of Governments Board

FROM: Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff

SUBJECT: Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) Annual Filing

Annual Filing Process

The Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) annual filing statements are due no later than **Monday, April 3, 2023**. Statements filed late are subject to a late fee of \$10 per day up to a maximum of \$100. As the Filing Officer, the WSCCOG staff will work with the WSCCOG Boardmembers to ensure a smooth filing period. Refer to [Attachment A](#) for the Conflict of Interest Code, which includes the economic disclosure categories for each designated position of the WSCCOG. Filers may submit their Form 700s by email or electronically through the County's e-Filing System.

By Mail

WSCCOG Boardmembers may forward a hard copy of the Form 700 with wet signature directly to the WSCCOG by mail no later than **Monday, April 3, 2023** to the address below:

Attn: Winnie Fong
Westside Cities Council of Governments
801 S. Grand Ave., Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90017

E-File

In early February 2023, the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors will be issuing an e-mail with log-in information and instructions to all WSCCOG Boardmembers to complete their Form 700 by **April 3, 2023**. See below for samples of the emails that will be sent to the filers.

Email to filers who have previously used the e-filing system:

Subject: 2023 Annual Form 700 - Due April 3, 2023

Electronic Filing of your Statement of Economic Interests Form 700 for: **AGENCY NAME**
Filer's Name,

Our records indicate that you hold a position or are performing duties that require you to file a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700).

Click here to prepare and submit your Form 700 electronically:

<https://lacform700.lacounty.gov> and log in with your username (below) and password that you

used previously. If you forgot your password, click on "Forgot User Id/Password" on the log in page and a temporary password will be emailed to you.

User ID: XXXXXXX

The E-Filing System is accessible 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. You may start your Form and come back at a later time to complete it, if necessary. Once you e-File your Form 700, it will be considered signed and received.

Should you encounter any problems or have questions regarding the use of this system, you may e-mail us at COI-Desk@bos.lacounty.gov or call us at (213) 974-1748.

If you have any questions or need assistance in determining your disclosure requirements, you must contact your agency's Filing Officer, **{FO Name}**, by calling **{FO Telephone Number}**.

Thank you for using the E-Filing System.

*Don Garcia
Chief Conflict of Interest/Lobbyist Division
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors-Executive Office*

Note: If you have already submitted a paper copy of your 2022/2023 Form 700, you should not re-file using this website. Your first filing will remain the official filing. If you do not want to use the E-Filing System, contact your Filing Officer to obtain a Form 700 and related publications.

Email to First-Time e-Filers:

Subject: 2023 Annual Form 700 - Due April 3, 2023

Electronic Filing of your Statement of Economic Interests Form 700 for: **AGENCY NAME**

Filer's Name,

Our records indicate that you hold a position or are performing duties that require you to file a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700). Your annual Form 700 is due on **Monday, April 3, 2023. Statements filed late are subject to a late fee of \$10 per day up to a maximum of \$100.**

You may now file your Form 700 using the County's E-Filing System. The E-Filing System is accessible 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. You may start your Form and come back at a later time to complete it, if necessary. Once you e-File your Form 700, it will be considered signed and received.

Click here to prepare and submit your Form 700 electronically:

<https://lacform700.lacounty.gov> and log in using the information noted below:

User ID: XXXXXXX

Password: {Temp Password} (Case Sensitive)

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Should you encounter any problems or have questions regarding the use of this system, you may e-mail us at COI-Desk@bos.lacounty.gov or call us at (213) 974-1748.

If you have questions or need assistance in determining your disclosure requirements, you must contact your agency's Filing Officer, **{FO NAME}** calling **{FO Telephone Number}**.

Thank you for using the E-Filing System.

*Don Garcia
Chief Conflict of Interest/Lobbyist Division
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors-Executive Office*

Note: If you have already submitted a paper copy of your 2022/2023 Form 700, you should not re-file using this website. Your first filing will remain the official filing. If you do not want to use the E-Filing System, contact your Filing Officer to obtain a Form 700 and related publications.

Conflict of Interest Code
Of the

WESTSIDE CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (WSCCOG)

Incorporation of FPPC Regulation 18730 (2 California Code of Regulations,
Section 18730) by Reference

The Political Reform Act (Government Code Section 81000, et seq.) requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation (2 Cal. Code of Regs. 18730), which contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code. After public notice and hearing, it may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act. Therefore, the terms of 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18730, and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission, are hereby incorporated into the conflict of interest code of this agency by reference. This regulation and the attached Appendices (or Exhibits) designating officials and employees and establishing economic disclosure categories shall constitute the conflict of interest code of this agency.

Place of Filing of Statements of Economic Interests

All officials and employees required to submit a statement of economic interests shall file their statements with the Executive Director, or his or her designee. The Executive Director, or his or her designee, shall make and retain a copy of all statements filed by its Governing Board Members, Alternate Board Members, as appropriate, and its Executive Director and forward the originals of such statements to the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County.

The agency shall retain the originals of statements for all other Designated Positions named in the agency's conflict of interest code. All retained statements, original or copied, shall be available for public inspection and reproduction (Gov. Code Section 81008).

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EXHIBIT "A"

CATEGORY 1

Persons in this category shall disclose all interests in real property within the jurisdiction. Real property shall be deemed to be within the jurisdiction if the property or any part of it is located within or not more than two miles outside the boundaries of the jurisdiction or within two miles of any land owned or used by the agency.

Persons are not required to disclose property used primarily as their residence or for personal recreational purposes.

CATEGORY 2

Persons in this category shall disclose all investments and business positions.

CATEGORY 3

Persons in this category shall disclose all income and business positions.

CATEGORY 4

Persons in this category shall disclose all business positions, investments in, or income (including gifts and loans) received from business entities that manufacture, provide or sell services and/or supplies of a type utilized by the agency and associated with the job assignment of designated positions assigned this disclosure category.

CATEGORY 5

Individuals who perform under contract the duties of any designated position shall be required to file Statements of Economic Interests disclosing reportable interests in the categories assigned to that designated position.

In addition, individuals who, under contract, participate in decisions which affect financial interests by providing information, advice, recommendations or counsel to the agency which could affect financial interests shall be required to file Statements of Economic Interests, unless they fall within the Political Reform Act's exceptions to the definition of consultant. The level of disclosure shall be as determined by the executive officer (or head) of the agency.

