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MEETING OF THE

**LEGISLATIVE/
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***Tuesday, September 17, 2024
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.***

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LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

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LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AGENDA

LCMC - Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee *Members – September 2024*

1. **Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson**
LCMC Chair, Riverside, RC District 68
2. **Hon. Jose Luis Solache**
LCMC Vice Chair, Lynwood, RC District 26
3. **Hon. Cindy Allen**
Long Beach, RC District 30
4. **Hon. Wendy Bucknum**
Mission Viejo, RC District 13
5. **Hon. Jenny Crosswhite**
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6. **Hon. Keith Eich**
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7. **Hon. Margaret Finlay**
Duarte, RC District 35
8. **Sup. Curt Hagman**
San Bernardino County
9. **Hon. Jan C. Harnik**
RCTC Representative
10. **Hon. Laura Hernandez**
Port Hueneme, RC District 45
11. **Hon. Clint Lorimore**
Eastvale, RC District 4
12. **Hon. Ray Marquez**
Chino Hills, RC District 10
13. **Hon. Gil Rebollar**
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LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AGENDA

- 14. Hon. David J. Shapiro**
Calabasas, RC District 44
- 15. Sup. Donald Wagner**
Orange County
- 16. Hon. Alan Wapner**
SBCTA Representative
- 17. Hon. Thomas Wong**
Monterey Park, District 34

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LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AGENDA

Southern California Association of Governments
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 – Policy B Room
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Tuesday, September 16, 2024
8:30 AM

The Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee may consider and act upon any of the items listed on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as information or action items.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(The Honorable Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair)

PRESENTATION – End of Session Wrap Up

(Cruz Strategies and Rex Frazier, President, Personal Insurance Federation of California (PIFC))

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Matters Not on the Agenda)

This is the time for public comments on any matter of interest within SCAG's jurisdiction that is **not** listed on the agenda. For items listed on the agenda, public comments will be received when that item is considered. Although the committee may briefly respond to statements or questions, under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon at this time.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – August 20, 2024 PPG. 7

Receive and File

2. Federal Appropriations Bills Update PPG. 14
3. November 2024 Statewide Ballot Measures PPG. 30
4. Legislative Tracking and Bill Position Report PPG. 33

ACTION ITEM

5. Resolution to Address California's Marketplace for Homeowners and Commercial Property Insurance PPG. 47

(Francisco Barajas, Senior Legislative Affairs Analyst)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends that the LCMC forward a recommendation to the Regional Council to adopt a resolution to address the California insurance crisis.



INFORMATION ITEMS

6. Legislative Advocacy Update - September 2024
(David Angel, Legislative Affairs Analyst)

PPG. 53

POLICY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIVISION UPDATE

(Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (LCMC)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (LCMC). A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.ig2.com/Citizens/>.

The Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jose Luis Solache (Vice Chair)

Wendy Bucknum
Jenny Crosswhite
Keith Eich
Jan Harnik
Ray Marquez
Gil Rebollar
David J. Shapiro
Donald Wagner
Alan Wapner
Thomas Wong

Lynwood

Mission Viejo
Santa Paula
La Canada Flintridge

Chino Hills
Brawley
Calabasas

Monterey Park

District 26

District 13
District 47
District 36
RCTC
District 10
District 1
District 44
Orange County
SBCTA
District 34

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Patricia Lock Dawson (Chair)
Cindy Allen
Margaret Finlay
Curt Hagman
Laura Hernandez
Clint Lorimore

Riverside
Long Beach
Duarte

Port Hueneme
Eastvale

District 68
District 30
District 35
San Bernardino County
District 45
District 4

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Jose Luis Solache called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. and called upon David Shapiro, Calabasas, District 44, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Staff confirmed that a quorum was present.

PRESENTATION

(State Senator Steve Padilla (D-San Diego), Chair, Senate Budget Sub-Committee #4 on State Administration and General Government)

There were no public comments for the presentation.

Vice Chair Jose Luis Solache introduced State Senator Steve Padilla, who began his presentation by discussing efforts to move economic development along and support underinvested communities in the state. Among other topics discussed, Senator Padilla highlighted the importance of addressing structural issues in the state's budget over the next few years and the long-term sustainability of the state's revenue infrastructure.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Vice Chair Jose Luis Solache opened the Public Comment Period for items not listed on the agenda and outlined the instructions for public comments. He noted that this was the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction not listed on the agenda.

SCAG staff confirmed that no public comments were submitted via email to ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov or any raised hands. Seeing and hearing no public comment speakers, Vice Chair Jose Luis Solache closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEM

There were no prioritized agenda items.

CONSENT CALENDAR**Approval Item**

1. Minutes of the Meeting – July 18, 2024
2. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

3. Federal Appropriations Update
4. Legislative Tracking Report

There were no public comments for the Consent Calendar.

Vice Chair Jose Luis Solache opened the floor to the committee members for questions or comments.

There were no comments for the Consent Calendar.

A MOTION was made (Bucknum) to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 4. The MOTION was SECONDED (Shapiro) and APPROVED by a majority roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Bucknum, Crosswhite, Harnik, Marquez, Rebollar, Shapiro, Solache, Wapner, and Wong (9)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAINS: None (0)

ACTION ITEMS

5. SB 960 (Wiener) - Transportation Planning Complete Street Facilities

There were no public comments for Item No. 5.

Mr. Francisco Barajas, Senior Legislative Affairs Analyst, gave the committee members a presentation pertaining to SB 960 (Wiener). SB 960 would require Caltrans to consider incorporation of complete streets elements into SHOPP funded projects. Mr. Barajas informed the committee that the bill was amended to give Caltrans the ability to determine when to include the complete streets facilities in capital and maintenance SHOPP projects. Mr. Barajas advised that additional amendments were expected to be published to address the opposition's concerns. Staff recommended a support position on SB 960 given that it aligns with the Complete Streets Strategy outlined in Connect SoCal as well as the 2024 Legislative Platform.

Vice Chair Jose Luis Solache opened the floor to the committee members for questions or comments.

Committee members engaged in a robust discussion. During the discussion, the committee provided comments and raised several questions. Mr. Barajas thanked the committee for their feedback and addressed all comments and questions.

A MOTION was made (Wong) to approve staff recommendation on item No. 5. The MOTION was SECONDED (Crosswhite) and APPROVED by a majority roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Crosswhite, Eich, Harnik, Marquez, Rebollar, Shapiro, Solache, Wapner, and Wong (9)

NOES: Bucknum and Wagner (2)

ABSTAINS: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEMS

6. Legislative Advocacy Update

There were no public comments for Item No. 6.

Mr. Francisco Barajas, Senior Legislative Affairs Analyst, provided an update on recent legislative advocacy efforts that resulted in the preservation of REAP 2.0 grant funding. Mr. Barajas also provided an update on the SCAG sponsored bill AB 2045 by Assemblymember Juan Carrillo, which was held in submission in Senate appropriations and did not move forward. Mr. Barajas informed the committee that staff would find out more information as to why the bill did not move forward and what could be done in the next legislative session.

Vice Chair Jose Luis Solache opened the floor to the committee members for questions or comments.

Committee members engaged in a robust discussion. During the discussion, the committee raised several questions and provided valuable comments. Mr. Barajas addressed the committee's comments and questions.

7. Housing & Transportation Bills of Interest Follow Up

There were no public comments for Item No. 7.

Mr. Francisco Barajas, Senior Legislative Affairs Analyst, began his presentation by sharing a legislative outlook of important dates for the committee's awareness, highlighting that the last day for each house to pass bills is August 31, 2024. Mr. Barajas continued his presentation by providing the committee an update on four (4) bills of interest, which included AB 1335 (Zbur), AB 2597 (Ward), AB 3093 (Ward) and SB 7 (Blakespear).



Vice Chair Jose Luis Solache opened the floor to the committee members for questions or comments.

Committee members engaged in a robust discussion. During the discussion, the committee raised several questions and provided valuable comments. Mr. Barajas addressed the committee's comments and questions.

POLICY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIVISION UPDATE

There were no public comments on division updates.

Ms. Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer, began her division update by thanking the committee for their efforts into getting REAP 2.0 funding restored. Ms. Cartagena also provided an update on surface transportation reauthorization in which committee staff started reaching out to partners to identify potential priorities which will be brought to the LCMC in the upcoming months to form our federal priority platform.

Ms. Cartagena continued her report by highlighting the Ventura County mobile workshop in collaboration with the Port of Hueneme taking place on August 30, 2024. Members wanting to attend were advised to reach out to Rachel Wagner for more information. Lastly, Ms. Cartagena announced that registration for the 2024 Demographic Workshop was now open. The event will occur on Tuesday, September 24, 2024.

Vice Chair Jose Luis Solache opened the floor to the committee members for questions or comments.

There were no comments for division updates.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.



ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chair Jose Luis Solache adjourned the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee meeting at 9:40 a.m.

