



February 16, 2021

Via Email

The Honorable Olivia Valentine
Chair, Board of Directors
South Bay Cities Council of Governments
2355 Crenshaw Boulevard, Suite 125
Torrance, CA 90501

SUBJECT: Notice of Support for SBCCOG Regional Planner

Dear Chair Valentine:

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes supports SBCCOG's hiring of a regional planner to work under the direction of the SBCCOG on priorities established by the city community development directors and the SBCCOG.

A regional planner tasked with working with cities on land use issues and monitoring and interpreting housing legislation, as well as other portions of the SBCCOG strategic plan will be an invaluable resource to the SBCCOG and to member cities including Rancho Palos Verdes.

It is essential to have a unified message preserving local land use authority, particularly with the anticipation that the state Legislature will consider a record number of local land use and housing bills this session. The City of Rancho Palos Verdes is looking forward to working with the SBCCOG, other cities, and the regional planner in navigating the proliferation of state housing legislative proposals.

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes has long supported the SBCCOG and appreciates its many advocacy efforts and forum to work collaboratively with other South Bay cities. We strongly encourage the board to approve the hiring of a regional planner to oversee the SBCCOG's housing and development program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric Alegria".

Eric Alegria
Mayor

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cc: SBCCOG Board of Directors
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