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EXHIBIT "B"

<u>Designated Positions</u>	<u>Disclosure Categories</u>
Governing Board Member	1, 2, 3
Alternate Governing Board Member	1, 2, 3
Executive Director	1, 2, 3
General Counsel	1, 2, 3
Treasurer	2, 3
Consultants	5

EFFECTIVE: 06-07-2012



DATE: February 6, 2023

TO: Westside Cities Council of Governments Board

FROM: Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff

SUBJECT: Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) Draft Application

SCAG is seeking input on the REAP 2.0 Programs to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) program draft application template (refer to [Attachment A](#)). The PATH program is one of three broad programs developed for SCAG's \$246 million REAP 2.0 Program. The PATH program will provide \$89 million in grant funding through a competitive evaluation process for projects with transformative and significant beneficial impacts accelerating infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability; affirmatively furthering fair housing; and reducing vehicle miles traveled. Local jurisdictions will be eligible to apply directly to this program. The PATH program covers the following specific funding areas:

- **Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) for Lasting Affordability:** Funding for innovative housing finance, trust funds, catalyst funds, and new permanent funding sources.
- **Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) Pilot Program:** Non-transportation utilities infrastructure planning and improvements.
- **Housing Infill on Public and Private Lands (HIPP) Pilot Program:** Scaling up development of available land, large corridor-wide or area-wide infill housing policies and initiatives.

Click on the link below for more information on the programs: <https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/rep-2-0-path-outreach-presentation.pdf?1664237805>

SCAG will host a virtual information session on Tuesday, February 7 at 2:00 p.m. for attendees to learn about the draft application, ask questions, and provide comments. Click here to register: https://form.jotform.com/230226896768167?utm_source=SCAG+Community&utm_campaign=8602d39c3a-PATHinput_2023_01_24&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d8c0406cae-8602d39c3a-1308647962

The Regional Council is set to consider the application template with all public input received and authorize the PATH Program calls on March 2, 2023. Comments received by February 13th will be included in the agenda item. SCAG will announce the call for applications for each specific funding area in early 2023.

All written comments should be sent to Jacob Noonan, REAP 2.0 Housing Program Manager at noonan@scag.ca.gov.



[TEMPLATE] PROGRAM APPLICATION

[Add short description for the specific funding area the application is for: NOFA, HIPP, or RUSH].

Issued: [TBD]

Submit completed applications along with all required attachments to: housing@scag.ca.gov

Responses due by 5:00 p.m. on [MONTH, DAY], 2023

Applications can be submitted at any time during the application period. SCAG will consider all applications submitted during the application period received at the closing time and day.

More information at: www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021

Submit questions or request additional information by email with “PATH Application” in the subject line to: housing@scag.ca.gov

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Introduction

[A short description for the specific funding area in the PATH Program the application will be used for will be included. The PATH Program funding areas include: the NOFA For Last Affordability, the Housing Infill on Public and Private lands (HIPP) Pilot Program, and the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing (RUSH) Pilot Program. Information on the PATH Program and the three funding areas is in the PATH Program Guidelines, which are available online at: www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021] [State REAP 2.0 Program Guidelines are available at: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/docs/grants-and-funding/MPO-REAP-2-0-Final-Guidelines.pdf>]

Office Hours

SCAG staff is available to respond to questions and discuss proposed projects. Staff will begin holding weekly office hours in February 2023. An applicant does not need to have a project fully developed to participate in one-on-one consultations. Efforts will be made to accommodate meeting requests. There is no limit to the number of meetings possible. Interested applicants can visit SCAG’s REAP 2021 webpage at: www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021 to schedule an appointment.

Please email questions to housing@scag.ca.gov with the subject line “PATH Application.” Inquiries made by any other means will not be answered. Effort will be made to respond within two (2) business days. During each call for applications, staff will post all questions received along with responses. This will be done in batches on the REAP 2021 webpage.

Feedback on an application or a proposed project shared by SCAG staff should not be considered an indication the proposed application or project will be awarded funding.

Selection Process

Each of the three funding areas in the PATH Program will begin with a call for applications. The application will be made available when the call is announced. The call will specify the period of time during which applications will be accepted. While each call is open, an applicant may amend a response that has been submitted up to the response due date and time (close of the call). Once the call is closed, no further amendments are allowed. Applicants are encouraged to take advantage of SCAG's technical assistance that is available. More information is provided below and at www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021.

SCAG staff will review all responses received during an open call in two (2) stages: 1) Completeness (see the application submittal checklist) and 2) Technical Scoring and Evaluation.

The Completeness review evaluates completeness of the application and compliance with the submittal requirements. If all requirements are not met, SCAG staff will notify the applicant that the application is incomplete and will not be considered. Submitted application materials will not be returned. Results of the Completeness review are final and may not be appealed. SCAG may, in its sole discretion, request clarification of any portion of an application from the applicant and its applicant team.

Applications that pass Completeness review move to Technical Scoring and Evaluation, which evaluates projects based on the Project Application Scoring Criteria. All complete applications will be evaluated by a selection panel consisting of subject matter experts using the scoring rubric and evaluation criteria provided in Section 3 and Section 4 of the application. The selection panel may request additional information from applicants related to the scoring criteria. The selection panelists' scores for each application will be compiled to produce the final score. The selection panel will then meet to determine the final ranking of applications. Applicants will be notified of their score and ranking and provided an opportunity to appeal. Selected applications will be issued a conditional award letter and recommended for funding to the Regional Council. All conditional awards are provisional until approved by the Regional Council.

Selection Process Timelines

The call for applications for each specific funding area will be announced in early 2023, following the state approval of the PATH program and the SCAG Regional Council authorization to release the call. State approval is anticipated by March 31, 2023, while the Regional Council is scheduled to consider approving the calls at its March meeting. Based on these dates, the following timelines have been developed for each funding area, subject to change.

NOFA

Call Issued	April 2023 (Anticipated)
Responses Due	45 days
Completeness Review	Late May – Early June
Final Scores Determined	Mid-Summer
Conditional Awards Issued	60 days of response due date
Regional Council considers Funding Awards	September

HIPP Pilot Program

Call Issued	April 2023 (Anticipated)
Responses Due	45 days
Completeness Review	Late May – Early June
Final Scores Determined	Mid-Summer
Conditional Awards Issued	60 days of response due date
Regional Council considers Funding Awards	September

RUSH Pilot Program

Call Issued	Late Spring (following the utility industry forum)
Responses Due	45 days
Completeness Review	Early Summer
Final scores determined	Mid- Summer
Conditional Awards Issued	60 days of response due date
Regional Council considers Funding Awards	September

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Application

To be considered for the *[insert specific funding area in PATH]* Program, the applicant must be eligible and file a completed application with all required attachments before the close of the call for applications.

Submittal Checklist

Please check each box in the lists below as each is completed.

The application includes the following sections, which must be filled out completely:

- Section 1. Application Terms and Signature
- Section 2. Minimum Requirements
- Section 3. Contact Information and Project Description
- Section 4. Evaluation Criteria
- Section 5. Administrative Provisions

The following attachments must accompany the completed application (templates are provided):

- Outcomes and Metrics
- Budget and Timeline (that meets the encumbrance and expenditure deadlines)
- Scope and Deliverables
- Project Area Maps (one map identifying Disadvantaged Communities and another map establishing all work will be completed in infill areas per the definition)
- Letter of Support (from a third-party organization that the project meets local housing needs)

Submittal Instructions

Submit the completed application and all required attachments to: housing@scag.ca.gov

The email subject line should be labeled in the following format: "PATH Application_Applicant Name_Project Name". The applicant should attach the following to the email as individual, completed files: 1) Application (Signed, PDF), 2) Budget – Timeline – Scope – Deliverable – Measurable Outcomes (Excel Workbook), 3) Project Maps (PDF), 5) Letter of Support (PDF), and 6) Disclosures (Signed, PDF).

