



Southern California Association of Governments  
Remote Participation Only  
February 3, 2022

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE JOINT POLICY COMMITTEES  
(COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD);  
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (EEC); AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE (TC))  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE JOINT POLICY COMMITTEES. A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE ON THE SCAG WEBSITE AT: <http://scag.igm2.com/Citizens/>

The Joint Policy Committees of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its meeting telephonically and electronically, given public health directives limiting public gatherings due to the threat of COVID-19 and in compliance with the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20. A quorum was present.

**CEHD Members Present:**

**Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Vice Chair**

- Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler
- Hon. Al Austin, II
- Hon. David Avila
- Hon. Russell Betts
- Hon. Juan Carrillo
- Hon. Letitia Clark
- Hon. Steve De Ruse
- Hon. Paula Devine
- Hon. Diane B. Dixon
- Hon. Rose Espinoza
- Hon. Margaret E. Finlay
- Hon. Alex Fisch
- Hon. Mark Henderson
- Hon. Peggy Huang
- Hon. Kathleen Kelly
- Hon. Jed Leano
- Hon. Patricia Lock-Dawson
- Hon. Marisela Magana

***Cerritos***

- Alhambra*
- Long Beach*
- Yucaipa*
- Desert Hot Springs*
- Palmdale*
- Tustin*
- La Mirada*
- Glendale*
- Newport Beach*
- La Habra*
- Duarte*
- Culver City*
- Gardena*
- Palm Desert*
- Claremont*
- Riverside*
- Perris*

**District 23**

- District 34
- GCCOG
- SBCTA
- CVAG
- District 43
- District 17
- GCCOG
- District 42
- District 15
- OCCOG
- District 35
- District 41
- District 28
- TCA
- District 2
- SGVCOG
- District 68
- District 69



Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Tribal Gov't Regl Planning Rep.</i>	
Hon. Lauren Meister	<i>West Hollywood</i>	WSSCOG
Hon. Bill Miranda	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	SFVCOG
Hon. John Mirisch	<i>Beverly Hills</i>	<i>Pres. Appt., Member-at-Large</i>
Hon. Gregory A. Nava	<i>Brawley</i>	ICTC
Hon. Kim Nguyen	<i>Garden Grove</i>	District 18
Hon. Trevor O'Neil	<i>Anaheim</i>	District 19
Hon. Misty Perez	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	<i>Pres. Appt., Member-at-Large</i>
Hon. Michael Posey	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Jan Pye	<i>Desert Hot Springs</i>	CVAG
Hon. Rex Richardson	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Sonny Santa Ines	<i>Bellflower</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Nick Schultz	<i>Burbank</i>	AVCJPA
Hon. David Shapiro	<i>Calabasas</i>	LVMCOG
Hon. Becky Shevlin	<i>Monrovia</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Andy Sobel	<i>Santa Paula</i>	VCOG
Hon. Wes Speake	<i>Corona</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Mark Waronek	<i>Lomita</i>	SBCCOG
Hon. Christi White	<i>Murrieta</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Tony Wu	<i>West Covina</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Frank Zerunyan	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	SBCCOG

**CEHD Members Not Present**

Hon. Megan Beaman Jacinto	<i>Coachella</i>	District 66
Hon. Drew Boyles	<i>El Segundo</i>	District 40
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Michael C. Carroll	<i>Irvine</i>	District 14
Hon. Cecilia Hupp	<i>Brea</i>	OCCOG
<b>Hon. Jorge Marquez, Chair</b>	<b><i>Covina</i></b>	<b>District 33</b>
Hon. Anni Marshall	<i>Avalon</i>	GCCOG
Sup. Holly Mitchell		Los Angeles County
Hon. Edward Paget	<i>Needles</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Sunny Park	<i>Buena Park</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Nithya Ramen	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 29
Hon. Acquanetta Warren	<i>Fontana</i>	SBCTA

**EEC Members Present**

<b>Hon. David Pollock, (Chair)</b>	<b><i>Moorpark</i></b>	<b>District 46</b>
<b>Hon. Deborah Robertson, (Vice Chair)</b>	<b><i>Rialto</i></b>	<b>District 8</b>