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE]

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Legislative / Communications and Membership Committee

2024-2025																Total Mtgs Attended YTD		
MEMBERS	Representing	MAY	JUN	JUL (Dark)	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC (Dark)	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY				
1	Allen, Cindy	Long Beach, RC District 30	0	1	[Dark Column]	0	0	0	0	[Dark Column]	0	0	0	0	0	1		
2	Bucknum, Wendy	Mission Viejo, RC District 13	1	0		1	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
3	Crosswhite, Jenny	Santa Paula, RC District 47	1	1		D	1	0	0		0	D	0	0	0	0	0	3
4	Eich, Keith	La Cañada Flintridge, RC District 36	1	1		1	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	Finlay, Margaret	Duarte, RC District 35	1	1		0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
6	Hagman, Curt	San Bernardino County	0	1		0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
7	Harnik, Jan C.	RCTC	0	1		1	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
8	Hernandez, Laura	Port Hueneme, RC District 45	1	1		A	0	0	0		0	A	0	0	0	0	0	2
9	Lock Dawson, Patricia (Chair)	Riverside, RC District 68	1	1		0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
10	Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale, RC District 4	1	1		0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
11	Marquez, Ray	Chino Hills, RC District 10	1	1		1	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
12	Rebollar, Gil	Brawley, RC District 1	1	0		R	1	0	0		0	R	0	0	0	0	0	2
13	Shapiro, David J.	Calabasas, RC District 44	1	1		1	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
14	Solache, Jose Luis (Vice Chair)	Lynwood, RC District 26	1	1		1	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
15	Wagner, Donald P.	Orange County	1	1		K	1	0	0		0	K	0	0	0	0	0	3
16	Wapner, Alan	SBCTA	1	0		1	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
17	Wong, Thomas	Monterey Park, District 34	1	1		1	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

Attachment: LCMC Attendance Sheet 2024-2025 (Minutes of the August 20, 2024 Meeting)



AGENDA ITEM 2
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
September 17, 2024

To: Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: David Angel, Legislative Affairs Analyst
(213) 630-1422, angel@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Federal Appropriations Bills Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and File.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report summarizes the Federal Fiscal Year 2025 appropriations bills moving through Congress. At the time of writing this report, the House of Representatives has passed five of 12 appropriations bills and the Senate has not passed any. Congress has until September 30 to pass all twelve appropriations bills, leaving only two weeks for both chambers to pass all 12 appropriations bills. A Continuing Resolution is increasingly necessary to extend the amount of time Congress has to pass budget and avoid a government shutdown.

BACKGROUND:

Congress reconvened from its August recess on September 9, 2024. At this point, the House has passed only five of 12 appropriations bills, while the Senate has yet to pass any. The House passed Appropriations bills for Military Construction-Veterans Affairs, State-Foreign Operations, Homeland Security, Defense, and Interior-Environment. While the House took an additional vote to consider passage of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill in July, it failed by a margin of 205 to 215. Now, the House and Senate will have the rest of the month to pass all twelve appropriations bills before the end of the federal fiscal year on September 30, 2024, or agree to a continuing resolution (CR) to avoid a government shutdown.

As of writing this report, House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) introduced a short-term spending bill that would extend federal funding for six months until March 28, 2025. However, the bill seemed unlikely to pass due to opposition from various members of the Republican party and from the entirety of the Democratic party for many different reasons, including spending levels being too



high or low, funding being extended for too long, and policy riders being attached to the funding bill. Further, the Senate Democratic majority indicated it would not support Speaker Johnson's short-term spending bill, if it did manage to pass in the House and reach the Senate. Thus, it remains extremely unlikely that Congress will pass all 12 appropriations bills by the end of September, and unclear if there will be a short-term spending bill passed in time to avert a shutdown.

An overview and status of House and Senate FY 25 appropriations bills, provided by SCAG's federal lobbyist Holland & Knight, has been attached to this report.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the Federal Appropriations Bills Update is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Federal Appropriations Bill Update Matrix

Holland & Knight

Overview and Status of House and Senate FY 25 Appropriations Bills

The following chart provides an overview of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 appropriations bills.

Bill	Key Provisions	Markup Dates	Subcommittee/ Committee Approvals	Floor Passage
<p>House Agriculture – FDA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Summary • Bill Report • Bill Text 	<p>The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and Related Agencies bill provides a nondefense discretionary total of \$25.873 billion for programs under the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, \$355 million (1.35%) below the FY 2024 enacted level and \$2.688 billion (9.4%) below the FY 2024 president's budget request.</p> <p>The Subcommittee's allocation is \$25.873 billion.</p> <p>The bill prioritizes agencies and programs that protect food and drug supply; support farmers, ranchers and rural communities; and ensure low-income Americans have access to nutrition programs.</p>	<p>Subcommittee Markup: June 11, 2024</p> <p>Full Committee Markup: July 10, 2024</p>	<p><u>Subcommittee</u> Approved by voice vote (June 11)</p> <p><u>Committee</u> Approved (July 10) Vote: 29-26</p>	<p><u>N/A</u></p>
<p>Senate Agriculture – FDA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Summary • Bill Report • Bill Text 	<p>This bill provides \$27.049 billion in funding, an \$821 million increase over FY 2024.</p> <p>The bill includes \$7.697 billion for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) – a \$667 million increase over FY 2024 that meets the president's budget request.</p>	<p>Full Committee Markup: July 11, 2024</p>	<p><u>Committee</u> Approved (July 11) Vote: 28-0</p>	<p><u>N/A</u></p>

	<p>The bill provides \$3.544 billion, or a \$22 million increase from FY 2024, in funding for the FDA to carry out its mission to keep families healthy and safe. More specifically, it provides an additional \$1 million to conduct oversight of cosmetics for the first time ever, an increase of \$15 million to strengthen FDA's food safety programs, \$1.233 billion for the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FIS), and \$3 million to advance neuroscience research.</p> <p>This bill provides \$1.87 billion – a \$29 million increase – for the Agricultural Research Service. The bill provides \$1.691 billion for rental assistance.</p>			
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<p>House Commerce- Justice-Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Summary • Bill Report • Bill Text 	<p>The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies appropriations bill provides net new spending of \$78.288 billion for programs under the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee, which is \$1.275 billion (2%) below the FY 2024 enacted level. The bill provides a non-defense discretionary total of \$71.932 billion and a defense discretionary total of \$6.356 billion.</p> <p>The bill directs that funding to support the fight against fentanyl and efforts to counter the People's Republic of China.</p> <p>The bill also includes:</p> <p>\$9.847 billion for the Department of Commerce, which is \$979.747 million (9%) below the FY 2024 enacted level and \$1.617 billion below the President's budget request;</p> <p>\$36.532 billion for the</p>	<p>Subcommittee Markup: June 26, 2024</p> <p>Full Committee Markup: July 9, 2024</p>	<p><u>Subcommittee</u> Approved by voice vote (June 26)</p> <p><u>Full Committee</u> Approved (July 9) Vote: 31-26</p>	<p><u>N/A</u></p>
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	<p>Department of Justice (DOJ), which is \$987.823 million (3%) below the FY 2024 enacted level and \$3.056 billion below the President’s budget request, and;</p> <p>\$34.444 billion for various science agencies, which is \$499.759 million (1%) above the FY 2024 enacted level and \$1.130 billion below the President’s budget request.</p>			
<p>Senate Commerce-Justice-Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Summary • Bill Report • Bill Text 	<p>The bill provides a total of \$73.735 billion in discretionary funding—\$5.2 billion more than FY 2024, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$38.426 billion for the DOJ, \$906 million more than FY 2024, for the DOJ; • \$11.544 billion for the Department of Commerce, \$717 million more than FY 2024; • \$9.55 billion for the National Science Foundation (NSF); and • \$25.434 billion for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). 	<p>Full Committee Markup: July 25, 2024</p>	<p><u>Full Committee</u> Approved (July 25) Vote: 26-3</p>	<p><u>N/A</u></p>

<p>House Defense</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Summary • Bill Report • Bill Text 	<p>For FY 2025, the bill provides \$833.053 billion in new discretionary spending – \$8.57 billion (1%) over the FY 2024 enacted level.</p> <p>The bill prioritizes delivering combat-ready military forces to deter war and ensure national security. It includes resources to programs and activities that counter the People’s Republic of China and other near-peer adversaries, foster innovation, enhance the Department of Defense (DOD)’s role in combating the flow of fentanyl and other illegal drugs, and support servicemembers and their families.</p>	<p>Subcommittee Markup: June 5, 2024</p> <p>Full Committee Markup: June 13, 2024</p>	<p><u>Subcommittee</u> Approved by voice vote (June 5)</p> <p><u>Full Committee</u> Approved (June 13) Vote: 34-25</p>	<p><u>N/A</u></p>
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<p>Senate Defense</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Summary • Bill Report • Bill Text 	<p>The Fiscal Year 2025 Defense Appropriations Act provides \$852.2 billion in total funding— a \$27.2 billion, or 3.3% increase over fiscal year 2024. The bill includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full funding to support full-day, universal Pre-K for military families; • \$261.2 million for military suicide prevention and response; • \$47 million increase to support military survivors of sexual assault; • \$300 million for the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative; • \$500 million for arms and training to Taiwan; and • \$500 million for tactical AI at combatant commands. 	<p>Full Committee Markup: July 27, 2024</p>	<p><u>Full Committee</u> Approved (July 27) Vote: 27-0</p>	<p><u>N/A</u></p>
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<p>House Energy and Water Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Summary • Bill Report • Bill Text 	<p>The bill provides \$59.2 billion in discretionary spending.</p> <p>The Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act provides a total discretionary allocation of \$59.190 billion, which is \$999 million (1.7%) above the FY 2024 enacted level and \$139 million (-0.2%) below the President’s budget request including emergency amounts requested.</p> <p>The defense portion of the allocation is \$34.193 billion, which is \$906 million (2.7%) above the FY 2024 enacted level and \$214 million (0.6%) above the President’s budget request. The non-defense portion of the allocation is \$24.997 billion, which is \$93 million (0.4%) above the FY 2024 enacted level and \$353 million (1.4%) below the President’s budget request. The bill prioritizes funding for agencies and programs that bolster national security, energy security, and economic competitiveness.</p>	<p>Subcommittee Markup: June 28, 2024</p> <p>Full Appropriations Committee Markup: July 9, 2024</p>	<p><u>Subcommittee</u> Approved by voice vote (June 28)</p> <p><u>Full Committee</u> Approved (July 9) Vote: 30-26</p>	<p><u>N/A</u></p>
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<p>Senate Energy and Water Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Summary • Bill Report • Bill Text 	<p>This bill provides \$61.467 billion in critical funding for sustainable and inclusive development, democratic governance, and economic growth programs. The bill provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10.344 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers • \$2.04 billion for the Bureau of Reclamation • \$17.74 billion for the Department of Energy's nondefense programs • \$34.516 billion for atomic energy defense activities for the Energy 	<p>Full Committee Markup: August 1, 2024</p>	<p><u>Full Committee</u> Approved (August 1) Vote: 28-0</p>	<p><u>N/A</u></p>
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House Financial Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Summary • Bill Report • Bill Text 	The Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act provides a total discretionary allocation of \$23.608 billion, which is nearly 20% below the President’s budget request and nearly 10% below the spending level provided in FY 2024. The defense portion of the allocation is \$45 million, and the non-defense portion of the allocation is \$23.563 billion. The bill prioritizes agencies and programs that combat terrorism financing, maintain the integrity of our financial markets, spur small business growth, support the judicial branch, and target opioid abuse.	Subcommittee Markup: June 5, 2024 Full Committee Markup: June 13, 2024	<u>Subcommittee</u> Approved by voice vote (June 5) <u>Full Committee</u> Approved (June 13) Vote: 33-24	<u>N/A</u>
Senate Financial Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Summary • Bill Report • Bill Text 	The Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill provides \$27.885 billion to fund the operations of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Executive Office of the President, federal judiciary, the District of Columbia, Small Business Administration (SBA), and more than two dozen independent federal agencies.	Full Committee Markup: August 1, 2024	<u>Full Committee</u> Approved (August 1) Vote: 27-0	<u>N/A</u>