Responses are due by 5:00 p.m. on [MONTH, DAY], 2023

Applications can be submitted at any time while the call is open. SCAG will consider all responses submitted during the open call as received at the closing time and day.

Technical Assistance Available

While each call is open, an applicant may amend a response that has been submitted up to the response due date and time (close of the call). Once the call is closed, no further amendments are allowed.

Applicants are encouraged to take advantage of SCAG's technical assistance during the open call, which includes information posted on the REAP 2021 webpage, assistance with questions during weekly office hours, and the option to schedule a one-on-one meeting to discuss the application, proposed project(s), and submittal requirements.

For information about technical assistance available, visit www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021.

Section 1. Application Terms and Signature

A person duly authorized to sign for the organization (city manager, general manager, executive director, planning director or equivalent) must sign and certify the application. If this application is selected for funding, the information contained in this application will become the foundation of a funding agreement with SCAG. Applicants should be aware that SCAG may place stipulations on the project as a condition of the approval. These will be noted at the time of the funding recommendation. SCAG can also withdraw funding if the agency does not comply with the terms of the funding agreement.

Funding available under this Program Application is dependent upon SCAG's receipt of Regional Early Action Planning Grant (REAP 2.0) funds from the State of California. In the event funds offered through this Program Application are not available, SCAG, at its sole discretion, may terminate its obligations resulting from this Program Application.

SCAG reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any and all applications in whole or in part.

Acceptance by SCAG of an application under this Program Application constitutes agreement by the applicant as to all terms, conditions, requirements, and rules of the application but does not constitute a contract or commitment of any kind.

- I confirm that I have reviewed the Submittal Checklist and that all application sections and required attachments have been filled out completely and will be submitted together following the Submittal Instructions.
- To the best of my knowledge, all information contained in this application is true and correct. If awarded funding from SCAG, I agree that I will adhere to the program guidelines, as well as provide a local resolution evidencing authorization to execute a funding agreement and receive funds.

Signature

Date

Print Name

Title

Organization Name

Issued _____

Section 2: Minimum Requirements

The following requirements establish eligibility to apply.

Section 1.1: Eligibility

The applicant must meet the following criteria:

[Application will include the eligibility requirements for the specific funding area: NOFA, HIPP, RUSH. Refer to the PATH Program guidelines, Sections 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4 for the eligibility criteria specific for each funding area]

Section 1.2: Project Meets Infill Definition

Eligible projects must be entirely located in infill areas per the definition.

Is your project located in an infill area, as defined in Section 3.2 of the PATH Program Guidelines? [Insert link to definition].

Yes

No

If Yes, please describe how the project location meets the definition of infill. Priority Growth Areas (PGAs) (apart from Spheres of Influence) can be used as reference to identify eligible areas, but the totality of the project area must still meet the infill definition. (PGAs are discussed in Chapter 3 of the Connect SoCal 2020 Plan) [1,000-word limit]

Once you have done this, please follow the instructions [instructions for creating and saving an area map will be provided] to create and download a map of your project area that identifies how all activities will meet the definition of infill. This map must accompany your submitted application.

If your project area does not meet the definition of infill, do not proceed. Your project is not eligible.

Section 3: Contact Information and Project Description

Section 3.1: Applicant Information

Agency or Organization Name: _____

Jurisdiction (if applicable): _____

Description of Agency/Organization or Mission Statement: _____

Address: _____

Application Contact: _____ Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Number of Applications Submitted: _____

If multiple applications for funding are submitted by your organization, please discuss below your prioritization for the applications. If no other applications are submitted, mark "N/A". [1,000-word limit]

Section 3.2: Project Name and Location

Project Name: _____

Project Location** : _____

**For projects applying to Scaling Up Development of Available Land, please provide addresses and APNs. For projects applying to Corridor-Wide or Area-Wide Infill Housing Policies and Initiatives, please provide project area boundaries.

Subregion or COG: _____ County: _____

Estimated Project Costs: _____

Requested Amount: _____

Local Match/Other Sources (Not Required): _____

Issued _____

Section 3.3: Project Description

[Applicants will be prompted to include a description of the proposed project fitting within the specific funding area eligible uses] [1,000-word limit]

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Section 4: Evaluation Criteria (Scored)

All applications that meet the minimum requirements in Section 2 will be scored on how the project meets: (1) the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Key Priorities, and (2) provides Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts in relation to the following criteria. The maximum number of points possible for each criterion is provided in the chart below. More detail on each of the criteria is provided below as well as in Section 3.2 of the PATH Program Guidelines.

Evaluation Criteria		Points Possible	Percent of Total
1	Lead to a Transformative Significant Beneficial Impact	25	31.25%
1.1	Accelerate Infill Development that facilitates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing supply, - Choice, and - Affordability 	15	18.75%
1.2	Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH)	5	6.25%
1.3	Reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled	5	6.25%
2	Include Equitable Targeted Outreach	10	12.50%
2.1	Priority Populations Engagement	5	6.25%
2.2	Inclusive, Diverse & Equitable Engagement	5	6.25%
3	Leverage Partnerships, Policy Match, Building Local Capacity, Ability to Complete the Project, and Cost Effectiveness	25	31.25%
3.1	Local Policy Commitment	5	6.25%
3.2	Partnerships or Financial Match	5	6.25%
3.3	Ability to Complete the Project and Cost Effectiveness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Experience completing similar projects - Plan for ensuring project is completed on time and budget - Approach for ensuring cost effective use of funding 	15	18.75%
4	Prioritize Disadvantaged Communities	10	12.50%
4.1	Priority Populations	5	6.25%
4.2	Addressing Historic/Current Inequities & Priority Population Benefit	5	6.25%
5	Contributes to Regional Transformative Change	10	12.50%
5.1	Innovative Approaches to Scale Housing Supply	5	6.25%
5.2	Advancing Regional Diversity	5	6.25%
Total		80	100%

4.1. Lead to a Transformative Significant Beneficial Impact (25 Points)

The following set of questions will ask you to describe how the project is a *Transformative Planning and Implementation Activity* (See definition [link to definition]) providing a *Significant Beneficial Impact* that leads to a substantial change in land use patterns, equity, and travel behaviors. Your response must attain a point score for this criterion to be considered for funding. A score of less than one (1) disqualifies the application.

