

**Regional Council (RC)
List of Public Comments**

Received after 5pm on Wednesday, January 5, 2022

	Date Received	Sender Name	Organization	Agenda Item (AI #)	Subject Matter
1.	1/5/2022	Jacob Pierce	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
2.	1/5/2022	Lois Frand		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
3.	1/5/2022	Rick Hall		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Initiative
4.	1/5/2022	Robin Turner		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
5.	1/5/2022	Susan Corzel		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
6.	1/5/2022	Marsue and Peter MacNicol		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support the Initiative
7.	1/5/2022	Brian Owings		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
8.	1/5/2022	Brett Barker		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
9.	1/5/2022	Brandon Whalen	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
10.	1/5/2022	Willian Rickards		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
11.	1/5/2022	Emily Lechner		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support for SCAG's Recommendation to Approve Community Planning Voter Initiative
12.	1/5/2022	Rachel Stevens	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
13.	1/5/2022	Alex Dobbs	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
14.	1/6/2022	Gwen Jones		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Important to pass the initiative

15.	1/6/2022	Angela Robinson		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Yes in support of the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
16.	1/6/2022	Alexandra Kondracke		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	SCAG vote yes for the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
17.	1/6/2022	Aaron Chan		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	SB 9 and SB 10
18.	1/6/2022	Derek J. McGregor		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support of the "Local Land Use Initiative"
19.	1/6/2022	Jerard Wright	Realtor Associations	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Urge that SCAG Oppose the voter initiative
20.	1/6/2022	Jaime Del Rio	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
21.	1/6/2022	Valerie Zielonka		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
22.	1/6/2022	Melanie Paykos		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
23.	1/6/2022	Ryan Olson	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
24.	1/6/2022	Stephen Randall		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative (submitted to wrong inbox, not capture in time before 5 pm deadline)
25.	1/6/2022	Natalie Ungvari		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Favor of retaining LOCAL control of zoning (submitted to wrong inbox, not capture in time before 5 pm deadline)
26.	1/6/2022	Zac Dean		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	vote to oppose the "Community Planning Land Use Initiative (submitted to wrong inbox, not capture in time before 5 pm deadline)
27.	1/6/2022	Peter David Harris Alejandro B. Hernandez		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Yes to Support the Our Neighborhood Voice Initiative
28.	1/6/2022	Lynetta A.S. McElroy		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
29.	1/6/2022	Sheryl Sterry		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose a constitutional amendment that would remove the state's land use authority

30.	1/6/2022	Wesley Helmholz	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
31.	1/6/2022	Matt Bradley & Peggy L. Bradley		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	SB 9 and SB 10
32.	1/6/2022	Carl Burdick	Abundant Housing LA	AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"
33.	1/6/2022	Scott Davis		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
34.	1/6/2022	Jennifer Salem		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Support Community Planning Voter Initiative
35.	1/6/2022	James E. Enstrom		AI#2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative	Strongly support the United Homeowners' Association "Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative"

From: chewyjake@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jacob Pierce
<chewyjake@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 5:10 PM
To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

Dear SCAG Regional Council,

I am writing to ask that SCAG oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" which would amend California's Constitution in a manner that specifies that city and county land-use and zoning laws override all conflicting State laws.

California faces a severe housing shortage. SCAG has been active in raising awareness about how local barriers to housing production are related to the housing and homelessness crisis. The "Community Planning Voter Initiative" would prevent the state from using both *past* and *future* legislation to work towards housing solutions. Importantly, this initiative would also rollback important pieces of legislation such as SB 330, which contains demolition protections for renters, and put SCAG residents at risk of displacement.

This initiative would also prevent the state from using legislation to address safety issues and environmental protections, such as policies regarding environmental habitat protection and wildfires. This initiative would also negatively impact the SCAG region's ability to meet state-mandated RHNA targets.