<p>House Homeland Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Summary • Bill Report • Bill Text 	<p>The Homeland Security Appropriations Act provides a total discretionary allocation of \$64.81 billion. The defense portion of the allocation is \$3.41 billion, which is \$82 million (2.4%) above the FY 2024 enacted level. The non-defense portion of the allocation is \$61.39 billion, which is \$2.88 billion (5%) above the FY 2024 enacted level and \$4.27 billion (7.5%) above the President’s budget request. The bill includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$22.74 billion for major disaster response and recovery activities; • \$600 million for construction of a physical wall along the southwest border; • \$496 million for 22,000 Border Patrol Agents; • \$300 million for border security technology funding; • \$4.1 billion for custody operations, including to fund an average daily U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainee population of 50,000, which is higher than any previously appropriated level; and • \$822 million to fund transportation and removal operations for removable persons. 	<p>Subcommittee Markup: June 4, 2024</p> <p>Full Committee Markup: June 12, 2024</p>	<p><u>Subcommittee</u> Approved by voice vote (June 4)</p> <p><u>Full Committee</u> Approved (June 12) Vote: 33-26</p>	<p><u>House Passed (June 28)</u> <u>Vote: 212-203</u></p>
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Senate Homeland Security	Committee Markup/Vote Delayed	N/A	<u>Full Committee</u> Markup/Vote Delayed	
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House Interior- Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Summary • Bill Report • Bill Text 	<p>The Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act provides a total discretionary allocation of \$38.478 billion, which is \$72 million (0.2%) below the FY 2024 enacted level and \$4.407 billion (10%) below the President’s budget request. The bill includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$15.1 billion for the Department of Interior (DOI); • \$7.4 billion for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); • \$8.43 billion for the U.S. Forest Service (USFS); • \$8.6 million for the Indian Health Service (IHS); and • \$600 million for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program <p>The bill also rescinds \$55 million of DOI funding for the Presidio Trust provided by the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). The bill prioritizes funding for Tribes and Wildland Fire Management, including permanently addressing wildland firefighter pay.</p>	<p>Subcommittee Markup: June 28, 2024</p> <p>Full Committee Markup: July 9, 2024</p>	<p><u>Subcommittee</u> Approved by voice vote (June 28)</p> <p><u>Full Committee</u> Approved (July 9) Vote: 29-257</p>	<p><u>House Passed (July 24)</u> <u>Vote: 210-205</u></p>
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<p>Senate Interior-Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Summary • Bill Report • Bill Text 	<p>The FY 2025 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act provides \$44.6 billion in total funding, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$15.8 billion for DOI; • \$9.29 billion for EPA; • \$6.45 billion for the USFS; • \$8.5 million for the IHS; and • \$600 million for the PILT program <p>The bill also codifies a permanent pay fix for wildland firefighters.</p>	<p>Full Committee Markup: July 25, 2024</p>	<p><u>Full Committee</u> Approved (July 25) Vote: 28-1</p>	<p><u>N/A</u></p>
<p>House Labor-HHS- Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Summary • Bill Report • Bill Text 	<p>The Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act provides a total discretionary allocation of \$185.8 billion, which is \$23.8 billion (11%) below the FY 2024 effective spending level and \$36.2 billion (15%) below the President’s budget request. The bill includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$107.6 billion for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); • \$67.9 billion for the Department of Education; and • \$10.5 billion for the Department of Labor 	<p>Subcommittee Markup: June 27, 2024</p> <p>Full Committee Markup: July 10, 2024</p>	<p><u>Subcommittee</u> Approved by voice vote (June 27)</p> <p><u>Full Committee:</u> Approved Vote: 31-25</p>	<p><u>N/A</u></p>
<p>Senate Labor-HHS- Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Summary • Bill Report • Bill Text 	<p>The Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act provides a total discretionary allocation of \$234.31 billion, which is \$24.71 billion (11.7%) above the FY 2024 effective spending level and \$12.31 billion (5.5%) above the President’s budget request. The bill includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$122.8 billion for the HHS; • \$80 billion for the Department of Education; 	<p>Full Committee Markup: August 1, 2024</p>	<p><u>Full Committee</u> Approved (August 1) Vote: 25-3</p>	<p><u>N/A</u></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> and \$13.8 billion for the Department of Labor 			
House Legislative Branch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill Summary Bill Report Bill Text 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides \$73.3 million to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) Provides \$752.2 million to the Architect of the Capitol Provides \$883.4 million to the Library of Congress Provides \$136.1 million to the Government Publishing Office Provides \$896.7 million to the Government Accountability Office (GAO) Provides \$6.6 million to the Congressional Office of International Leadership 	Subcommittee Markup: May 23, 2024 Full Committee Markup: June 13, 2024	<u>Subcommittee</u> Approved by voice vote (May 23) <u>Full Committee</u> Approved (June 13) Vote: 33-24	N/A
Senate Legislative Branch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill Summary Bill Report Bill Text 	The Legislative Branch Appropriations bill provides \$7 billion in funding for the operations of the U.S. Senate, U.S. Capitol Police, Library of Congress, GAO, Copyright Office, Congressional Research Service (CRS), CBO, the Architect of the Capitol the Office of the Attending Physician, and other legislative agencies.	Full Committee Markup: July 11, 2023	<u>Full Committee</u> Approved (July 11) Vote: 27-0	N/A

<p>House Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies (Approved)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Summary • Bill Report • Bill Text 	<p>The bill includes a total of \$378.644 billion in funding for the DOD Military Construction and Family Housing, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and related agencies.</p> <p>From this total, \$147.521 billion is provided as discretionary funding, and \$231.124 billion is provided for mandatory programs.</p> <p>Of the discretionary total, \$17.957 billion is for DOD military construction projects, nearly \$412 million above the President's budget request.</p>	<p>Subcommittee Markup: May 21, 2024</p> <p>Full Committee Markup: May 23, 2024</p>	<p><u>Subcommittee</u> Approved by voice vote (May 21)</p> <p><u>Full Committee</u> Approved (May 23) Vote: 34-25</p>	<p><u>House Passage (June 5): 209-197</u></p>
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<p>Senate Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Summary • Bill Report • Bill Text 	<p>This bill provides the VA and related agencies \$129.57 billion in non-defense discretionary funding, as well as \$210.41 billion in mandatory funding, to fulfill the nation's obligations to veterans.</p> <p>The bill further provides advance appropriations to veterans' programs in FY 2026, including \$131.44 billion for veterans' medical care and \$222.23 billion for veterans' benefits.</p> <p>The bill also includes \$19.31 billion in defense spending for military construction and family housing to upgrade and modernize critical infrastructure and support military families.</p>	<p>Full Committee Markup: July 11, 2024</p>	<p><u>Full Committee</u> Approved (July 11) Vote: 27-0</p>	<p><u>N/A</u></p>
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<p>House State-Foreign Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Summary • Bill Report • Bill Text 	<p>This bill provides total funding of \$51.713 billion, which is \$7.6 billion (11%) below the Fiscal Year 2024 enacted level and \$12.26 billion (19%) below the President’s Budget Request. It includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$14.6 billion for the Department of State; • \$1.56 billion for USAID; • \$410 million for the Peace Corps; and • Over \$21 billion for various humanitarian assistance programs. 	<p>Subcommittee Markup: June 4, 2024</p> <p>Full Committee Markup: June 12, 2024</p>	<p><u>Subcommittee</u> Approved by voice vote (June 4)</p> <p><u>Full Committee</u> Approved (June 12) Vote: 31-26</p>	<p><u>N/A</u></p>
<p>Senate State-Foreign Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Summary • Bill Report • Bill Text 	<p>This bill provides \$61.605 billion in total discretionary funding for the Department of State, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and other essential related programs. It provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$12.2 billion for the Department of State and USAID; • \$685 million for the multiagency Economic Resilience Initiative (ERI); • \$8.9 billion for humanitarian assistance programs to help meet the unprecedented forced displacement, food insecurity, and other emergency needs across the globe; • \$1.4 billion to support efforts to stop global flows of synthetic drugs; • \$2.9 billion to meet United Nations commitments; • \$479 million for the Peace Corps – the same level as requested in the FY 2025 President’s budget request; and • \$9.5 billion in critical funding for sustainable and inclusive development, democratic governance, and economic growth programs 	<p>Full Committee Markup: July 25, 2024</p>	<p><u>Full Committee</u> Approved (July 24) Vote: 24-5</p>	<p><u>N/A</u></p>