Transformative Planning and Implementation Activities means:

Housing, planning, infrastructure investments supporting Infill development that facilitates Housing supply, choice and affordability, and other actions that enable meeting Housing goals that also result in Per Capita vehicle miles traveled reductions, including accelerating Infill development, supporting residents through realizing Multimodal Communities, shifting travel behavior through reducing driving, and increasing transit ridership.

Transformative Planning and Implementation Activities are meant to address these goals together and to lead to changes in land use patterns and behaviors. Transformative Planning and Implementation Activities shall be in furtherance of all of the following:

- a. *State Planning Priorities, as described in Section 65041.1 of the Government Code.*
- b. *Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing pursuant to Section 8899.50 of the Government Code.*
- c. *Facilitating Housing Element compliance for the sixth cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment pursuant to Section 65302 of the Government Code prepared in accordance with Article 10.6 (commencing with Section 65580) of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code.*
- d. *A region's Sustainable Community Strategy, as described in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 65080 of the Government Code, or Alternative Planning Strategy, as described in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 65080 of the Government Code, as applicable.*

Significant Beneficial Impact means:

Demonstrating the potential to meet the REAP 2.0, Connect SoCal, and PATH program objectives by establishing and supporting the infrastructure for accelerating housing supply, choice, and affordability, affirmatively furthering fair housing, and reducing VMT by transforming current corridor-wide or area-wide housing policies, site planning, financial models, predevelopment and development processes, and homeownership patterns in a significant and quantifiable manner. Significant beneficial impacts must lead to substantial changes in land use patterns and travel behaviors.

In demonstrating significant beneficial impacts, applicants may consider rates of change (e.g., percent increase over a baseline), the magnitude of impact relative to variables or targets, the proportion of need achieved, and the impact relative to past trends, policies, and practices. Variables or targets may include but are not limited to benefitting households by income group; Regional Housing Needs Assessment; housing units (new construction, preservation/conservation, and rehabilitation); density; infrastructure; infrastructure capacity and accessibility; public space; community amenities; investments; Vehicle Miles

Traveled reduction goals or targets; regional or local equity policies and programs included in an adopted RTP/SCS; and GHG reduction goals or targets.

4.1.1 Accelerate Infill Development that Facilitates Housing Supply, Choice, and Affordability (15 points)

A. In your response describe how the project accelerates infill development that facilitates housing supply (5 Points). Describe how the project will increase the capacity to achieve housing units. This can be described as, but is not limited to, increased unit capacity in existing and newly zoned residential/mixed-use areas, permitting process improvements and standardizations, and other means of increasing the ability to deliver new housing. In your response, address how the project supports achieving the RHNA. [1,000-word limit]

B. In your response describe how the project accelerates infill development that facilitates housing choice (5 Points). Describe how the project will expand the types of housing possible. This can include, but is not limited to, increasing the ability to achieve housing types not common but for which there is an identified need in the community. Some examples of housing types include 2-4 unit properties, townhomes, limited-equity and shared equity co-operatives, and mid- and large scale apartments and condominium projects. In your response, address how the project supports achieving the jurisdiction's 6th cycle RHNA allocation. [1,000-word limit]

C. In your response describe how the project accelerates infill development that facilitates housing affordability (5 Points). Describe how the project will increase the range of rental and sales price points for housing with an emphasis on assuring lasting affordability for housing at extremely low, very low, low, and moderate ranges. In your response, address how the project supports achieving the jurisdiction's 6th cycle RHNA allocation. [1,000-word limit]

4.1.2 Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH) (5 points)

In your response describe how the proposed project combats discrimination, overcomes patterns of segregation, and fosters equitable and inclusive communities. Please include meaningful actions that address significant disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity, replacing segregated living patterns with integrated and balanced living patterns, and transforming racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity. [1,000-word limit]

4.1.3 Reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled (5 points)

In your response describe how the proposed project promotes development that reduces vehicle miles travelled and aligns housing production in infill locations consistent with the state’s climate targets and goals discussed in the California AB32 Climate Change Scoping Plan (<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/ab-32-climate-change-scoping-plan>) [1,000-word limit]

Points	Measure
5	Exceptional - directly addresses the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives. Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are high.
4	Strong - directly addresses the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives. Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are moderate.
3	Suitable – directly addresses the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives. Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are uncertain.
2	Limited – indirectly addresses the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives. Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are low.
1	Weak – indirectly addresses the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives. Transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are uncertain.
0	Disqualified – does not meet the REAP 2.0 Program Objectives and SCAG Program Framework Core Objectives, and transformative and Significant Beneficial impacts are negligible.

4.2. Equitable Targeted Outreach (10 Points)

The response must attain a point score for this criterion to be considered for funding. A score of less than one (1) disqualifies the application.

4.2.1 Engagement with Disadvantaged and Historically Underserved Communities (5 points)

Describe the Disadvantaged and Historically Underserved Communities within the project area and outside of the project area that will be served by the project. [1,000-word limit]

4.2.2 Inclusive, Diverse, and Equitable Engagement (5 points)

Describe the project’s approach to developing equitable community engagement strategies, what the proposed strategies include, and how community organizations and/or community leaders will be engaged early in the project to inform the proposed engagement strategies. In your response describe how members of disadvantaged and historically underserved communities have been or will be engaged throughout the proposed project and how their input will shape the project. [1,000-word limit]

Points	Metric
5	Exceptional – includes an explicit description of how stakeholders will be involved, and specifically from affected/benefitting Disadvantaged Communities and Historically Underserved Communities.
4	Strong - includes a description of how applicant will involve stakeholders, and specifically from affected/benefitting Disadvantaged Communities and Historically Underserved Communities.
3	Suitable – loosely describes how stakeholders will be involved, including from affected/benefitting Disadvantaged Communities and Historically Underserved Communities.
2	Limited – how stakeholders will be involved is generally described with general details on how affected/benefitting Disadvantaged Communities and Historically Underserved Communities.
1	Weak – engagement is minimal but includes outreach to affected/benefitting Disadvantaged Communities and Historically Underserved Communities.
0	Disqualified – does not include equitable targeted outreach.

4.3. Leverage Partnerships, Policy Match, Building Local Capacity, Ability to Complete the Project, and Cost Effectiveness (25 Points)

4.3.1 Local Policy Commitment (5 points)

Describe how the local policy environment facilitates or supports the funding uses proposed and will accelerate infill development that facilitates housing supply, choice, and affordability, affirmatively furthering fair housing, and reducing VMT. [1,000-word limit]

4.3.2 Partnerships or Financial Match (5 points)

Please describe, as applicable, other sources of funding and partnerships invested in the project. For other funding, please include the funding sources and terms. For partnerships, please describe the nature of the partnerships and long-term commitments from the various organizations. In your response, please describe how the project could leverage or act as a catalyst for additional investment. [1,000-word limit]

4.3.3. Ability to Complete the Project and Cost Effectiveness (15 Points)

Describe how your organization will ensure the project is successfully completed by January 30, 2026, and how cost-effective means will be incorporated.