For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Jacob Pierce, using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely,
Jacob Pierce



From: Lois Frand <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 5:11 PM
To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

Dear members of SCAG,

I'm writing to urge you to follow the recommendation to SUPPORT the Community Planning Voter Initiative, (Agenda Item 2) on Thursday, January 6.

*Local communities are much better qualified than Sacramento to decide on which land use and zoning policies to adopt in order to meet long-term housing goals.

*Each city and area in our vast state has different issues and terrain. What may work for one area may not work for another.

Sacramento cannot outperform local government when it comes to best practices for land-use planning and zoning policies in our cities and counties across the state.

*Allowing developers to take advantage of increased density in single-family communities without any affordability requirements, environmental review, or enforceable owner-occupancy requirements will result in further displacement and gentrification in sensitive communities, exacerbate our affordable housing crisis and put more stress on local infrastructure without additional fees to offset those impacts.

*Communities of color and working class neighborhoods are already besieged by investors and institutions seeking more single family homes to buy, making the dream of homeownership even more difficult to attain for more Californians. SCAG's support for the ONV Initiative is a strong statement against "trickle-down" housing policies that accelerate the transformation of homeowners into renters and destabilize existing communities.

*Accelerating affordable housing production requires collaboration between all levels of government, the private sector, and community members – each of these groups has an important role to play. Supporting the ONV Initiative will stop Sacramento from manipulating local land use policy, giving ineffective incentives to developers and blaming local governments for slow housing production without delivering the funding or effective policies required to get the affordable housing we need.

*A basic tenet of American democracy is our right to speak out about public policy measures that directly impact our citizens and communities, but Sacramento has instead prioritized the needs of developers to receive outsized benefits and incentives to build more market-rate housing. That is fundamentally undemocratic, and the idea that we all have a right to speak out and be heard about what is happening in our own communities is the heart and soul of the ONV Initiative.

Sincerely,

Lois Frand
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 5:19 PM
To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT for Agenda Item #2 - SCAG Regional Council 1/6/22 meeting

Please support the initiative. Sacramento's one-size-fits-all land use bills preclude cities from shaping themselves based on local needs and takes away local public input. The initiative will help restore balance and let cities collaborate locally for better outcomes.

Thank You,
Rick Hall, President
Cultural Action Network

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 5:34 PM
To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: support of the Community Planning Voter Initiative (Agenda Item 2)

Dear members of SCAG,

I'm writing to urge you to follow the recommendation to **SUPPORT the Community Planning Voter Initiative, (Agenda Item 2) on Thursday, January 6.**

Our state, as well as every state in the USA, need more affordable housing. As a past Planning Commissioner in Culver City, I can attest to knowing that local communities are much better qualified than Sacramento to decide on which land use and zoning policies to adopt in order to meet long-term housing goals. Each city and area in our vast state has different issues and terrain and local planning ordinances. It is critical that the Culver City residents voices are heard, and not just the ones that have the same political view as some on our City Council. As Regional Councilmember Alex Fisch (D 41) supports an upzoning housing policy which most of our homeowners don't agree with, upzoning is a disaster because of lack of foresight and forethought in what the long term effects of this change will be. Despite my disagreement with our SCAG representative regarding his push to upzone, I believe that zoning laws should be locally controlled.

Besides, destroying the fabric of our local communities by making each city look like it was planned in a piecemeal fashion (like how putting a freeway/railroad tracks though a community would do), without considering multiple alternatives to address the homeless situation, by not considering the aging infrastructure, not taking into effect the standard CEQA laws, removing or ignoring local zoning laws and ordinances, and not considering how the new ADU ordinances will impact and possibly help alleviate low income housing problems in the future, the upzoning changes have not been fully considered. Alex Fisch refuses to listened to the majority view of the residents n Culver City. It is his way or no way. We need to address the homeless and low income housing situations with thoughtfulness and looking at all options. Knee-jerk reactions to a long standing problem never works.

Please consider all the options, not just upzoning and removing R-1 zoning city wide like Alex Fisch wants, and revisit this issue thoroughly.