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<p>House Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Summary • Bill Report • Bill Text 	<p>This bill provides a discretionary total of \$90.4 billion, which is \$7.084 billion (7.3%) below the President's budget request. This bill prioritizes highway, railway, and aviation safety while maintaining housing assistance for our nation's most vulnerable. The bill includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$25.131 billion to the Department of Transportation (DOT), which is \$1.856 billion below the FY 2024 enacted level and \$336 million below the President's budget request. • \$63.544 billion in total budgetary resources for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), which is \$552 million above the FY 2024 enacted level. • \$15.307 billion in total budgetary resources for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), which is \$1.297 billion below the FY 2024 enacted level. 	<p>Subcommittee Markup: July 27, 2024</p> <p>Full Committee Markup: July 10, 2024</p>	<p><u>Subcommittee</u> Approved by voice vote (June 27)</p> <p><u>Full Committee</u> Approved (July 10) Vote: 31-26</p>	<p><u>N/A</u></p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$64.827 billion for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which is \$5.242 billion below the FY 2024 enacted level. • \$4.06 billion for Homeless Assistance grants. 			
<p>Senate Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Summary • Bill Report • Bill Text 	<p>This bill provides \$98.737 billion in total discretionary funding. The bill includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$28.5 billion for the DOT • \$22 billion for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) • \$550 million for the RAISE grant program • \$63.171 billion for Federal-aid Highways • \$3.46 billion for the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) • \$17 billion for the FTA • \$1.14 billion for the Maritime Administration (MARAD) • \$78.2 billion for HUD • \$4.32 billion for Homeless Assistance Grants • \$6.24 billion to increase the supply of affordable housing • \$61.15 billion for rental assistance programs. 	<p>Full Committee Markup: July 25, 2024</p>	<p><u>Full Committee</u> Approved (July 25) Vote: 28-1</p>	<p><u>N/A</u></p>



AGENDA ITEM 3
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
September 17, 2024

To: Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: Francisco Barajas, Senior Legislative Affairs Analyst
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Subject: November 2024 Statewide Ballot Measures

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and File.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report includes a summary of qualified statewide ballot measures appearing on the November 5, 2024, General Election ballot provided by SCAG's advocates in Sacramento, Cruz Strategies.

BACKGROUND:

Following several rounds of negotiations leading up to the deadline for ballot measures to have qualified for the November 2024 General Election ballot in California, there are now ten qualified measures coming before the voters on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Included in this report is a summary of each of those ballot measures provided by Cruz Strategies, SCAG's advocates in Sacramento.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the staff report on the November 2024 Statewide Ballot Measures is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1. State Ballot Measure Tracker. CruzStrategies (as of 8.1.2024)



California Ballot Measures (2024)

Measure	Title	Summary	Status
Proposition 2	School Bond	Authorizes a \$10 billion bond for the construction and modernization of Transitional Kindergarten through Community College public education facilities.	November 5, 2024 Ballot
Proposition 3	Marriage Equality	Repeals Section 7.5 of Article 1 of the California Constitution, which states that only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California; expressly affirms that the right to marry is a fundamental right.	November 5, 2024 Ballot
Proposition 4	Climate Bond	Authorizes \$10 billion bond for drought, flood, and water resilience, wildfire and forest resilience, coastal resilience, extreme heat mitigation, biodiversity and nature-based climate solutions, climate smart agriculture, park creation and outdoor access, and clean energy programs.	November 5, 2024 Ballot
Proposition 5	Lower Local Bond Threshold	Allows a city, county, or special district, with 55% voter approval, to pass a bond to fund projects for affordable housing, permanent supportive housing, or public infrastructure.	November 5, 2024 Ballot
Proposition 6	Remove involuntary servitude as punishment from the state constitution	The amendment would repeal language prohibiting involuntary servitude except to punish crime and replace it with language prohibiting slavery and involuntary servitude absolutely. The amendment also would prohibit the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation from disciplining any incarcerated person for refusing a work assignment but authorize the department to award credits to incarcerated persons who voluntarily participate in work assignments.	November 5, 2024 Ballot
Proposition 32	\$18 Minimum Wage	Extends the annual wage increases (\$1.00 per year) until minimum wage—currently, \$15.00 per hour for businesses with 26 or more employees, and \$14.00 per hour for smaller businesses—reaches \$18.00 per hour.	November 5, 2024 Ballot
Proposition 33	Repeal Costa Hawkins (Expand Rent Control)	Repeal Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act of 1995 and would prohibit the state from limiting the right of cities and counties to maintain, enact, or expand residential rent-control ordinances.	November 5, 2024 Ballot

Proposition 34	Health Care Provider Spending	Requires certain health care providers to spend 98% of revenues from federal discount prescription drug program on direct patient care.	November 5, 2024 Ballot
Proposition 35	Medi-Cal/MCO Tax	Makes permanent the existing tax on managed health care insurance plans, currently set to expire in 2026, which the state uses to pay for health care services for low-income families with children, seniors, people with disabilities, and other groups covered by the Medi-Cal program.	November 5, 2024 Ballot
Proposition 36	Prop 47 Reform	Allows felony charges for possessing certain drugs, including fentanyl, and for thefts under \$950—both currently chargeable only as misdemeanors—with two prior drug or two prior theft convictions, as applicable; Defendants who plead guilty to felony drug possession and complete treatment can have charges dismissed; Increases sentences for other specified drug and theft crimes; Increased prison sentences may reduce savings that currently fund mental health and drug treatment programs, K-12 schools, and crime victims; any remaining savings may be used for new felony treatment program.	November 5, 2024 Ballot
Updated August 1, 2024			



AGENDA ITEM 4
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
September 17, 2024

To: Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: David Angel, Legislative Affairs Analyst
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Subject: Legislative Tracking and Bill Position Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive and File.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Legislative Tracking Report is provided to keep the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) apprised of the bills in Sacramento that have a nexus to the Regional Council's adopted Legislative Platform. This report also contains an update on key legislative deadlines.

BACKGROUND:

SCAG's Legislative Tracking Report serves as a resource for the Committee to remain informed on bills moving through the legislative process in Sacramento. The report tracks 24 measures with a nexus to the Regional Council's adopted 2024 State and Federal Legislative Platform.

The California legislature reconvened from summer recess on August 5, 2024. Legislators worked to pass a flurry of bills during its final weeks of session before they adjourned for the year on August 31, 2024. Governor Newsom still has until September 30, 2024, to sign or veto bills passed by the legislature that reached his desk before September 1, 2024.

While the Governor considers the remaining bills on his desk, various bills on which SCAG took a position wait his final action. SCAG took positions on 41 pieces of legislation over the past two-year legislative session, including five "watch" positions, 28 "support" positions, and seven "oppose" positions, as well as one "Hold as Two-Year Bill" position. Four bills on which SCAG took a position are pending action by the Governor, including AB 98 (Gomez Reyes and J. Carrillo) – Oppose, AB 761 (Friedman) – Support, SCR 13 (Roth) – Support, and SB 393 (Glazer) – Support. All other bills have



already been signed into law, died in the legislature, or were vetoed by Governor Newsom. The agency’s bill position tracker has been attached to this staff report.

While we wait for the Governor to act on any remaining bills, the legislature is now in recess until January 2025. However, the body will return for a quick organizational session on December 2, 2024, before the 2025-2026 Legislative Cycle begins in January 2025.

The table below highlights recent and upcoming legislative deadlines:

Date	Deadline
August 31, 2024	Last day for each house to pass bills.
August 31, 2024	Final Recess begins upon adjournment.
September 30, 2024	Last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills.
October 2, 2024	Bills enacted on or before this date take effect January 1, 2025.
November 5, 2024	General Election
December 2, 2024	2025-26 Regular Session convenes for Organizational Session at 12 noon
January 1, 2025	Statutes take effect

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the Legislative Tracking staff report is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. SCAG Bill Tracker
2. 2023-2024 SCAG Bill Position Tracker



CRUZ STRATEGIES

SCAG Bills w/ Positions 9/4/2024

AB 6 (**Friedman D**) **Transportation planning: regional transportation plans: reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.**

Current Analysis: 06/07/2024 [Senate Transportation \(text 5/30/2024\)](#)

Last Amend: 5/30/2024

Location: 7/2/2024-S. DEAD

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Dead	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered	
1st House				2nd House								

Position
Oppose

AB 7 (**Friedman D**) **Transportation: planning: project selection processes.**

Current Analysis: 09/05/2023 [Senate Floor Analyses \(text 9/1/2023\)](#)

Last Amend: 9/1/2023

Location: 9/14/2023-S. 2 YEAR

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	2 year	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered	
1st House				2nd House								

Position
Oppose

AB 57 (**Kalra D**) **California Pocket Forest Initiative.**

Current Analysis: 01/29/2024 [Assembly Floor Analysis \(text 9/14/2023\)](#)

Last Amend: 9/6/2023

Location: 10/8/2023-A. VETOED

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered	
1st House				2nd House								

Position
Support

AB 364 (**Bryan D**) **Street furniture data: statewide integrated data platform.**

Current Analysis: 05/19/2023 [Assembly Floor Analysis \(text 4/11/2023\)](#)

Last Amend: 4/11/2023

Location: 7/2/2024-S. DEAD

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Dead	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered	
1st House				2nd House								

Position
Support

AB 557 (**Hart D**) **Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.**

Current Analysis: 09/07/2023 [Assembly Floor Analysis \(text 9/1/2023\)](#)

Last Amend: 9/1/2023
 Location: 10/9/2023-A. CHAPTERED

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

Position
Support

AB 585 (**Rivas, Robert D**) **Climate change: infrastructure and clean energy projects: assessments.**
 Current Analysis: 09/13/2023 [Assembly Floor Analysis \(text 9/1/2023\)](#)
 Last Amend: 9/1/2023

Location: 10/7/2023-A. CHAPTERED

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

Position
Support

AB 744 (**Carrillo, Juan D**) **California Transportation Commission: data, modeling, and analytic software tools procurement.**
 Current Analysis: 09/13/2023 [Assembly Floor Analysis \(text 9/1/2023\)](#)
 Last Amend: 9/1/2023

Location: 10/9/2023-A. CHAPTERED

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

Position
Support

AB 761 (**Friedman D**) **Local finance: enhanced infrastructure financing districts.**
 Current Analysis: 08/29/2024 [Assembly Floor Analysis \(text 5/20/2024\)](#)
 Last Amend: 5/20/2024
 Location: 8/29/2024-A. ENROLLMENT

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Position
Support

AB 785 (**Santiago D**) **California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: City of Los Angeles: County of Los Angeles: affordable housing and transitional housing.**
 Current Analysis: 09/13/2023 [Assembly Floor Analysis \(text 9/8/2023\)](#)
 Last Amend: 9/8/2023

Location: 10/10/2023-A. CHAPTERED

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Position
Support

AB 824 (**Calderon D**) **Highway greening: statewide strategic plan.**
 Current Analysis: 08/13/2023 [Senate Appropriations \(text 7/3/2023\)](#)
 Last Amend: 7/3/2023
 Location: 8/15/2024-S. DEAD

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Position
Support

AB 914 (**Friedman D**) **Electrical infrastructure: California Environmental Quality Act: review time period.**
 Current Analysis: 08/18/2023 [Senate Appropriations \(text 7/13/2023\)](#)
 Last Amend: 7/13/2023
 Location: 8/15/2024-S. DEAD

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Position
Support

AB 930 (Friedman D) Local government: infrastructure financing districts: Reinvestment in Infrastructure for a Sustainable and Equitable California (RISE) districts: housing development: restrictive covenants.