Hon. Cindy Allen	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Victoria Baca	<i>Moreno Valley</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Ana Beltran	<i>Westmoreland</i>	ICTC
Hon. Daniel Brotman	<i>Glendale</i>	AVCJPA
Hon. Margaret Clark	<i>Rosemead</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Robert Copeland	<i>Signal Hill</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Ned Davis	<i>Westlake Village</i>	LVMCOG
Hon. Julian A. Gold	<i>Beverly Hills</i>	WSCCOG
Hon. Shari Horne	<i>Laguna Woods</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Britt Huff	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	SBCCOG
Hon. Dan Kalmick	<i>Huntington Beach</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Joe Kalmick	<i>Seal Beach</i>	District 20
Hon. Elaine Litster	<i>Simi Valley</i>	VCOG
Hon. Diana Mahmud	<i>South Pasadena</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Cynthia Moran	<i>Chino Hills</i>	SBCTA
Sup. Luis Plancarte		Imperial County
Hon. Randall Putz	<i>Big Bear</i>	District 11
Sup. Carmen Ramirez		Ventura County
Hon. Greg Rath	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Richard Rollins	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	VCOG
Hon. Rhonda Shader	<i>Placentia</i>	President's Appointment
Hon. Jesus Silva	<i>Fullerton</i>	President's Appointment
Hon. Sharon Springer	<i>Burbank</i>	SFVCOG
Hon. Connor Traut	<i>Buena Park</i>	OCCOG
Hon. John Valdivia	<i>San Bernardino</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Edward H.J. Wilson	<i>Signal Hill</i>	GCCOG
<b><u>EEC Members Not Present</u></b>		
Hon. Maria Davila	<i>South Gate</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Jordan Ehrenkranz	<i>Canyon Lake</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Oscar Ortiz	<i>Indio</i>	CVAG
<b><u>TC Members Present:</u></b>		
<b>Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, (Chair)</b>	<b><i>El Centro</i></b>	<b>District 1</b>
<b>Hon. Art Brown, (Vice Chair)</b>	<b><i>Buena Park</i></b>	<b>District 21</b>
Hon. Sean Ashton	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. Phil Bacerra	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. Kathryn Barger		Los Angeles County
Hon. Ben Benoit	<i>Wildomar</i>	South Coast AQMD



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Hon. Joe Buscaino	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Ross Chun	<i>Aliso Viejo</i>	OCTA
Hon. Darrell Dorris	<i>Lancaster</i>	NCTC
Hon. John Dutrey	<i>Montclair</i>	SBCTA
Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Curt Hagman		San Bernardino County
Hon. Ray Hamada	<i>Bellflower</i>	District 24
Hon. Jan Harnik	<i>Palm Desert</i>	RCTC
Lindsey Horvath	<i>West Hollywood</i>	WSCCOG
Hon. Mike T. Judge	<i>Simi Valley</i>	VCTC
Hon. Trish Kelley	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Linda Krupa	<i>Hemet</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Richard Loa	<i>Palmdale</i>	NCTC
Hon. Clint Lorimore	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Hon. Steve Manos	<i>Lake Elsinore</i>	District 63
Hon. Ray Marquez	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10
Hon. Larry McCallon	<i>Highland</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Marsha McLean	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	District 67
Hon. L. Dennis Michael	<i>Rancho Cucamonga</i>	District 9
Hon. Fred Minagar	<i>Laguna Niguel</i>	District 12
Hon. Carol Moore	<i>Laguna Woods</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Frank Navarro	<i>Colton</i>	District 6
Hon. Hector, Pacheco	<i>San Fernando</i>	District 67
Hon. Ed Reece	<i>Claremont</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Crystal Ruiz	<i>San Jacinto</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Tim Sandoval	<i>Pomona</i>	District 38
Hon. Rey Santos	<i>Beaumont</i>	District 3
Hon. Zak Schwank	<i>Temecula</i>	District 5
Hon. Tim Shaw		OCTA
Hon. Marty Simonoff	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Jeremy Smith	<i>Canyon Lake</i>	
Hon. Ward Smith	<i>Placentia</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Jose Luis Solache	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26
Hon. Karen Spiegel		Riverside County
Hon. Cynthia Sternquist	<i>Temple City</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Jess Talamantes		SFVCOG
Hon. Steve Tye	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Don Wagner		Orange County
Hon. Colleen Wallace	<i>Banning</i>	
Hon. Alan Wapner	<i>Ontario</i>	SBCTA/SBCOG

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Hon. Alicia Weintraub  
Hon. Paul Marquez

*Calabasas*  
*Caltrans District 7*

LVMCOG  
Ex-Officio Member

**TC Members Not Present:**

Lorrie Brown  
Hon. Jonathan Curtis  
Laura Hernandez  
Hon. Paul Krekorian  
Hon. Steven Ly  
Hon. Ara Najarian  
Hon. Jon Primuth  
Hon. Ali Saleh  
Hon. Scott Voigts

*Ventura*  
*La Cañada-Flintridge*  
*Port Hueneme*  
  
*Rosemead*  
*Glendale*  
*South Pasadena*  
*Bell*  
*Lake Forest*

District 47  
District 36  
District 45  
District 49  
District 32  
AVCJPA  
AVCJPA  
GCCOG  
OCCOG

**Staff Present**

Kome Ajise, Executive Director  
Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer  
Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer  
Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs  
Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning  
Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer  
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer  
Mike Houston Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services  
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel  
Peter Waggonner, Office of Regional Council Support  
Maggie Aguilar, Office of Regional Council Support

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Richardson called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. A quorum was confirmed. President Richardson asked Mike Posey, CEHD Policy Committee Member, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

President Richardson opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments.