Sincerely,

Robin Turner
Culver City resident for 41 years

From: Susan Corzel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 5:37 PM
To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: VOTE YES TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY PLANNING VOTER INITIATIVE

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Sincerely,

First Name Last Name
Address

Sent from my iPhone

From: MARSUE MACNICOL <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 5:42 PM
To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: Initiative

We bought our first house when I was 50 years old. Prior to that we lived in apartments and rental houses. It meant a lot to us to be able to live in a single family home. We live in a community where we are (happily) surrounded by apartment and condos. We have absolutely no issue with this. Are they affordable? No. Will a developer ever come to our neighborhood and build affordable housing, no? Please support the initiative to ensure that we, who are living in communities impacted by new development, have a voice about what gets built in our neighborhood.

Thank you!

Marsue and Peter MacNicol

[REDACTED]

From: Keith Owings <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 5:56 PM
To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: PLEASE VOTE YES TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY PLANNING VOTER INITIATIVE

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I'm writing to urge you to follow the recommendation to SUPPORT the Community Planning Voter Initiative, (Agenda Item 2) on Thursday, January 6:

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Sincerely,
Brian Owings
[REDACTED]

From: Brett Barker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 5:59 PM
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Sincerely,
Brett Barker

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From: brandoncwhalen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Brandon Whalen
<brandoncwhalen@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 7:46 PM
To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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I am writing to ask that SCAG oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" which would amend California's Constitution in a manner that specifies that city and county land-use and zoning laws override all conflicting State laws.

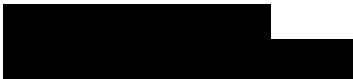
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For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by Brandon Whalen using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely,
Brandon Whalen



From: Will Rickards <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 8:43 PM
To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: VOTE YES TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY PLANNING VOTER INITIATIVE

Dear members of SCAG,

I am particularly disturbed by local efforts to use zoning laws to address homelessness and housing shortages in Culver City. I am completely supportive of efforts to address these problems but a sweeping effort to make multiple family residences in currently single family neighborhoods will likely result in increased units for higher income individuals and families with little or no impact on problems of inclusion. With due respect to the commitments of our political leadership I do not see enough being done to establish norms of inclusion and workforce housing opportunities in the city.

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Sincerely,
William Rickards



From: Emily Lechner <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 8:48 PM
To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: Support for SCAG's Recommendation to Approve Community Planning Voter Initiative

I support SCAG's recommendation to approve the Community Planning Voter Initiative.

E. Lechner

From: rachelestevens762@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rachel Stevens <rachelestevens762@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 9:44 PM
To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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Personally sent by Rachel Stevens using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely,
Rachel Stevens

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From: adobbs12@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alex Dobbs <adobbs12@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 5, 2022 9:46 PM
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Sincerely,
Alex Dobbs



From: gwen jones <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 7:10 AM
To: ePublic Comment Group

For the sake of residential communities it is really important to pass the initiative

From: Anisa Patel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 8:42 AM
To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: Meeting No. 639 // Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

I believe that SCAG should vote YES in support of the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative. California is a diverse state with many different neighborhoods, each with their own distinct needs. As a result, a one size fits all approach will not work. Local governments are necessary as they allow those who know their neighborhoods best to make decisions that will fit their community's unique needs. Local communities, as a result, are far more qualified than Sacramento to dictate which land and zoning policies should be adopted for their neighborhoods.

Thank you,
Angela Robinson

From: Alex Kondracke <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 9:00 AM
To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: Meeting No. 639 // Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

It is imperative that SCAG vote yes for the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative in order to stop Sacramento from giving precedence to outside developers and disrupting affordable housing for local communities and communities of color. State politicians have historically been unduly influenced by large development corporations, worsening the affordable housing crisis and displacing thousands. By voting yes to ONV, our communities have the ability to protect their right to affordable housing.