Current Analysis: 08/04/2024 [Senate Appropriations \(text 6/13/2024\)](#)

Last Amend: 6/13/2024

Location: 8/15/2024-S. DEAD

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Position
Support

AB 1181 (Zbur D) Solar energy systems.

Current Analysis: 05/15/2023 [Assembly Appropriations \(text 5/1/2023\)](#)

Last Amend: 5/1/2023

Location: 1/18/2024-A. DEAD

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Position
Support

AB 1332 (Carrillo, Juan D) Accessory dwelling units: preapproved plans.

Current Analysis: 09/06/2023 [Assembly Floor Analysis \(text 8/29/2023\)](#)

Last Amend: 8/29/2023

Location: 10/11/2023-A. CHAPTERED

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Position
Support

AB 1335 (Zbur D) Local government: transportation planning and land use: sustainable communities strategy.

Current Analysis: 07/07/2023 [Senate Transportation \(text 6/22/2023\)](#)

Last Amend: 6/22/2023

Location: 8/15/2024-S. DEAD

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Position
Oppose

AB 1488 (Wallis R) California Environmental Quality Act: environmental leadership development projects water storage, water conveyance, and groundwater recharge projects: streamlined review.

Last Amend: 3/23/2023

Location: 1/12/2024-A. DEAD

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Position
Support

AB 1508 (Ramos D) Department of Housing and Community Development: California Statewide Housing Plan.

Current Analysis: 09/02/2023 [Senate Floor Analyses \(text 4/10/2023\)](#)

Last Amend: 4/10/2023

Location: 10/11/2023-A. CHAPTERED

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Position
Support

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AB 2485 (Carrillo, Juan D) Regional housing need: determination.
Current Analysis: 08/02/2024 [Senate Appropriations \(text 7/3/2024\)](#)
Last Amend: 7/3/2024
Location: 8/15/2024-S. DEAD

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Position
Sponsor

AB 3182 (Lackey R) Land conservation: California Wildlife, Coastal, and Park Land Conservation Act: County of San Bernardino.
Current Analysis: 06/28/2024 [Senate Appropriations \(text 4/24/2024\)](#)
Last Amend: 4/24/2024
Location: 7/1/2024-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

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Position
Support

SB 393 (Glazer D) Civil actions: housing development projects.
Current Analysis: 08/28/2024 [Senate Floor Analyses \(text 8/19/2024\)](#)
Last Amend: 8/19/2024
Location: 8/30/2024-S. ENROLLMENT

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Position
Support

SB 517 (Gonzalez D) Economic development: movement of freight.
Current Analysis: 05/20/2023 [Senate Floor Analyses \(text 3/22/2023\)](#)
Last Amend: 3/22/2023
Location: 7/2/2024-A. DEAD

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Position
Support

SB 538 (Portantino D) Department of Transportation: Chief Advisor on Bicycling and Active Transportation.
Current Analysis: 09/05/2023 [Assembly Floor Analysis \(text 4/18/2023\)](#)
Last Amend: 4/18/2023
Location: 10/9/2023-S. CHAPTERED

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Position
Support

SB 825 (Limón D) Local government: public broadband services.
Current Analysis: 06/16/2023 [Assembly Floor Analysis \(text 2/17/2023\)](#)
Location: 9/8/2023-S. CHAPTERED

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Position
Support

SB 860 (Bradford D) Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy: outreach.
Current Analysis: 04/21/2023 [Senate Appropriations \(text 3/20/2023\)](#)
Last Amend: 3/20/2023
Location: 1/18/2024-S. DEAD

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Position
Support

Total Measures: 24
Total Tracking Forms: 24

Bill Number	Position/RC Action	Topic	Summary	Status
2023-2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION BILLS				
AB 6 (Friedman)	Oppose 6/1/23	Transportation Planning	This bill would require strengthen CARB’s authority over SCSs submitted by transportation planning agencies, including authorizing CARB to reject an SCS, expands the requirements of an SCS, allows CARB to continue updating regional GHG emission reduction targets beyond 2050.	Died in Senate.
AB 7 (Friedman)	Oppose 6/1/23	Transportation Project Selection Process	AB 7 would require transportation-related state agencies to incorporate CAPTI and IJA principles into project development, selection, and implementation processes, as feasible.	Died in Senate.
AB 57 (Kalra)	Support 4/6/23	California Pocket Forest Initiative	This bill would establish the California Pocket Forest Initiative which would authorize the department to provide grants to cities, counties, districts, nonprofit organizations, and public schools to establish pocket forests on public lands, as provided.	Vetoed 10/17/23.
AB 98 (Gomez Reyes & Carrillo)	Oppose 9/5/24	Planning and Zoning: Logistics Use	This bill prohibits cities and counties from approving new or expanded logistics uses unless they meet specified standards, requires cities and counties to update their circulation elements to include truck routes, and imposes study requirements on the South Coast AQMD.	Pending action by Governor Newsom.
AB 364 (Bryan)	Support 6/1/23	Statewide Street Furniture Data	This bill would create a data platform for street furniture, including bus shelters, benches, trash receptacles, and public toilets. It would also require Caltrans to develop guidelines for sharing the data, and OPR to make this data publicly accessible.	Died in Senate.



Bill Number	Position/RC Action	Topic	Summary	Status
AB 413 (Lee)	Watch 6/6/23	Vehicles: Standing, stopping, and parking	This bill would prohibit a person from parking a vehicle within 20 feet of either side of any marked or unmarked crosswalk, or within 15 feet of any crosswalk where a curb extension is present, but permits a local government to allow parking for bicycles or motorized scooters within 20 feet of a crosswalk.	Signed into law 10/10/23.
AB 557 (Hart)	Support 4/6/23	Local agencies: teleconferences	This bill would extend the local state agencies' teleconferencing provisions when a declared state of emergency is in effect, or in other situations related to public health, as specified, indefinitely.	Signed into law 10/08/23.
AB 585 (Rivas)	Support 6/1/23	CA Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006	This bill would require the CCST to triennially assess clean infrastructure needs across sectors and publish annual progress reports identifying where faster buildout of clean infrastructure is needed. It would also require Go-Biz to assess barriers limiting the deployment of clean energy projects by January 2026.	Signed into law 10/07/23.
AB 591 (Gabriel)	Support 4/6/23	Electric vehicle service equipment: universal connectors	This bill would require public electric vehicle charging stations to include a universal connector.	Died in Senate.
AB 610 (Holden)	Support 4/6/23	Youth Transit Pass Pilot Program	This bill would have created the Youth Transit Pass Pilot Program, but it was gut-and amended to relates to fast food minimum wage exemptions.	Signed into law 3/25/24.
AB 645 (Friedman)	Watch 7/6/23	Speed Safety Cameras Pilot	This bill would authorize the cities of Los Angeles, San Jose, Long Beach, Oakland, Glendale, and the City/County of San Francisco to pilot speed camera systems for five years or until January 1, 2032, in high-	Signed into law 10/13/23.



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			injury areas and school zones in limited numbers based on population.	
AB 744 (Carrillo, Juan)	Support 6/1/23	CTC Data, Modeling, & Software Procurement	This bill would require the CTC to convene relevant state agencies to assess the procurement and implementation of data, modeling, and analytic software tools to support the state’s sustainable transportation, congestion management, affordable housing, efficient land use, air quality, economic, and climate change strategies and goals and submit a report to the legislature by July 2025.	Signed into law 10/08/23.
AB 761 (Friedman)	Support 4/6/23	EIFDs: LA County Passenger Rail Projects	This bill would extend the life of EIFDs in LA County funding clean passenger rail projects from 45 years to 75 years, if at least 75 percent of their revenues are used for debt service on a TIFIA loan.	Pending action by Governor Newsom.
AB 785 (Santiago)	Support 6/1/23	Los Angeles Homelessness Housing Projects CEQA Exemptions	This bill would create CEQA exemptions for low-barrier navigation centers, supportive housing, transitional housing for youth, and affordable housing in the City/County of LA until January 2030. This bill would replace AB 1197, which provided CEQA exemptions for certain projects in the City/County of LA until January 2025.	Signed into law 10/10/23.
AB 824 (Calderon)	Support 4/6/23	Highway Greening	This bill would require the Department of Transportation to achieve at least a 10% increase of green highways, as defined, in urban areas, disadvantaged communities, and low-income communities by 2035.	Died in Senate.
AB 825 (Bryan)	Watch 7/6/23	Legalizing Cyclists on Sidewalks	This bill would prohibit cities and counties from restricting the use of bicycles on sidewalks next to highways that do not include Class I, II, or IV bikeways,	Vetoed 10/08/23.