- A. *Experience completing similar projects.* Describe your organization's experience completing similar projects. If the proposed project will be completed by an applicant team, describe the experience for each organization on the team. (5 Points) [1,000-word limit]

- B. *Plan for ensuring project is completed on time and budget.* Please outline your organization’s plan to ensure the project is completed on time and on budget. In your response, please discuss how your organization or applicant team will address timing delays or cost overruns. (5 Points) [1,000-word limit]

- C. *Cost Effectiveness.* Please describe the approach for ensuring cost effective uses of the funding requested. Please refer to the scope and budget when discussing how the proposal best utilizes the funding to achieve desired outcomes. Your response should correspond to the information provided in the budget & timeline, scope and deliverables, and outcomes and metrics. (5 Points) [1,000-word limit]

Points	Metric
5	Exceptional - Clearly demonstrates extensive local policy, community support, and/or financial investments. Applicant has extensive experience and approach for ensuring the project will be completed successfully. Clearly demonstrates ability to complete the project in the REAP 2.0 timeframe and for funding requested.
4	Strong - Clearly demonstrates an amount of policy, partnerships, and/or financial investments. Applicant has experience and approach for ensuring the proposed project is completed successfully demonstrating ability to complete the project in the REAP 2.0 timeframe and for funding requested.
3	Suitable - Demonstrates a commitment to policy, partnership, or financial support. Applicant has experience and reasonably demonstrates ability to complete the project in the REAP 2.0 timeframe and for funding requested.
2	Limited - Demonstrates a commitment to policy, partnership, or financial support. Demonstrates ability to complete the project in the REAP 2.0 timeframe and for funding requested.
1	Weak – Includes possible partnerships, supporting policies, and options for building local capacity. Uncertain about ability to complete the project in the REAP 2.0 timeframe and for funding requested.
0	No evidence – lacks partnerships, policy match, or local capacity. Uncertain about ability to complete the project in the REAP 2.0 timeframe and for funding requested.

4.4. Prioritize Disadvantaged Communities (10 Points)

4.4.1 Disadvantaged and Historically Underserved Communities (5 points)

Identify targeted disadvantaged and historically underserved communities the project will serve. These communities should correspond to the map provided as an attachment to this application (See Section 1.1. Checklist) [include link to instructions for completing and saving a map for the project].

Please reference Section 3.2.4 of the PATH Guidelines to view definitions for these communities as identified by the REAP 2.0 Guidelines. List all Census Tract data below:

- SB535 Disadvantaged Communities (CalEnviroScreen 4.0): _____
- SCAG Communities of Concern: _____
- TCAC/HCD Opportunity Areas (High segregation and poverty, low resource, and moderate resource communities): _____
- AB 1550 Communities: _____

4.4.2 Addressing Historic/Current Inequities & Disadvantaged Community Benefits (5 points)

Describe the proposed project and how it benefits Disadvantaged Communities, and how it addresses and intends to repair historic and/or current inequities related to housing security, including housing affordability and reducing displacement and/or expanding access to higher resourced communities. [1,000-word limit]

Points	Metric
5	Exceptional – will produce tangible benefits for disadvantaged communities, repair historic and/or current inequities related to housing affordability and reduce displacement.
4	Strong – will support disadvantaged communities, improve housing affordability, and reduce displacement.
3	Suitable - will loosely support disadvantaged communities, improve housing affordability, and reduce displacement.
2	Limited – includes some support for disadvantaged communities, minimal improvement in housing affordability or reducing displacement.
1	Weak – indirectly supports disadvantaged communities and does not improve housing affordability or reduce displacement.
0	No evidence - the project does not support disadvantaged communities or has potential to negatively affect housing affordability or increase displacement without providing acceptable mitigation.

4.5. Contributes to Regional Transformative Change (10 Points)

In your responses below, describe how the project achieves regional goals with an emphasis on innovations advancing and expanding the conditions necessary to scale housing supply, choice, and affordability to meet the 6th Cycle RHNA, implement SCAG’s 2020 adopted Connect SoCal, and meet community needs for housing across the Southern California region. Proposals within similar built environments will be evaluated against one another to ensure projects selected reflect the geographic diversity of the SCAG region.

4.5.1 Innovative Approaches to Scale Housing Supply (5 Points)

Describe how the project incorporates innovative approaches to advance and expand the conditions necessary to scale housing supply, choice, and affordability locally, and in relation to the Southern California region. [1,000-word limit]

4.5.2 Advancing the Connect SoCal Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) (5 Points)

Describe how the project implements the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) of the Connect SoCal plan (<https://scag.ca.gov/read-plan-adopted-final-connect-socal-2020>, beginning on Page 48) to facilitate infill development accelerating housing supply, choice, and affordability. In your response describe how the project incorporates SCS, and related, strategies and tools. Also, please describe how the project can be applied in similarly built contexts. [1,000-word limit]

Points	Metric
5	Exceptional – Implements the SCS, uses innovative approaches, can be applied in similarly built contexts.
4	Strong – Implements the SCS, uses innovative approaches, might be possible to apply in similarly built contexts.
3	Suitable – Implements the SCS, approaches are somewhat innovative, might be possible to apply in similarly built contexts.
2	Limited – Implements the SCS, approaches are somewhat innovative, most likely not possible to apply in similarly built contexts.
1	Weak – Implements the SCS, approaches are not innovative, most likely not possible to apply in similarly built contexts.
0	No Evidence – does not implement the SCS or incorporate innovative approaches, most likely not possible to apply in similarly built contexts.

Section 5: Administrative Provisions

SCAG's Rights and Responsibilities

SCAG reserves the right to change the requirements and policies described in this Program Application at SCAG's sole discretion. SCAG is responsible only for what is expressly stated in the Program Application, any authorized written addenda, and any posted Questions and Answers. Such addenda shall be made available to each person or organization via SCAG's REAP 2021 webpage (www.scag.ca.gov/reap2021). It is the responsibility of applicants to ensure, prior to submission, that their application reflects the most recent addenda information, program requirements, and policies. By submission of an application, each applicant acknowledges receipt of all addenda, if any, that are emailed or posted on the SCAG REAP 2021 website. SCAG is not responsible for and shall not be bound by any representations otherwise made by any individual acting or purporting to act on its behalf if those representations conflict with Program Application requirements.

SCAG'S Discretion

SCAG reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any application that is incomplete, out of order, lacks required attachments, or contains other content errors, inconsistencies, misrepresented information, or other deficiencies. Forms provided in the Program Application must be used and information provided otherwise may be disregarded at SCAG's discretion. SCAG reserves the right to waive disparities in a proposal if the sum and substance of the application is present. Furthermore, SCAG reserves the right to terminate this program at any time without prior notice.