Thanks,
Alexandra Kondracke

From: Aaron Chan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 9:39 AM
To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: SB9 and SB10

Hello,

Want to voice my strong preference for decisions authority to be retained at the local government level rather than Sacramento dictating on how laws should be implemented without any knowledge of the impacts on local neighborhoods.

Aaron Chan

From: Derek McGregor <dmcgregor@dmceng.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 10:26 AM
To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: Please support the Local Land Use Initiative

SCAG,

As much as any organization knows the importance of advance planning in order to properly manage growth and development, bills that have recently been signed into law from the state, deteriorate the fundamental local representation and process that are critical to homeowner ownership and values. This is why your support of the “Local Land Use Initiative” (item #2 on the agenda for January 5th's meeting) is critical.

Derek J. McGregor
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From: Jerard Wright <jerard@glarealtors.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 10:27 AM
To: ePublic Comment Group
Cc: Julie Tran; Rian Barrett; elizabethd@srar.com
Subject: Item 2 - Community Planning Voter Initiative
Attachments: SCAG RC Letter - ACA7 Voter Initiative.pdf

See attached joint letter



Jerard Wright

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January 6, 2022

SCAG President Clint Lorimore
Southern California Association of Governments
900 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 1700
Los Angeles, CA 90017

RE: Community Planning Voter Initiative – ACA 7 (Oppose)

To SCAG President Lorimore and the Honorable SCAG Regional Council.

On behalf of the above Realtor Associations who represent membership of over 30,000 REALTOR® members throughout Greater Los Angeles **we urge that the SCAG oppose this voter initiative.** We believe that this voter initiative would prevent the SCAG region from utilizing tools that would help meet its RHNA number goals per the recently approved Connect SoCal RTP/SCS and would compound our housing shortage by eviscerating state housing laws.

In large part, this failure to build is due to the reluctance of local jurisdictions to encourage housing development, while some localities actively discourage or limit housing development in response to NIMBY pressure. Despite the lack of housing, the Southern California economy has continued to grow and add jobs, especially on the coasts. Unreasonable anti-housing growth policies in areas of high job growth have resulted in skyrocketing housing prices and high rents. It has contributed to a significant increase in vehicle miles travelled as potential homeowners must “drive until they qualify” in more affordable areas as was highlighted in the most recent Connect SoCal RTP/SCS in 2020. This problem calls for a multi-jurisdictional solution.

Economic and ethnic segregation will get worse if this voter initiative is approved. The enormous power this voter initiative will further hurt our most vulnerable populations and will only further widen our wealth gap smack against SCAG’s own equity goals. In areas of ethnic uniformity, which developed from historic discrimination, race neutral land use or zoning policies could be adopted in a manner which have very serious impacts on the ability of members of other ethnic groups to move into an area as renters or homeowners. The only check on this conduct would be expensive lawsuits which could drag on for years. Discouraging local participation in regional planning efforts to collaboratively address transportation and housing deficiencies encourages cities and counties to create islands of luxury housing which is unavailable to affordable housing and naturally occurring affordable market rate housing.

The state’s housing crisis, enabled by restrictive local land use policy, widens our state’s wealth gap. The best way for middle income and working Californians to build wealth is homeownership. The failure to build enough housing has limited that opportunity by resulting in extremely high-cost housing. The median price at the end of 2020 was \$717,930. The percentage of Black home buyers who could afford to purchase a median-priced, existing single-family home in California in 2020 was 19 percent, compared to 38 percent for white households. Housing affordability was similarly low for Latinx households, with 20 percent earning the minimum income needed to purchase a median-priced home.



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According to the Census Bureau's American Community Survey, the 2019 homeownership rate in California was 63.2 percent for whites, 60.2 percent for Asians, 44.1 percent for Latinx and 36.8 percent for Blacks. This voter initiative would make our current ownership divide worse as it prevents the state from acting if local land use policy precludes housing development at certain wealth levels, which has been a persistent problem for decades.