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			with exceptions for specified reasons, until January 2031.	
AB 833 (Rendon)	Support 9/7/23	Freeway Caps	This bill would require the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to prepare a plan for adding caps to freeway segments that divide disadvantaged, underrepresented, urban communities and present it to the Legislature by January 1, 2030.	Died in Senate.
AB 914 (Friedman)	Support 7/6/23	Electrical Infrastructure: CEQA	Establishes a two-year time limit from the date the application is submitted to and accepted as complete by a lead state agency to complete CEQA review and approve or deny an application for an electrical infrastructure project.	Died in Senate.
AB 930 (Friedman)	Support 4/6/23	RISE Districts	This bill would authorize the establishment of Reinvestment in Infrastructure for a Sustainable and Equitable (RISE) districts to unlock tax increment financing (TIF) for infrastructure and equitable development in location-efficient areas.	Died in Senate.
AB 1181 (Zbur)	Support 6/1/23	Energy Resilience for Multifamily and Affordable Homes	This bill would require the CA Solar Initiative to evaluate program or tariff improvements to multifamily installations of hybrid resources, specifically the inclusion of energy storage paired with solar energy systems, and to consider possible adjustments to existing or successor tariffs to facilitate the installation of energy storage technologies with new or existing solar energy systems.	Died in Assembly.
AB 1637 (Irwin)	Oppose 9/7/23	Local Government: Internet Websites and Email Addresses	This bill would require cities and counties that maintain a public internet website and use public email addresses for employees to use a “.gov” or “.ca.gov” domain name for their websites and email addresses by January 1, 2029.	Signed into law 10/08/23.

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AB 1332 (Carrillo, Juan)	Support, if Amended 6/1/23	ADU Approval Streamlining	This bill would require local governments to create a program for the pre-approval of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) by January 1, 2025. Additionally, this bill would require local agencies to approve or disapprove an application for a detached ADU within 30 days from receipt of the completed application.	Signed into law 10/11/23.
AB 1335 (Zbur)	Oppose 5/4/23	RHNA Population Estimates	AB 1335 would establish a region’s RHNA determination as the minimum housing projection for the first eight years of the 20+ year RTP/SCS planning period. Functionally, this means that HCD’s RHNA determination is the only piece of information that could be used to forecast household growth in the first eight years of the 20+ year RTP/SCS.	Died in Senate.
AB 1488 (Wallis)	Support 6/1/23	Water Project CEQA Streamlining	This bill would allow water storage, water conveyance and groundwater recharge projects to benefit from expedited CEQA judicial review procedures.	Died in Assembly.
AB 1508 (Ramos)	Support 6/1/23	Statewide Housing Plan First-Time Homeownership	This bill would require future Statewide Housing Plan (SHP) updates to include analyses related to first-time homeownership in California.	Signed into law 10/11/23.
AB 1525 (Bonta)	Hold as Two-Year Bill 6/1/23	Transportation funding for priority populations	This bill would direct Caltrans, the CTC, and CalSTA to adopt a criteria and evaluation process that defines “priority populations” and assesses the benefits and potential harms of proposed transportation projects.	Died in Assembly.
AB 2535 (Bonta)	Oppose 6/6/24	TCEP Zero-Emission Freight	This bill requires the CTC to establish and increase targets to program higher percentages of TCEP funds to zero-emission freight infrastructure.	Died in Assembly.
AB 3182 (Lackey)	Support 4/6/24	California Wildlife, Coastal, and Park Land Conservation Act	This bill would expand the allowable uses of lands acquired with Proposition 70 funding from open-space and agricultural preservation purposes to include park and recreational purposes.	Died in Senate.



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SCR 13 (Roth)	Support 4/6/23	Joseph Tavaglione Interchange	This measure would designate the interchange where State Highway Routes 60 and 91 meet Interstate 215 in the County of Riverside as the Joseph Tavaglione Interchange.	Pending action by Governor Newsom.
Public-Private Partnership Authority I-15 Wildlife Crossings	Support 7/6/23	Direct Contracting for I-15 Wildlife Crossings	This proposal would allow Caltrans to directly contract with Brightline West to develop, design, and construct wildlife crossings as part of their project in the median on the I-15. This proposal was included as part of the budget trailer bill SB 145 (Newman & Friedman).	Signed into law 7/10/23.
National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Delegation Authority	Support 7/6/23	NEPA Delegation Authority Extension	This proposal would remove the current sunset provision and permanently authorize the CalSTA Secretary to perform certain federal environmental responsibilities under NEPA. This proposal was included as part of the budget trailer bill SB 146 (Gonzalez & Friedman).	Signed into law 7/10/23.
CEQA Judicial Streamlining	Support 7/6/23	CEQA Judiciary Streamlining	This proposal would require that judicial challenges and appeals to certain water, transportation, clean energy, and semiconductor or microelectronic projects under CEQA be completed within 270 days. This proposal was included as part of the budget trailer bill SB 149 (Caballero & Becker).	Signed into law 7/10/23.
Green Financing Programs for Federal IRA Funding	Support 7/6/23	IRA Federal Funding for GHG Reducing Projects	This proposal would authorize IBank and the DWR to utilize IRA funding to finance projects that reduce GHG emissions. This proposal was included as part of the budget trailer bill SB 124 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review).	Signed into law 7/10/23.
SB 393 (Glazer)	Support 4/6/23	California Environmental Quality Act	This bill authorizes shifts the burden of proving financial hardship related to undertaking of CEQA challenges to affordable housing projects from defendant to plaintiff.	Pending action by Governor Newsom.



Bill Number	Position/RC Action	Topic	Summary	Status
SB 405 (Cortese)	Watch 4/6/23	RHNA Housing Element Site Inventories	This bill would require HCD to establish a pilot program to develop a methodology to analyze whether a local agency’s inventory of land suitable for development has identified adequate sites to accommodate its share of the regional housing need for all income levels.	Died in Senate.
SB 517 (Gonzalez)	Support 6/1/23	GO-Biz Freight Coordinator	This bill would establish a Freight Coordinator within the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) and require the Governor to appoint the coordinator.	Died in Assembly.
SB 538 (Portantino)	Support 6/1/23	Caltrans Chief Advisor on Cycling and Active Transportation	This bill would require the director of the Caltrans to appoint a Chief Advisor on Cycling and Active Transportation, who shall serve as the department’s chief advisor on all issues related to bicycle transportation, safety, and infrastructure.	Signed into law 10/08/23.
SB 670 (Allen)	Oppose 6/1/23	VMT Maps	would require the CARB, OPR, and Caltrans, to develop a methodology for assessing light-duty VMT and maps to display average VMT per capita in the state at the local, regional, and statewide levels. It would require CARB to update these maps every four years and to provide technical assistance.	Died in Senate.
SB 695 (Gonzalez)	Watch 4/6/23	Caltrans State Highway Project Data	This bill would require Caltrans to make data available on its website about current and planned projects on the state highway system for the last five years, by January 1, 2025, and every year thereafter.	Signed into law 10/08/23.
SB 825 (Limón)	Support 4/6/23	MPO Broadband Funding Eligibility	This bill makes certain regional transportation planning entities, including MPOs, eligible for broadband infrastructure planning grant funding from the California Public Utilities Commission.	Signed into law 9/8/2023.
SB 860 (Bradford)	Support 6/1/23	ACP Outreach	This bill would require the CDT Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy to use existing and available materials to create an awareness campaign of broadband discount service and device programs, including but not limited to the federal Affordable Connectivity Program.	Died in Senate.

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AGENDA ITEM 5
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
September 17, 2024

To: Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL**
From: Francisco Barajas, Senior Legislative Affairs Analyst
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Subject: Resolution to Address California's Marketplace for Homeowners and Commercial Property Insurance *Kome Ajise*

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends that the LCMC forward a recommendation to the Regional Council to adopt a resolution to address the California insurance crisis.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As home and business property owners in the state of California continue to face the impacts from fluctuations in the insurance market, several organizations have passed resolutions asking the California Insurance Commissioner, State Legislature and Governor's office to take immediate action by declaring a state of emergency to implement policies that will address the ongoing crisis. SCAG President Curt Hagman has requested that SCAG join in the advocacy efforts by passing its own resolution likewise calling for emergency action to be taken. SCAG staff is bringing the request before the Legislative/ Communication and Membership Committee (LCMC) with a recommendation that the committee forward a recommendation to the Regional Council to adopt the resolution as it aligns with several key items in our State Legislative Platform.

BACKGROUND:

In 2023, State Farm made national headlines when it announced that it would cease to sell new home insurance policies in California. In the same year, Allstate issued a similar announcement. Together, both insurance companies represent over 27 percent of the insurance market in the state. Additionally, announcements were made by other private insurance companies, representing 36 percent of the insurance market in the state, that they would be limiting new policy originations.

The drop in availability of marketplace insurance policies has subsequently put excess stress on the California Fair Access to Insurance Requirements (FAIR) Plan, a state-established risk pool that was

created to act as a final resort to allow consumers time to continue to shop for alternative insurance plans, not act as a replacement.

To address this growing problem, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution on June 25, 2024, calling for California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, the State Legislature, and Governor Gavin Newsom to take emergency action to strengthen and stabilize California's marketplace for homeowners and commercial property insurance. Additional entities that have likewise passed their own resolutions include the County of Orange, City of Yorba Linda, and the Orange County Council of Governments.

The resolutions identify five policy goals they wish to see accomplished. These include:

1. Expand coverage choices for all consumers, particularly in underserved areas of the State.
2. Improve the efficiency, speed, and transparency of the California Department of Insurance's rate approval process.
3. Tailor the rate approval process to account for all factors necessary to promote a robust, competitive insurance marketplace, including through potential revisions to the way catastrophe risks, reinsurance costs, and other legitimate insurer costs are accounted for.
4. Maintain the long-term availability of homeowners and commercial property insurance coverage.
5. Maintain the solvency of the FAIR Plan to protect its policyholders and promote long-term resiliency in the face of extreme weather events, including by identifying mechanisms to reduce its share of the overall market in underserved areas and move its customers into the admitted insurance market.

At the request of SCAG President Curt Hagman, SCAG staff is bringing the item before the LCMC with a recommendation that the committee forward a recommendation to the Regional Council to adopt a resolution requesting the California Insurance Commissioner, State Legislature, and the Governor take emergency action to strengthen and stabilize California's marketplace for homeowners and commercial property insurance.

