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The Honorable Rex Richardson
President
Southern California Association of Governments
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SUBJECT: SBCCOG Support for Request to Convene a Special Closed Meeting of the SCAG Regional Council to Discuss the Recommendations of the SCAG RHNA Litigation Committee

President Richardson:

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) has been monitoring the information and discussions that have been raised by jurisdictions, on whether the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) followed housing law in issuing a housing need of 1.34 million units to the SCAG region. This was an issue that was raised by SCAG staff in its own September 18, 2019 objection letter to HCD, and a reason why SCAG initially established and convened meetings of a SCAG RHNA Litigation Committee back in late 2019. At that time, it was reported that no litigation would be pursued.

Since that time, and at the request of SCAG RHNA Subcommittee Chair Peggy Huang, we understand that you reconvened the SCAG RHNA Litigation Committee, and further, that a meeting was held on November 2, 2020 to continue discussions on the issue. You reported out at the November 4, 2020 SCAG Executive/Administration Committee meeting and the November 5, 2020 SCAG Regional Council meeting, that there was a general consensus of the RHNA Litigation Committee that SCAG not pursue any litigation actions against HCD.

At the November 5, 2020 Regional Council meeting, two Regional Council members asked if a special closed session of the SCAG Regional Council could be scheduled to discuss the information that was presented to the RHNA Litigation Committee. You responded that you needed to hear from a cross-section of members and be respectful of all viewpoints, to see if there are any concerns with the recommendation of the RHNA Litigation Committee.

The SBCCOG is responding to your outreach. At its November 19th, 2020 meeting, the SBCCOG Board of Directors unanimously voted to support the request that the SCAG Regional Council conduct a special closed meeting to discuss the RHNA Litigation Committee's recommendation. Representing our cities, we feel this discussion has direct relevance to our member cities and our

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subregion's RHNA allocation, and merits the additional consideration and recommendation of the Regional Council. We hope that this special meeting can be convened immediately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Olivia Valentine".

Olivia Valentine, SBCCOG Chair
Councilmember, City of Hawthorne

cc: Kome Ajise, SCAG Executive Director
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