Cost of Application Preparation

The cost of application preparation shall be borne by the applicant. In no event shall SCAG be liable for any expenses incurred in the preparation and submission of the application.

Application is Property of SCAG

Once submitted, each application becomes the property SCAG and becomes a public record. SCAG is not liable for the public disclosure of any information contained in an application.

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DATE: February 6, 2023

TO: Westside Cities Council of Governments Board

FROM: Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff

SUBJECT: Local Solutions Fund (LSF) – Local Homeless Services and Housing Programs Funding Framework

The County of Los Angeles increased its budget allocations to the Cities and Councils of Governments (COGs) through the establishment of the Local Solutions Fund (LSF). The County created LSF in response to the Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness and LA County's New Framework to End Homelessness. These funds support the most impactful evidence-based regional and local co-investment solutions that will result in effective pathways to housing and services. Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative (CEO-HI) has identified \$132M over multiple years through June 30, 2027 (the sunset of Measure H). The LSF is divided into three (3) funding categories.

1. Local Homeless Services and Housing Programs (LHSHP) – (\$65M total - \$15M annually FY23-24 through FY 26-27 + \$5M FY 22-23)
The purpose of this funding category is to annually fund and enter into multi-year agreements with regional and local jurisdictions administering homeless services and housing programs that align with Los Angeles County's New Framework to End Homelessness (New Framework) strategies and guiding principles through an equitable and standardized process.
2. MH Local Encampment Resolution (MHLER) – (\$65M total over multiple years) *Anticipated to launch in Spring 2023.*
3. Regional Coordination (\$2M total - \$500K annually FY 23-24 through FY 26-27)

Refer to [Attachment A](#) for the Local Solutions Fund Funding Framework, which includes the allocation amounts to each COG and the timeline to submit the statement of work. The WSCCOG's FY 22-23 allocation amount of \$900,000 currently funds the local programs listed in [Attachment B](#). The WSCCOG is expected to receive an allocation of \$1,492,500 in FY 23-24 under the Local Solutions Fund.

WSCCOG staff will work with the cities to (1) assess the performance of current Innovation Fund programs and services; (2) modify existing programs and services where warranted to achieve results and alignment with the New Framework, and (3) design and implement additional programs and services as needed within the context of the New Framework. The CEO-HI is requesting the finalized statement of work from the COGs by March 15, 2023. The WSCCOG may host a special meeting to discuss and approve the statement of work and funding allocations in early March, if necessary.

Local Solutions Fund – Local Homeless Services and Housing Programs

Purpose

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Funding

Spend up to \$15M annually for five years (FY22-27) to support existing and new investments for local jurisdictions. Funding opportunities are available to both Cities and Councils of Governments (COGs) for local and regional solutions for jurisdictions that will make a commitment to provide in-kind or matching contributions for the development of services and housing programs that align with the New Framework strategies and guiding principles.

Funding Parameters

Funding and implementation decisions should be:

- Based on the New Framework principles and strategies
- Data driven
- Focused on supporting programs that have demonstrated the greatest impact on moving New Framework principles forward
- Performance should be measure accurately and consistently, and course corrections based on analysis of outcomes should be implemented swiftly

New Framework Principles:

- Increase permanent housing placements
- Improve flow through the rehousing system, more effectively moving people from street to housing
- Serve people with complex challenges who face barriers to exiting homelessness
- Expand collaborative partnerships with cities and COGs

New Framework Strategies – Cities

- Regional and Local Annual Planning (Coordinate)
- Infuse Problem Solving into Local Services (Prevent)
- Outreach and Navigation linked to Local Rehousing Services (Connect)
- Co-Investment in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Interim Housing (IH) (House)
- Locally Sited Time Limited Subsidies (TLS) (House)
- Local Eviction and Prevention prioritized and linked to formerly homeless residents (Stabilize)

Allocation of \$15M - Framework

Funding Source – Measure H (\$15M annually)	
Funding Availability – FY 22-23 through FY 26-27	
Funding Duration – Through June 30, 2027	
Eligible jurisdictions	1. COGs 2. Cities that are not represented by COGs

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City of Los Angeles and the 3 Continuum of Care (CoC) cities in LA County are not eligible applicants. The 3 CoC cities are Long Beach, Pasadena, and Glendale. <p>3. Cities with unique situations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cities seeking to apply under this category must complete a consultation and receive approval from HI. HI will consult with the COG and City on impact to achieve maximal programming, administrative efficiency, and avoid duplication and constraining of regional services.
Eligible Uses	Eligible programs in alignment with the Funding Parameters listed above.

Funding Allocation Methodology	
<p>Allocation by Point-In-Time (PIT) Count</p> <p><i>The PIT Count is also known as the Homeless Count</i></p>	<p>For FY 22-23, \$10M of Measure H funding, through Innovations Round 2, is allocated by COG boundary and utilizing the 2020 PIT Count.</p> <p>The described methodology is designed to reduce volatility, allow sufficient time for COGs/Cities to program services, timely execute funding agreements for each new fiscal year, and provide continuity in services with measured adjustments based on the geographic distribution of the homeless population where appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and utilize a two-year rolling average PIT Count: Utilize a two-year rolling average of the PIT Count for any allocations by COG or City. One-Year Data Lag: Utilize the PIT Count data for the <i>two years prior to the current year</i>, such that there is a one-year lag in the PIT Count. This will allow for time to determine new allocations and a reasonable annual programming period that results in new or amended contracts to make funds available each new fiscal year. 10 Percent Stop Loss: Each COG is subject to no more than a 10 percent reduction in its share of the funds designated for local solutions compared to the prior fiscal year. If, via the PIT Count data, a COG is initially subject to more than a 10 percent reduction, funds will be reallocated proportionally from COGs that received an increase so that no COGs have more than a 10 percent reduction.

Implementation of the Allocation Methodology

Implementation of this revised methodology for jurisdictional allocation of Measure H funding will commence in FY 22-23. FY 22-23 is a transitional year combining the \$10M Innovations Round 2 funding and a prorated amount of the additional \$5M Local Solutions Fund. The \$15M thereafter, will be known as the Local Solutions Fund – Local Homeless Services and Housing Programs (LSF-LHSHP).