As is noted in the resolution, included in the report for reference, access to insurance not only allows existing homeowners to protect what is most likely their largest and most important asset but empowers homebuyers to secure a mortgage for a home. A scarcity of options may freeze real estate transactions and slow or stop new housing development, which would include affordable

housing projects, apartments, and condominiums. Work to address these impacts aligns with several items in SCAG's board adopted State Legislative Platform, including:

- Item 11 under "Affordable Housing and Housing Production" – Support programs and legislation that expand the capacity to preserve both naturally occurring affordable housing as well as affordable housing with expiring covenants.
- Item 5 under "Expanding Economic Opportunity & Economic Development" – Support efforts to expand access to homeownership, particularly for first-time homebuyers and communities of color.

In response to the passage of the resolution by the County of San Bernardino, Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara issued a statement acknowledging efforts his office is already undergoing to remedy these issues, including the passage of his "Sustainable Insurance Strategy," which he set in motion in September 2023. Several key items noted in the strategy include updating rate review timelines, improving rate filing procedures, and updating risk assessment tools. As such, in his statement, Commissioner Lara recognized passage of the resolution as "support of our urgent on-going regulatory work to solve this insurance crisis and stabilize our state's insurance marketplace that results in more insurance companies returning and expanding in all areas of our state."

While the Commissioner's efforts are acknowledged, the Little Hoover Commission reported in its hearing on March 28, 2024, that these reforms "will not go into effect until at least 2026, and it may take a few years after that for the market to react." For these reasons, the resolution calls for a collaborative partnership between the Insurance Commissioner, the Legislature, and the Governor to take more immediate and comprehensive action.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the Resolution to Address California's Marketplace for Homeowners and Commercial Property Insurance is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. 2024-94 Executed Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-94

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE CALIFORNIA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER, STATE LEGISLATURE, AND THE GOVERNOR TAKE EMERGENCY ACTION TO STRENGTHEN AND STABILIZE CALIFORNIA'S MARKETPLACE FOR HOMEOWNERS AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY INSURANCE.

On Tuesday June 25, 2024, on motion of Supervisor Hagman, duly seconded by Supervisor Baca, Jr., and carried, the following resolution is adopted by the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California.

WHEREAS, in 1988, California voters enacted Proposition 103, which established a robust set of consumer protections designed to keep insurance rates fair and affordable and to ensure a competitive marketplace; and

WHEREAS, last year, two of the State's largest insurance carriers, representing over 27 percent of the admitted insurance market in California, announced they would stop issuing new homeowners and commercial property insurance policies in California; several others, representing more than another 36 percent of the market, announced plans to limit new policy origination; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of insurance options in the State has a direct negative effect on consumer access to coverage: in all parts of the State, homeowners, business owners, and farmers are now unable to obtain new insurance policies from the admitted insurance market; and

WHEREAS, access to insurance allows existing homeowners to protect what is for many their largest and most important asset, and empowers homebuyers to secure a mortgage for a home that can build generational wealth, but a scarcity of options may freeze real estate transactions and slow or stop the rate of new housing development, including attached dwelling units like affordable housing projects, apartments, and condominiums, exacerbating the State's critical housing shortage; and

WHEREAS, Californians who cannot obtain coverage from the admitted market are forced to apply for protection through the California Fair Access to Insurance Requirements (FAIR) Plan, a state-established risk pool intended to operate as California's insurer of last resort providing temporary coverage as consumers pursue insurance in the traditional market; and

WHEREAS, the collapsing admitted-provider market has caused steadily increasing enrollment in the FAIR Plan over the past five years, threatening the ongoing stability of the plan, putting even this safety net at dire risk; and

WHEREAS, policy decisions have placed Californians' homes and businesses at risk of catastrophic loss that can only be prevented by stabilizing the homeowners insurance and commercial property insurance markets while providing rates that remain fair and affordable to consumers, and maintaining the ongoing viability of the FAIR Plan, which provides a vital safety net to Californians whose policies are nonrenewed and to homebuyers who cannot secure a mortgage without insurance; and

WHEREAS, the California Insurance Commissioner has released draft regulations to address this immediate crisis but the Little Hoover Commission hearing on March 28, 2024 reports that reforms "will not go into effect until at least 2026, and it may take a few years after that for the market to react... this timeline, of course could be delayed further if lawsuits by any party, including insurers or consumers, were to occur"; and

WHEREAS, the California Insurance Commissioner has broad authority under the Insurance Code to adopt emergency regulations to promote the public welfare, including under sections 1861.01, 1861.05, and 1861.055 to adopt emergency regulations governing the prior approval process for insurance rate change applications, and to adopt emergency regulations under section 11346.1 of Government Code and section 12921.7 of the Insurance Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, as follows:

Section 1. The Insurance Commissioner, State Legislature, and the Governor are requested to declare a state of emergency and take immediate emergency regulatory and legislative action to strengthen and stabilize California’s marketplace for homeowners insurance and commercial property insurance. The Commissioner, Legislature, and Governor must consider the following goals in crafting an appropriate regulatory response:

- a. Expand coverage choices for all consumers, particularly in underserved areas of the State.
- b. Improve the efficiency, speed, and transparency of the California Department of Insurance’s rate approval process.
- c. Tailor the rate approval process to account for all factors necessary to promote a robust, competitive insurance marketplace, including through potential revisions to the way catastrophe risks, reinsurance costs, and other legitimate insurer costs are accounted for.
- d. Maintain the long-term availability of homeowners and commercial property insurance coverage.
- e. Maintain the solvency of the FAIR Plan to protect its policyholders and promote long-term resiliency in the face of extreme weather events, including by identifying mechanisms to reduce its share of the overall market in underserved areas and move its customers into the admitted insurance market.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

NOES: SUPERVISORS: None

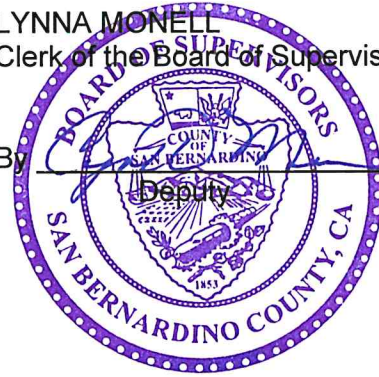
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS: None

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
)
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY) ss.

I, **LYNNA MONELL**, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California, hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of the record of the action taken by the Board of Supervisors, by vote of the members present, as the same appears in the Official Minutes of said Board at its meeting of June 25, 2024. #6 CCM

LYNNA MONELL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____



Attachment: 2024-94 Executed Resolution (Resolution to Address California's Marketplace for Homeowners and Commercial Property



AGENDA ITEM 6
REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
September 17, 2024

To: Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
APPROVAL**

From: David Angel, Legislative Affairs Analyst
(213) 630-1422, angel@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Legislative Advocacy Update - September 2024

Kome Ajise

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only – No Action Required.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 2: Be a cohesive and influential voice for the region.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides the Legislative/ Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) with an update on SCAG's most recent legislative advocacy efforts, including sending an invitation to the Director of the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to speak at the November 2024 Regional Council meeting, a request for the Legislative Housing Committees to hold a hearing on HCD's California's Housing Future 2040 RHNA reform report, and SCAG's opposition to Assembly Bill (AB) 98 (Gomez Reyes & J. Carrillo).

BACKGROUND:

SCAG Invites HCD Director Velazquez to Speak at the November 2024 Regional Council Meeting

In April 2024, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) released a report titled *California's Housing Future 2040: The Next Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)*, which can be found [here](#). In that report, HCD outlined various recommendations for legislative changes needed to improve the RHNA, some of which the legislature already introduced as bills last month. These bills include Assembly Bill (AB) 3093, authored by Assemblymember Chris Ward (D-San Diego), which would create two new income categories in the RHNA and Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND), and AB 2597, also by Assemblymember Ward that would create two phases of housing element adoption due dates for SCAG jurisdictions in future cycles to smooth out HCD's workload when housing elements are due. Both bills passed in the legislature and are pending action by Governor Newsom.

While some bills have already been introduced, various recommendations based on HCD's report have yet to be introduced and discussed in the capitol. In anticipation of more bills to come, SCAG staff sent a letter to the Director of HCD, Gustavo Velasquez, inviting him to join the Regional Council at its November 7, 2024, meeting to discuss the report and provide an opportunity for a Q&A session.

A copy of this letter has been attached to the report.

SCAG Requests the State Housing Committees to Hold a Hearing on HCD's RHNA Reform Report

In August, SCAG sent a letter to the chairs of the Assembly and State Housing Committees requesting that they conduct a hearing to discuss HCD's *California's Housing Future 2040: The Next Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)*. SCAG made this request to allow for additional public dialogue concerning the report and its many recommendations.

A copy of this letter has been attached to the report.

Assembly Bill (AB) 98 (Gomez Reyes & Carrillo)

Assembly Bill (AB) 98 was introduced by Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry (D-Winters) in January 2023, and was initially related to cotton pest abatement districts. On August 28, 2024, in the final days of the 2024 legislative session, Assemblymembers Eloise Gomez Reyes (D-Colton) and Juan Carrillo (D-Palmdale) gut and amended AB 98 to relate to regulations on new warehouse developments or expansions. At the request of Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee (LCMC) Chair Patricia Lock Dawson, technical and legislative staff conducted a thorough review of AB 98 and recommended that the agency oppose the bill. However, since the bill was gut and amended so late in the legislative cycle, the earliest the Regional Council could adopt the LCMC's recommendation to oppose the bill would be on October 3, 2024, which is after the September 30 deadline for Governor Newsom to veto or sign bills on his desk. Thus, staff recommended that the agency oppose AB 98 outside the usual process based on our adopted legislative platform, which contains planks that support using local knowledge for land use decisions and not the state's mandates. Thus, staff proceeded to draft and send a letter to Governor Newsom requesting that he veto AB 98.