Our REALTOR® associations are available to you and SCAG staff as a resource. As a public policy trade association engaged in cities across Los Angeles County and beyond throughout the six county SCAG region, we can offer views and solutions that have been proven effective in the housing industry statewide.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

Anthony Vulin, President 2022 Greater LA REALTORS®

Jeff Phillips, President 2022 Southland Regional Association of REALTORS®

Sarah Moore, President 2022 Pasadena-Foothills Association of REALTORS®

Theresa Bruno, President 2022 South Bay Association of REALTORS®

From: jaime@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of jaime del rio <jaime@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 10:42 AM
To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

Dear SCAG Regional Council,

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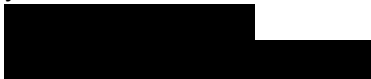
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For these reasons, please oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative."

Personally sent by jaime del rio using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely,
jaime del rio

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From: Valerie Zielonka <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 10:43 AM
To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: VOTE YES TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY PLANNING VOTER INITIATIVE

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Sincerely,

Valerie Zielonka
Address

From: Melanie Paykos <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 10:51 AM
To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: Vote Yes. Support the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative

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As a side note: I don't recall ever hearing a definition of affordable housing. How will developers of single family homes turned into apartments be held accountable to keeping the sale price affordable? How many levels of affordable housing are there and what are they? Until that is identified and how to police that developers are in compliance then this doesn't make any sense to "upzone".

Sincerely,

Melanie Paykos



Sent from my iPhone

From: ryan.t.olson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ryan Olson
<ryan.t.olson@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 10:56 AM
To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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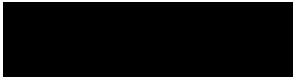
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Personally sent by Ryan Olson using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely,
Ryan Olson



From: Regional Housing
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 11:19 AM
To: Maggie Aguilar
Subject: FW: Form submission from: Contact Us

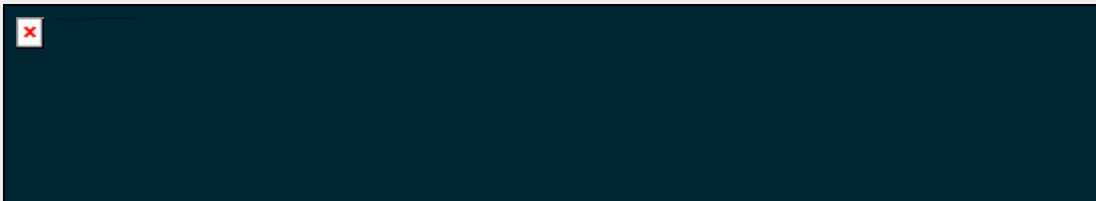
Hi Maggie,

There are three emails that came to the Housing Inbox in regards to SCAG's vote on the "Community Planning Voter Initiative." There were two emails in support, and one in opposition.

I am forwarding all three to you now.

Lennox

From: Contact Us <webmaster@scag.ca.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 29, 2021 9:06 PM
To: Regional Housing <Housing@scag.ca.gov>
Subject: Form submission from: Contact Us



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WEBFORM SUBMISSION

Submitted by user

Topic:
Housing and RHNA

Your Name:
Stephen Randall

Email:
[REDACTED]

Subject:
Community Planning Voter Initiative

Message:

Please support the "Community Planning Voter Initiative" which would amend California's Constitution in a manner that specifies that city and county land-use and zoning laws override all conflicting State laws.

It's very clear that one-size-fits-all is not an appropriate solution to our housing issues. San Francisco's problems are significantly different than Los Angeles'. LA is a sprawling horizontal city that spans over 500 square miles also including 90 independently incorporated cities. We have inadequate public transit and limited infrastructure. Building needed affordable (emphasis on affordable) housing in such an environment is not a job left to libertarians, millennials and non-residents who do not understand the unique needs and opportunities in LA. Local control is a necessity to keep necessary building from being dictated by developers and devolving into misguided chaos.