The proposed implementation plan is:

- FY 22-23:**
 - Jurisdictions have the option to execute a contract amendment to receive a prorated amount of the \$5M based on the new LSF methodology and an April 1, 2023, effective date.
- FY 23-24:**
 - Use the average of 2020 PIT and 2022 PIT to allocate up to \$15M

- **FY 24-25:**
 - Use the average of 2022 PIT and 2023 PIT to allocate up to \$15M
- **FY 25-26:**
 - Use the average of 2023 PIT and 2024 PIT to allocate up to \$15M
- **FY 26-27:**
 - Use the average of 2024 PIT and 2025 PIT to allocate up to \$15M

Allocation Amounts			
Councils of Governments Regional Boundary	FY 22-23 Innovation 2 Regional Allocation	FY 23-24 LSF - Annual Homeless & Housing Programs Allocation (1)	FY 22-23 Optional Q4 Prorate Amount \$1.25M (2)
Antelope Valley (3)	\$ 1,810,000	\$ 2,037,000	\$ 169,750
Gateway Cities COG (4)	\$ 3,110,000	\$ 4,812,000	\$ 404,375
Las Virgenes-Malibu COG	\$ 190,000	\$ 202,500	\$ 16,875
San Fernando Valley COG	\$ 370,000	\$ 609,000	\$ 50,750
San Gabriel Valley COG (4)	\$ 2,350,000	\$ 3,772,500	\$ 311,000
South Bay Cities COG	\$ 1,270,000	\$ 2,074,500	\$ 172,875
Westside Cities COG	\$ 900,000	\$ 1,492,500	\$ 124,375
Total	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 1,250,000

(1) Allocation uses new LSF Allocation Methodology

(2) The \$1.25M is an optional prorated quarter of \$5M (\$1.25M)

(3) Antelope Valley Cities (Lancaster and Palmdale) are not represented by a COG and currently contract directly with CEO-HI

(4) Industry and Montebello are members of both Gateway Cities and San Gabriel Valley COGs

(Homeless Counts were averaged and split for unduplicated count)

FY 23-24 Funding Process and Timeline	
Week of January 23, 2023	Inform COGs/Cities of their annual allocation amount.
Regional and Local Annual Planning Period	
Week of January 30, 2023	CEO HI to hold information session with COGs and Cities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide COGs with standardized guide and SOW template
Week of January 30, 2023, through February 28, 2023	COGs (and cities in the Antelope Valley) must engage and inform its member cities of allocation and, in coordination with its member cities shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assess the performance of current Innovation programs and services, • modify existing programs and services where warranted to achieve results and alignment with the New Framework, • design and implement additional programs and services as needed within the context of the New Framework

	<p>CEO HI/LDC to review Statement of Work (SOW) and Pricing Schedules (PC) on a flow basis.</p> <p>CEO-HI/LDC to host office hours for cities and Cogs to provide technical assistance and advisory guidance.</p>
February 28, 2023	COGs to submit draft SOWs to CEO HI
By March 15, 2023,	Finalize SOW's
	Development and execution of contracts
July 1st, 2023	FY 23-24 Funds available

WSCCOG FY 22-23 Innovation Funds

Local programs funded by the County Innovation Funds

• **Beverly Hills - \$225,000**

- Housing Assistance Program: The Housing Assistance Program provides a subsidy to households to cover increases in rent. The program promotes public safety, helps reduce the rent burden for low-income households, and helps prevent homelessness for the City's most vulnerable residents.

• **Culver City - \$225,000**

- Motel Voucher Program: Secure motel rooms for use as temporary safe sheltering options for people experiencing homelessness.
- Housing Liaison: The Housing Liaison identifies affordable housing resources, and coordinates with housing staff to support securing housing services for participants.
- Safe Parking Program: The Safe Parking is a programmatic intervention that connects vehicle dwellers with case management services, secure overnight parking, and basic sanitation.

• **Santa Monica - \$225,000**

- Permanent Housing Operations and Supportive Services Program: This program provides move-in costs for people moving into permanent housing, including furniture, household goods, security deposits, application fees, and utility costs.
- Preventative Assistance Program: This program provides flexible funds for short-term rental assistance, utility assistance, problem solving resources for people facing eviction for costs not covered by state.

• **West Hollywood - \$225,000**

- Guaranteed Income Pilot Program: Guaranteed income is a monthly cash payment given directly to individuals experiencing economic inequality and instability. The goals of the guaranteed income pilot program are homelessness prevention and to empower recipients to address their most urgent needs and strengthen their financial safety net. This program will provide a poverty reduction intervention to LGBT older adults who struggle with financial security due to historical and societal inequities.



TO: WESTSIDE CITIES COG BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 FR: JEFF KIERNAN, LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES
 RE: CAL CITIES UPDATE FOR 2/9/2023 MEETING (*as prepared JAN 31*)

REPORTING ON 2022 AND PRIORITIZING CAL CITIES RESOURCES FOR 2023

Cal Cities recently published our [2022 Annual Report](#), that details the actions our members and staff took in 2022 to advance our shared priorities, including having tracked 1,430 bills, held 100+ meetings with legislators, and working to protect more than \$3 billion in local revenues. The last two pages of this report is a Cal Cities Delivers report that includes the 2022 city victories and accomplishments.

For 2023, the Cal Cities Board of Directors have reviewed the membership survey and consulted with the leadership of our regional divisions, professional departments, diversity caucuses and policy committees to arrive at the following strategic priorities for the coming year:

- **Protect and expand investments to prevent and reduce homelessness.** Secure sustainable state funding that bolsters cities' efforts to support individuals experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness. While protecting existing resources, strengthen state and local partnerships to connect individuals with the care they need through coordinated care systems that provide access to wraparound services, including mental health and substance use treatment.
- **Increase the supply and affordability of housing while retaining local decision-making.** Secure long-term, sustainable funding tools for cities to jumpstart the construction of housing at all income levels and ensure cities retain flexibility to achieve local and state housing goals.
- **Improve public safety in California communities.** Pursue strategies and resources to address crime and its underlying causes. Partner with all levels of government and diverse organizations to improve community safety through prevention and early intervention programming, workforce recruitment and retention, and improved re-entry services.
- **Safeguard essential local revenues and support fiscal sustainability.** Protect, increase, and modernize revenue streams for local priorities. Oppose efforts that would reduce or eliminate funding for cities, including unfunded mandates.

At the Los Angeles County Division, our Board approved these priorities for 2023:

- Support legislation, policies, funding and other resources that would improve public safety and address law enforcement challenges.
- Support adequate funding and other resources to increase the supply of affordable housing and its required infrastructure.
- Advocate for direct funding and other resources to address homelessness.
- Support legislation and policies that protect and preserve local decision-making authority over land use, housing, and other matters traditionally reserved for cities. Oppose unfunded mandates and seek funding for prior unfunded mandates

GOVERNOR NEWSOM PROPOSES \$297 BILLION STATE BUDGET

Gov. Gavin Newsom announced his proposed \$297 billion state budget on Tuesday. Although the state is forecasting a shortfall of \$22.5 billion in fiscal year 2023-24, the Governor's proposed budget does not contain deep cuts to ongoing programs. Thankfully the budget also does not make any mention of redirecting city funds to help address state budget shortfalls, as has

often happened in previous years. The League of California Cities urged the Governor to protect city revenues in a letter late last year and will continue to make that case as the budget is moving through the Legislature.

The Governor's proposed budget upholds commitments made in last year's 2022 Budget Act to invest an additional \$1 billion to fund a fifth round of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention grants for fiscal year 2023-24. Unfortunately, the budget does not include any new, ongoing funding to address the housing supply and homelessness as [requested by Cal Cities](#).