A copy of this letter has been attached to the report.

Below is a summary outlining the bill's provisions and a list of support and opposition organizations:

Assembly Bill (AB) 98

Authors: Assemblymembers Juan Carrillo (D-Palmdale) and Eloise Gomez Reyes (D-Colton).

RE: Prohibits cities and counties from approving new or expanded logistics uses unless they meet specified standards, requires cities and counties to update their circulation elements to include truck routes, and imposes study requirements on the South Coast AQMD.

Status: Passed the Legislature—pending Action by Governor Newsom.

Link: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB98

Background:

- This bill would prescribe various warehouse design and build standards for any proposed new or expanded logistics use developments, including standards for building design and location, parking, truck loading bays, landscaping buffers, entry gates, and signage beginning January 1, 2026.
- This bill would prohibit a city or county from approving the development of a logistics use that does not meet or exceed the standards outlined in the bill.
- The bill would require a city or county to condition approval of a logistics use on a 2-to-1 replacement of any demolished housing unit occupied within the last ten years.
- This bill would require a city or county to update its circulation element by January 2028 to include elements such as identifying travel routes for goods movement.
- The bill would authorize the Attorney General to enforce these provisions, including fines up to \$50k every six months if the required updates have not been made.
- It would require the SCAQMD to deploy mobile air monitoring systems from January 2026 until January 2032 in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties to collect air pollution measurements in nearby logistics use developments.
- SCAQMD would be required to evaluate the impact of logistics-related air pollution on sensitive receptors and submit a report to the Legislature by January 2033, including an interim report analyzing the effects in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

Support

California Hospital Association, California State Council of Laborers, United Food and Commercial Workers, Western States Council

Oppose

The League of Cities, NAIOP California, BOMA Greater Los Angeles, CA Business Properties Association, People’s Collective for Environmental Justice (PC4EJ), Active San Gabriel Valley, American Planning Association, California Chapter, Building Owners and Managers Association of California, California Association for Local Economic Development (CALED), California Business Properties Association, California Business Roundtable, California Environmental Justice Alliance



(CEJA) Action, California Grocers Association, California Manufacturers & Technology Association, California State Association of Counties (CSAC), California Taxpayers Association (CALTAX), Center for Community Action & Environmental Justice (CCA EJ), Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment, City of Bakersfield, City of Beaumont, City of Corona, City of Cypress, City of Eastvale, City of Merced, City of Rancho Cucamonga, City of Shafter, Clean Water Action, County of Kern, County of San Bernardino, Earthjustice, Inland Empire Economic Partnership (IEEP), Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, Orange County Business Council, Planning and Conservation League, Riverside Neighbors Opposing Warehouses, Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors, Sierra Club, Southern California Leadership Council, The Institute of Real Estate Management, Town of Apple Valley, Warehouse Worker Resource Center.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Work associated with the Legislative Advocacy Update – September 2024 is contained in the Indirect Cost budget, Legislation 810-0120.10.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. 2024-09-11 KA-LTR-ST-Gov. Newsom-Request for Veto-AB 98
2. 2024-8-19-KA-LTR-ST-State Legislature-Reform The RHNA Hearing
3. 2024-09-09 KA-LTR-ST-HCD Director-Invitation to Speak at November RC



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September 11, 2024

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 900
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RE: REQUEST FOR VETO – AB 98 – Planning and Zoning: Logistics Use

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), I write respectfully to request you veto Assembly Bill (AB) 98, authored by Assemblymembers Eloise Gomez Reyes (D-Colton) and Juan Carrillo (D-Palmdale). This bill would threaten the economic vitality of the Southern California region by adding new burdensome and rigid rules to the warehousing and logistics sector, which is vital to our regional economy.

First, AB 98 would require cities and counties to undertake the costly and time-consuming process of updating the Circulation Element of their General Plan with truck route information. AB 98 would require all cities in California to complete this exercise by January 2028 or face fines of up to \$50,000 every six months. However, the bill singles out the 52 cities in Riverside and San Bernardino counties, which would be required to update their Circulation Elements by January 2026 – two years earlier than the rest of the state and only one year after the bill would take effect.

Additionally, AB 98 would require mobile air quality monitoring stations with a report to the Legislature on air quality modeling in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. While SCAG is not opposed to the required data collection, AB 98 fails to take an overall supply chain approach. Because AB 98 does not make any distinction between distribution and fulfillment facilities versus retail and wholesale locations, the information would be incomplete. This flaw is likely a reflection of the fact that many stakeholders with experience in and an understanding of the complexities of the global freight system were excluded from negotiations surrounding the bill’s provisions.

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Attachment: 2024-09-11 KA-LTR-ST-Gov. Newsom-Request for Veto-AB 98 (Legislative Advocacy Update - September 2024)

Third, AB 98 fails to recognize that freight growth is a by-product of household growth. SCAG's research has identified an extremely high correlation between population, housing, and industrial square footage growth. Only recently have both housing and industrial square footage growth crossed above population growth as household sizes have marginally declined from the region's peak in 2013. The strong correlation between housing and industrial square footage growth is an important indicator of how tied housing growth and household consumer spending align with industrial support for the distribution and fulfillment of these localized trends. This supports the premise that localized consumption is an important factor and contributor to increasing industrial square footage. It is also an important factor to justify the need to further distinguish between the localized and national consumer trends driving this industrial growth, including the shifts of major metropolitan regions growing into megaregions. If California restricts this growth by further increasing costs to do business, the industry will relocate to more cost-competitive markets, such as Southern Nevada, Maricopa County, Arizona, or Mexico, to name a few.

Lastly, there will be unintended economic impacts resulting from AB 98, not only for the Inland Empire but broadly across the entire SCAG region stemming from the highly complex nature of the global-national-state and regional-local supply chain relationships. If discretionary cargo continues to go elsewhere, there will be job implications beyond distribution and fulfillment centers, including manufacturing, retail, construction, and more, as many of these industries are interconnected.

The warehousing and logistics sector imposes environmental and health burdens on surrounding communities, but local communities also benefit from business and employment opportunities generated by goods movement industries. Finding the balance between these two imperatives is the purpose of the legislative process. This is why SCAG urges legislation of this magnitude to be done with broad-based stakeholder participation so that all concerns may be heard and properly addressed.

In closing, SCAG respectfully requests that you return AB 98 without your signature. If SCAG can be of further assistance to you on this bill, please contact Mr. Kevin Gilhooley, State and Federal Legislative Affairs Manager, at (213) 236-1878 or via e-mail at gilhooley@scag.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Kome Ajise
Executive Director



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August 19, 2024

The Honorable Nancy Skinner
Chair, Senate Committee on Housing
1021 O Street, Room 3330
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Chris Ward
Chair, Assembly Committee on Housing and Community Development
1020 N Street, Room 156
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Request for Hearing Regarding the Department of Housing and
Community Development’s “California’s Housing Future 2040”
report**

Dear Chairs Skinner and Ward:

On behalf of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), we would like to respectfully request that the Assembly and Senate Housing Committees conduct an informational hearing on the California Department of Housing and Community Development’s (HCD) *California’s Housing Future 2040: The Next Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)* report.

As you are aware, HCD released its Housing Future 2040 report in April 2024, which contains various recommendations on legislative changes to the RHNA process to ensure California can plan for existing and future housing needs. While we appreciate all the work that went into creating this report, it was not submitted to the legislature until halfway through Spring Recess, leaving an incredibly short timeline for analyzing the potential effects and implications of HCD’s recommendations. In addition, during this time, the legislature was focused on addressing the budget deficit. Therefore, we believe that the Assembly and Senate Housing Committees should invite experts from HCD and the engaged stakeholders to discuss the report’s recommendations before introducing more legislation based on the report and in advance of the 2025-2026 legislative session.

Attachment: 2024-8-19-KA-LTR-ST-State Legislature-Reform The RHNA Hearing (Legislative Advocacy Update - September 2024)

SCAG appreciates your leadership on the issue of housing affordability, especially your support for protecting the Regional Early Action Planning Grant 2.0 program in this year's state budget. This program will accelerate tens of thousands of additional housing units in infill areas in the SCAG region alone while affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing vehicle miles traveled.

Thank you for considering SCAG's request to conduct hearings on HCD's Housing Future 2040 Report. SCAG looks forward to working constructively with you and your colleagues in the legislature to meet our housing goals. Please contact Mr. Kevin Gilhooley, Legislative Affairs Manager, at (213) 236-1878 or gilhooley@scag.ca.gov with any questions about this request.

Sincerely,



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September 9, 2024

Mr. Gustavo F. Velasquez, Director
California Department of Housing & Community Development
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RE: Invitation – IN PERSON Speaking Request on November 7, 2024

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Dear Director Velasquez:

On behalf of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the nation’s largest metropolitan planning organization (MPO) representing six counties, 191 cities, and over 19 million people, **it is my pleasure to invite you to address the Regional Council in person on:**

Thursday, November 7, 2024, at 12:15 pm
SCAG Downtown Los Angeles Offices
900 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1700
Los Angeles, CA 90017

The Regional Council cordially invites you to join us at our November Regional Council meeting to present on the “California’s Housing Future 2040: The Next Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)” report that the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) released in April 2024. Our board would value the opportunity to hear about the changes to the RHNA process HCD is recommending, so we can collaborate on solutions to address the housing crisis.

The Regional Council, SCAG’s board of directors comprised of 86 local elected officials, serves as a convener for the region to act on public policy initiatives, discuss the future of our multimodal transportation system, and coordinate efforts that promote the needs of Southern California in Sacramento.

Thank you for considering this request. We hope that your busy calendar will permit your participation. Please have your staff contact Mr. Kevin Gilhooley, Legislation Manager, to arrange the details at (213) 236-1878 or by email at gilhooley@scag.ca.gov.

Sincerely,
Kome Ajise

Kome Ajise
Executive Director

Attachment: 2024-09-09 KA-LTR-ST-HCD Director-Invitation to Speak at November RC (Legislative Advocacy Update - September 2024)