The Clerk stated that there were no written public comments received by email before and after the deadline of 5pm of Wednesday, March 3, 2021. Additionally, The Clerk confirmed that there were no public comment speakers.

Seeing no other public comment speakers, President Richardson closed the Public Comment Period.

### **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no requests to prioritize agenda items.

### **INFORMATION ITEM**

#### 1. Racial Equity & Regional Planning: History, Perspectives and Discussion to Guide SCAG's Equity Efforts

President Richardson provided a brief update on SCAG's equity efforts which included 1) the adoption by the Regional Council of a Resolution acknowledging systemic racism as a human rights and public health crisis and committed SCAG to taking action toward becoming a more equitable and just region; and 2) convening a Special Committee on Equity & Social Justice to discuss the meaning of regional equity and ways for SCAG and its partners to advance equity. He further noted that this meeting would feature presentations from experts that explored the historical roots and dimensions of their inequities and would provide food for thought on the actions SCAG can take to advance regional equity. He noted that Mr. Charles Brown, Founder and Managing Principal of Equitable Cities, LLC would help facilitate the discussions.

Kome Ajise, Executive Director provided a brief update on SCAG's equity efforts and noted that they had been working with the Special Committee on Equity and Social Justice for the last six months to better define equity for SCAG and develop a framework for consistently incorporating equity awareness into every aspect of the agency's work. He noted that the staff report [in the agenda packet] highlighted the work they had undertaken with the Special Committee and now had a working definition of what advancing racial equity meant at SCAG and a set of high-level goals and strategies to guide the development of more specific recommendations to achieve it. Lastly, he thanked staff for their work.

Mr. Brown proceeded to provide instructions on how the meeting would run and order of presentations and questions. He introduced Ms. Tunua Thrash-Ntuk, Executive Director, Los Angeles Local Initiative Support Corporation.

Ms. Thrash-Ntuk provided a presentation on Land Use and Housing Policies and Practices with a focus on exclusionary zoning. Specifically, she addressed what it meant, how they got here, what were some of the obstacles to really being able to overcome it, why it was so important that they tackle this issue, and how it interacts with the housing crisis today. She noted that when it came to exclusionary zoning, what they were really talking about was concentrated poverty, which was

defined as census tracts where the federal poverty level was 40% or more – lack resources to provide quality schools, job opportunities, safe streets, and access to quality healthcare. She indicated that that exclusionary zoning was really in some ways a silent policy that keeps affordable housing out of neighborhoods through land use and building code requirements. Lastly, she stated that eliminating exclusionary zoning will not be enough alone, and that they still needed to: 1) continue to do up zoning to allow for all kinds of housing options; 2) subsidize affordable housing to make sure that the lowest income people have access; 3) do the kind of planning that eliminates or reduces parking; and 4) continue to develop near transit.

Policy Committee Member (EEC) Margaret Clark asked Ms. Thrash-Ntuk if she had studied the unintended consequences of SB 9 (Atkins) and SB 10 (Wiener). Ms. Thrash-Ntuk acknowledged the question.

Regional Council Member (CEHD) Kathleen Kelly asked what tools were available to them to make sure that the recommended up zone actually produces diversity of housing types. Ms. Thrash-Ntuk acknowledged the question.

Regional Council Member (CEHD) Adele Andrade-Stadler asked how they get developers to understand that mixed economic statuses are important in their projects. She noted that at her city they had an inclusionary housing ordinance. Ms. Thrash-Ntuk acknowledged the question.

Policy Committee Member (TC) Carol Moore stated that what she saw was wealthy developers making more money, less affordable housing, and more expensive housing. She expressed concern over some of the ideas.

Policy Committee Member (CEHD) John Mirisch asked how they deal with the impacts of further financialization of housing and the speculation that some of the policies she was advocating might cause. Ms. Thrash-Ntuk acknowledged the question.

Regional Council Member (TC) Steve Manos asked how they make sure that they are actually placing people, who have been disadvantaged historically, into places where they can mingle with wealth. He further asked how they can strip local control away from local decision makers, to go ahead and achieve the goal that they are looking for. Ms. Thrash-Ntuk acknowledged the question.