The state's fiscal forecast will be updated in May in time for the Governor's revised budget proposal. Global economic forces and further changes to federal monetary policy in response to inflationary pressures may result in additional cuts to state spending or the restoration of reduced investments. Cal Cities will continue to call on the Governor and lawmakers to invest in programs that advance shared city and state priorities.

For more information on the State Budget, read Cal Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman's [statement in response to the budget proposal](#) and check out the Cal Cities budget analysis that was released in a special edition of [Cal Cities Advocate](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

It is good to review the [Assembly](#) and [Senate](#) legislative calendars at the beginning of any two-year session to understand what dates are important deadlines and when legislators are scheduled to be back in the district during a scheduled recess. The next important legislative deadline is the last day for any new bill to be introduced which falls on Friday, February 17.

Below are additional events and opportunities for Cal Cities members to learn, network and advocate. Please consider saving the date for the City Leaders Summit (our rebranded legislative action day) on April 12 - 14:

- [February 8 - 10: City Managers Conference \(Westin Carlsbad\)](#) - SOLD OUT
- [March 2 from 6 - 8:30 PM: Los Angeles County Division General Membership Meeting \(Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Los Angeles\)](#)
- [March 8 - 10: Public Works Officers Institute \(Universal City Hilton\)](#)
- [March 29 - 31: Planning Commissioners Academy \(Hyatt Regency Orange County\)](#)
- [April 12 - 14: City Leaders Summit \(Sacramento\)](#) – Save the date and join hundreds of local leaders at the Capitol to lobby for cities' interests!

CAL CITIES DELIVERS

The League of California Cities delivers major victories for cities year after year — fighting for local control, securing billions of dollars in new funding, and protecting existing city resources.

100+

bills/ballot measures passed or defeated to retain local control

\$13 Billion







in new funding for cities in the past five years

Dozens



of lawsuits won protecting local control and city interests

LEGISLATIVE




COMMUNITY WELLNESS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

AB 662 (2022)	Creates the first statewide peer-to-peer suicide prevention program for first responders.	Passed	WIN 
AB 1740 and SB 1087 (2022)	Creates requirements for recyclers, buyers, and sellers of catalytic converters.	Passed	WIN 
SB 1338 (2022)	Creates the Community Assistance Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Court program.	Amendments secured, passed	WIN 
AB 1014 (2022)	Would have increased the value of transported cannabis goods to \$10,000.	Defeated	WIN 
SB 1000 (2022)	Would have required law enforcement agencies to decrypt communication lines.	Defeated	WIN 
SB 1282 (2022)	Would have undermined the agreed allocations of the Opioid Master Settlement.	Defeated	WIN 




ORGANIC WASTE AND RECYCLING

AB 1985 (2022)	Gives cities two more years to comply with organic waste diversion procurement requirements.	Passed	WIN 
SB 54 (2022)	Requires single-use packaging and plastic ware to be recyclable or compostable by 2032.	Passed	WIN 



HOUSING

AB 2053 (2022)	Would have added a new layer of state bureaucracy to build housing.	Defeated	WIN 
AB 2428 (2022)	Would have required cities to expend or return mitigation fees to developers.	Defeated	WIN 
AB 2631 (2022)	Would have allowed litigation between public entities regarding their homelessness policies.	Defeated	WIN 

TRANSPORTATION

SB 932 (2022)	Requires general plans to include bicycle, pedestrian, and traffic calming plans.	Amendments secured, passed	WIN 
AB 2438 (2022)	Would have given the state unprecedented control over local transportation projects.	Defeated	WIN 
AB 2237 (2022)	Would have restricted expenditures for transportation projects that do not reduce vehicle miles traveled.	Defeated	WIN 

FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY AND GOVERNANCE

AB 2647 (2022)	Allows government material to be shared online with a legislative body.	Passed	WIN 
AB 1951 (2022)	Would have provided manufacturing companies with a sales tax break on new equipment.	Defeated	WIN 

FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY AND GOVERNANCE (CONT.)

SB 924 (2022)	Would have authorized withholding funds from cities not meeting reporting deadlines on financial data.	<i>Defeated</i>	WIN ✓
AB 1173 and SB 1328 (2022)	Would have required CalPERS to divest from specific companies.	<i>Defeated</i>	WIN ✓

\$ LEGISLATIVE FUNDING

\$180 million to help cities implement organic waste diversion regulations.	<i>Funding secured</i>	WIN ✓
\$700 million to help local governments resolve homeless encampments and transition individuals into permanent housing.	<i>Funding secured</i>	WIN ✓
\$200 million to support and increase California's behavioral health workforce.	<i>Funding secured</i>	WIN ✓
\$1 billion to support cities' efforts to address the housing supply and affordability crisis.	<i>Funding secured</i>	WIN ✓
\$550 million to support the completion of the Broadband Middle Mile Initiative.	<i>Funding secured</i>	WIN ✓

🗳️ BALLOT MEASURES

California Business Roundtable Initiative, "Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act" – Would create stricter rules for raising taxes, fees, assessments, and property-related fees.	<i>Failed to Qualify for 2022</i>	WIN ✓
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⚖️ LEGAL

Hobbs v. City of Pacific Grove – CA Court of Appeal issued a favorable ruling that one does not possess vested rights to renew city-issued, time-limited short-term rental licenses.	<i>Court agreed with Cal Cities' legal position</i>	WIN ✓
Old East Davis Neighborhood Association v. City of Davis – CA Court of Appeal upheld cities' discretion to interpret their land use plans.	<i>Court agreed with Cal Cities' legal position</i>	WIN ✓
California River Watch v. City of Vacaville – Federal Court of Appeals issued opinion limiting liability under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act to only those water transporters, including cities, who actively participate in the waste disposal process.	<i>Court agreed with Cal Cities' legal position</i>	WIN ✓
Kinney v. Superior Court – CA Court of Appeal issued a favorable an opinion in a case concerning whether disclosure of arrest records under the California Public Records Act is limited to contemporaneous records.	<i>Court agreed with Cal Cities' legal position</i>	WIN ✓

🏛️ FEDERAL

American Rescue Plan Act Final Rule – Secured additional flexibility for how cities can spend funds.	<i>Flexibility secured</i>	WIN ✓
Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act – Secured a streamlined application process to make it easier for cities to apply for and utilize funds.	<i>Streamlining secured</i>	WIN ✓

📋 REGULATORY

CalPERS Retired Annuitant Regulations – Would limit retired annuitants' type and timeframe of work they can perform for public agencies.	<i>Draft regulations improved</i>	WIN ✓
Air Resources Board Advanced Clean Fleets Regulations – Would transition California's medium-and heavy-duty diesel fleets to zero-emissions vehicles in less than 20 years.	<i>Flexibility and state cooperation secured</i>	WIN ✓