Thank you for supporting this measure.

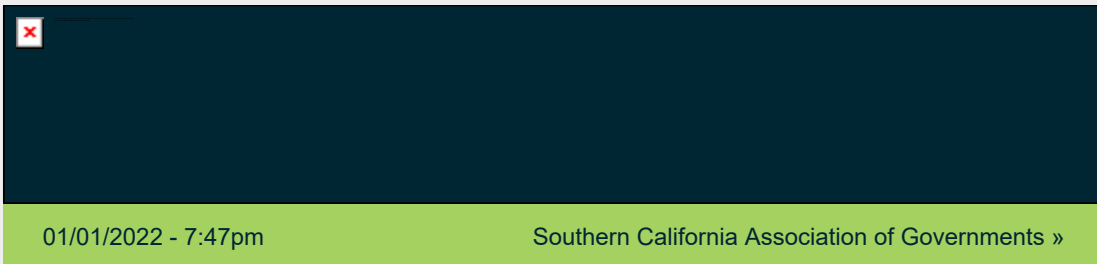
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From: Regional Housing
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 11:19 AM
To: Maggie Aguilar
Subject: FW: Form submission from: Contact Us

From: Contact Us <webmaster@scag.ca.gov>
Sent: Saturday, January 1, 2022 7:48 PM
To: Regional Housing <Housing@scag.ca.gov>
Subject: Form submission from: Contact Us



WEBFORM SUBMISSION

Submitted by user

Topic:
Housing and RHNA

Your Name:
Natalie Ungvari

Email:
[REDACTED]

Subject:
Zoning

Message:
I am in favor of retaining LOCAL control of zoning in our neighborhood [90024/Comstock Hills]. Please vote for this!

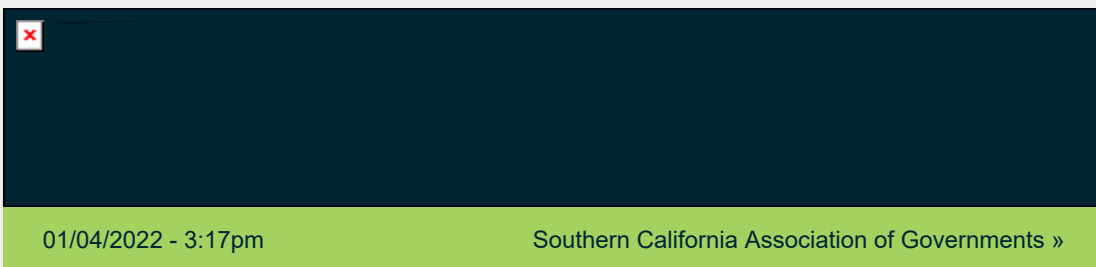
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From: Regional Housing
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 11:20 AM
To: Maggie Aguilar
Subject: FW: Form submission from: Contact Us

From: Contact Us <webmaster@scag.ca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 4, 2022 3:18 PM
To: Regional Housing <Housing@scag.ca.gov>
Subject: Form submission from: Contact Us



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WEBFORM SUBMISSION

Submitted by user

Topic:
Housing and RHNA

Your Name:
Zac Dean

Email:
[REDACTED]

Subject:
Please do not support the "Community Planning Land Use Initiative"

Message:
Hello, I'm a Manhattan Beach resident.

The so called "Community Planning Land Use Initiative" would be a disaster for housing policy in California and I'm urging SCAG to vote in opposition. This initiative would put so many housing protections at risk, from SB 330 to habitat protection and much more. It could also prevent the SCAG region from meeting its RHNA requirements. It's an awful proposition and history will not look back kindly on any organization or

municipality that votes to support it.

Please vote to oppose the "Community Planning Land Use Initiative".

