

# Housing Element Digital Workshop

## *New Laws and Tools*

**PART 1: Thursday, August 20, 2020**  
**1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

### AGENDA

**1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.**

#### Welcome Remarks

- Kome Ajise, Executive Director, SCAG
- Hon. Rex Richardson, President, SCAG

**1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**

#### New Housing Laws and New Guidelines for General Plan Updates

*In the last three years several new laws have been passed relating to housing element and general plan updates. HCD will discuss several statues and their implementation while saving a deeper consideration of those related to the site inventory for Day 2. OPR will discuss integrated planning requirements such as safety and environmental justice in the context of upcoming housing element updates, and provide an introduction to their new CEQA [SiteCheck](#) tool.*

Moderator: Alisha James, Community Engagement Specialist, SCAG

- Sohab Mehmood, Housing Policy Specialist, HCD
- Paul McDougall, Housing Policy Manager, HCD
- Erik de Kok, Program Manager, OPR
- Helen Campbell, Senior Planner, OPR

**2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

#### Break

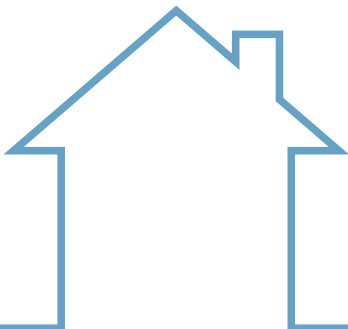
**2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

#### SCAG and HCD Technical Assistance

*SCAG is working on deploying several existing data elements which can be used in parts of housing element updates including the “Housing Needs” and site inventory sections. In addition HCD is working on several TA resources and strategies for updating 6th cycle housing elements, implementing housing topics, and building public support for housing decisions.*

Moderator: Lyle Janicek, Associate Regional Planner, SCAG

- Kevin Kane, Program Manager, SCAG
- Sohab Mehmood, Housing Policy Specialist, HCD
- Paul McDougall, Housing Policy Manager, HCD



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**PART 2: Thursday, August 27, 2020**  
**1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

### AGENDA

**1:00 p.m. – 1:05 p.m.**

#### Introduction

- Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning, SCAG
- Ma'Ayn Johnson, Housing Program Manager, SCAG

**1:05 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.**

#### All About ADUs

*There are several ways beyond the traditional site inventory to satisfy RHNA need, chief amongst them Accessory Dwelling Units. Staff from HCD and SCAG will discuss approaches toward understanding ADU capacity and affordability.*

- Moderator: Tom Vo, Senior Regional Planner, SCAG
- Meg Healy, Assistant Regional Planner, SCAG
  - Jose Ayala, Housing Policy Analyst, HCD
  - Paul McDougall, Housing Policy Manager, HCD

**1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

#### Break

**2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

#### HCD – Site Inventory Deeper Dive

*Building upon their [July 24th webinar](#), HCD will present helpful hints on utilizing a variety of strategies and site standards to help jurisdictions meet their RHNA obligation under the new laws. Later, PlaceWorks will share real examples on sites inventory strategies from 6th cycle housing elements in progress or completed.*

- Moderator: Meg Healy, Assistant Regional Planner, SCAG
- Sohab Mehmood, Housing Policy Specialist, HCD
  - Paul McDougall, Housing Policy Manager, HCD
  - Jennifer Gastelum, Associate Principal, PlaceWorks

**3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

#### Adventures in Housing Element Preparation: Stories and Tips

*Preparing a housing element is never an easy task and can often end up as an adventure. A panel of housing element practitioners and city staff will talk about their fun and not-so-fun experiences in drafting housing elements and getting them through the public process and with HCD. Hear their stories and best tips for getting housing elements successfully done!*

- Moderator: Ma'Ayn Johnson, Housing Program Manager, SCAG
- Veronica Tam, Principal, Veronica Tam and Associates, Inc.
  - Nate Farnsworth, Planning Manager, City of Yorba Linda
  - Gus Romo, Community Development Director, City of Bell Gardens