Policy Committee Member (TC) Darrell Dorris asked what was it that they were really trying to do, so that they don't allow it to become segregated within a city, while trying to create wealth for housing. Ms. Thrash-Ntuk acknowledged the question.

Mr. Brown introduced Ms. Beth Osborne, Director of Transportation for America.

Ms. Osborne provided a presentation on Urban Renewal and Transportation Policies and Practices. Her presentation addressed the inequities of the early highway program, the legacy of the highway program, the inequities of the transportation program and changes to support equity. She displayed several pictures of highways before and after, specifically noting the displacement of black communities in building those highways. She noted that the legacy of the highway program was the generational damage to minority neighborhoods, that standards around highways had been applied to all roads, and that current officials had inherited this legacy even in projects to undo damage. She also provided a brief overview of the inequities in the program and highlighted that multimodal access was the right goal.

Regional Council Member (EEC) Deborah Robertson expressed concern over communities being displaced and no investment of dollars being placed to help those communities. She asked how they could address this and what was the solution. Ms. Osborne addressed the question.

Councilwoman Gomez, a member of the public, asked how councils can begin to address equity and if there were any resolution templates. Ms. Osborne addressed the question.

Regional Council Member (CEHD) Mike Posey asked Ms. Osborne what her recommendation was to respond to the NIMBYs about more density equals more traffic. He indicated that he had data for Huntington Beach that showed this was not the case and was the opposite. He also asked what her recommendation was for elected officials so they could message this for the public to try to get them to accept this. Ms. Osborne addressed the question.

Mr. Brown introduced Professor William A. Darity, Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy.

Mr. William provided a presentation on Understanding American Economic Inequality. His presentation included exploring the income and wealth gaps, causes of the racial income gap, which could be attributed to education, discrimination in the labor market and unequal wealth, and the wealth gap at the intersections of race and gender. He also provided an explanation on the difference between wealth and income. He also mentioned that wealth mattered because it indicated the amount of economic opportunity/security that an individual or household might have. Lastly, he noted sources of wealth inequality, the primary source being intergenerational, such as inheritances and gifts, and that the overall wealth and racial gaps were a product of government policy.

Dr. Brown asked why it was important to disaggregate by race or ethnicity? Mr. Darity addressed the question.

Regional Council Member (CEHD) Letitia Clark expressed concern over homeownership becoming more difficult and the unfairness in property appraisals. She asked how they create some equity



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around some of these issues when they know that there's a systemic background, and if there was an approach that he [Mr. Darity] recommended that they take as local elected officials. Mr. Darity addressed the question.

Regional Council Member (TC) Karen Spiegel expressed concern over disregarding other groups if they continue to focus only on racial inequities. She stated they had not solved gender inequity or social economic inequities and asked that instead of using the word racial if they could use systematic inequities so they can cover more of the inequities rather than just focusing on racial. She further asked how they could get more of an equitable conversation going. Mr. Darity addressed the question.

Regional Council Member (CEHD) Alex Fisch asked Mr. Darity what the direct interventions were that he would do or recommend for local leaders to address the racial wealth gap. Mr. Darity addressed the question.

President Richardson thanked Dr. Brown for facilitating the meeting, the presenters for their insightful presentations, and the Regional Council and Policy Committee members for their participation.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet. A recording of the meeting, including the presentations, can be found on SCAG's website.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT/S

There were no announcements.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Richardson adjourned the Joint Policy Committee meeting at 11:27 p.m.

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AGENDA ITEM 3  
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments  
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To: Executive/Administration Committee (EAC)  
Regional Council (RC)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

From: Megan Dearing, Pincipal Management Analyst  
(213) 630-1522, dearing@scag.ca.gov

Subject: REAP 2.0 Application for Advance Funding

**RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR EAC:**

That the Regional Council approve:

1. Resolution No. 22-640-1 and authorize SCAG to apply for advance funding of 10%, or up to \$24,602,408, the maximum eligible early funding allowed under the REAP 2021 Program; and
2. Authorize SCAG to use available fund balances to commence the REAP 2021 allowable pre-award activities, including hiring required program limited-term staff, in advance of formal budget amendment.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR JPC:**

Receive and File

**RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR RC:**

1. Approve Resolution No. 22-640-1 and authorize SCAG to apply for advance funding of 10%, or up to \$24,602,408, the maximum eligible early funding allowed under the REAP 2021 Program; and
2. Authorize SCAG to use available fund balances to commence the REAP 2021 allowable pre-award activities, including hiring required program limited-term staff, in advance of formal budget amendment.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports the following Strategic Plan Goal 2: Advance Southern California’s policy interests and planning priorities through regional, statewide, and national engagement and advocacy. 4: Provide innovative information and value-added services to enhance member agencies’