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 11:54 AM
To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: Re:Vote YES to support the "OUR NEIGHBORHOOD VOICE INITIATIVE"

Dear Madam/Sir,

We are encouraging SCAG to accept its staff's recommendation to vote "YES" to support the "Our Neighborhood Voice Initiative." This is an urgent plea to act now.
Please act.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Peter David Harris
Alejandro B. Hernandez

[REDACTED]

From: Grayburn Avenue <grayburnavenueblockclub@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 12:25 PM
To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: Support Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative
Attachments: LetSCAG SupACA7.docx

January 6, 2022

Regional Council
Southern California Association of Governments

Dear SCAG Regional Council Members:

RE: Support the ‘‘Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative’’

Dear Committee Members:

The road ahead is clear- support local voices to determine local land use. Only local residents understand the necessities and nuances of appropriate land use, environmental concerns and the construction of affordable housing while maintaining productive and pleasant communities.

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Land use policy should begin and end with the will of the voters and their local representatives. Local democracy knows best. Please support the ONV Initiative.

Thank you in advance,

Lynetta A.S. McElroy, J.D.

President, Grayburn Avenue Block Club

Lead, Western Quadrant of North Leimert Park* including:

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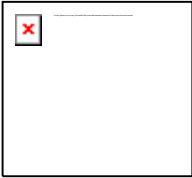
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From: Sheryl Sterry <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 12:44 PM
To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: Public Comment SCAG Regional Council Meeting January 6, 2022

Public Comment

SCAG Regional Council Meeting

January 6, 2022

I strongly oppose a constitutional amendment that would remove the state's land use authority. Although I agree that current laws are not perfect, I believe that incremental change wrought through broad citizen participation is the best path. Land use planning must include strong state-level collaboration and regulation to address the challenges we face. This amendment would silence underrepresented voices and lead to a patchwork of uncoordinated land development. We would lose our opportunity to deal with traffic, manage storm water, preserve our natural resources, house ourselves, reduce pollution and fight climate change.

Sheryl Sterry, CA Registered Architect

Resident of Lake Forest, Orange County, California

From: whelmholz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Wesley Helmholz
<whelmholz@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 2:35 PM
To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: Oppose the "Community Planning Voter Initiative"

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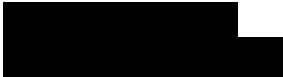
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Personally sent by Wesley Helmholz using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely,
Wesley Helmholz



From: Matt Bradley <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 2:36 PM
To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: Somethings to consider about SB 9 & 10
Attachments: SB 9 & 10.docx

Please read the attached letter for some input on a critical issue.

Dear SCAG ,

I cannot believe the State of California would take away a family's right to be able to live in a community of their choosing. The passage of SB 9 and SB 10 has allowed anyone to build practically anything in an area previously zoned R-1.

Allowing SB 9 and SB 10 to stand will mean that any of my neighbors (*or anyone in my neighborhood*) can build multiple residences on their property without concern for the impact on my neighborhood or city input. The city I live in can no longer reflect the will of its citizens to live in an area they want. This ability of people to change the structure of an area WITHOUT city input or regulations is most abhorrible. **We need to allow CITIES to determine their own zoning.**

I have lived in my home over 30 years and have plans grow old here. If multiple residential unit lots are allowed in my neighborhood how will we handle the added strain on an already strained infrastructure ? **Who will pay for the increased water usage or sewer demands ? Who will pay for the increased demand on electricity, or internet/cable, or parking, or schools ?** This does not even reflect the loss in property value for everyone who does **not** add multiple residences to their single-family zoned property.

I don't want to live in conditions like some of the beach communities, where you have nowhere to park and you can hear you neighbor snoring at night ! Changing the zoning of an area is strictly a city responsibility.

SB 9 & SB 10 will not solve the perceived housing problem. This only allows builders and developers to increase the population of a city without city input. I do not see that as a good thing ! It has always been expensive to live in California. Maybe we need less people or increased housing in areas that are not already zoned R-1. Increased density without thought for the resulting damage to lives and property is not the answer.

Thank you for allowing our input on this matter.

Sincerely,
Matthew J. Bradley
Peggy L. Bradley



From: carllburdick@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carl Burdick
<carllburdick@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 3:31 PM
To: ePublic Comment Group
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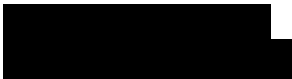
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Personally sent by Carl Burdick using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. Abundant Housing LA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely,
Carl Burdick



From: ndrobin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 3:39 PM
To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: VOTE YES TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY PLANNING VOTER INITIATIVE

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From: Jennifer Salem <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 4:35 PM
To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: SUPPORT COMMUNITY PLANNING VOTER INITIATIVE (Agenda Item 2)

Dear members of SCAG,

I'm writing to urge you to follow the recommendation to **SUPPORT the Community Planning Voter Initiative, (Agenda Item 2) on Thursday, January 6.**

While it may be true that our state has an affordable housing crisis, it is also true that local communities are much better qualified than Sacramento to decide on which land use and zoning policies to adopt in order to meet long-term housing goals. Each city and area in our vast state has different issues and terrain. What may work for one area may not work for another. In other words, Sacramento cannot outperform local government when it comes to best practices for land-use planning and zoning policies in our cities and counties across the state. I thought that it might be especially important to hear from Culver City residents, as Regional Councilmember Alex Fisch (D 41) supports an upzoning housing policy which many people disagree with, myself included. Despite my disagreement with our SCAG representative regarding his push to upzone, I believe that zoning laws should be locally controlled.

In addition,

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Salem

From: JAMES ENSTROM <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 5:06 PM
To: ePublic Comment Group
Subject: Fwd: More ideas for SCAG meeting comments -- Agenda Item #2 TOMORROW

January 6, 2022

SCAG Regional Council

ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov

Dear SCAG Regional Council,

I writing to strongly support the United Homeowners' Association "Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative." This initiative is supported by SCAG staff and I hope that you voted today to accept the staff's recommendation. I have always lived in California, mostly in Los Angeles County. During that entire time land use and zoning policies have been established and implemented locally, not in Sacramento. Local control of land use and zoning policies should continue and SB 9 and SB 10 should be repealed. Five reasons why you should support this initiative are shown below. Further details are provided on the LivableCalifornia.org website.

Thank you very much for your consideration on this important issue.

Sincerely yours,

James E. Enstrom, PhD, MPH

Retired UCLA Research Professor

President, Scientific Integrity Institute

<http://scientificintegrityinstitute.org/>



Five Reasons for Supporting "Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative"

- The basic premise driving the initiative is that local communities are much better qualified than Sacramento to decide on which land use and zoning policies to adopt in order to meet long term housing goals – what works for San Francisco doesn't work in L.A., Pomona or Long Beach. It is ludicrous for Sacramento to presume that they can outperform local government when it comes to best practices for land use planning and zoning policies in our cities and counties across the state.
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- Communities of color and working class neighborhoods are already besieged by investors and institutions seeking more single family homes to buy, making the dream of homeownership even more difficult to attain for more Californians. SCAG's support for the ONV Initiative is a strong statement against "trickle-down" housing policies that accelerate the transformation of homeowners into renters and destabilize existing communities.
- Accelerating affordable housing production requires collaboration between all levels of government, the private sector, and community members – each of these groups has an important role to play. Supporting the ONV Initiative will stop Sacramento from manipulating local land use policy, giving ineffective incentives to developers and blaming local government for slow housing production without delivering the funding or effective policies required to get the affordable housing we need.
- A basic tenet of American democracy is our right to speak out about public policy measures that directly impact our citizens and communities, but Sacramento has instead prioritized the needs of developers to receive outsized benefits and incentives to build more market rate housing. That is fundamentally undemocratic, and the idea that we all have a right to speak out and be heard about what is happening in our own communities is the heart and soul of the ONV Initiative.