



Southern California Association of Governments
February 5, 2026

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD)
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CEHD). A VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING OF THE FULL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.igm2.com/Citizens/>.

The Community, Human and Development Committee (CEHD) 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

Hon. David Shapiro, Chair	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Vice Chair	<i>Simi Valley</i>	District 46
Hon. Cindy Allen	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 30
Hon. Joe Baca	<i>Rialto</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Debbie Baker	<i>La Palma</i>	District 18
Hon. Tanya D. Doby	<i>Los Alamitos</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Debra Dorst-Porada	<i>Ontario, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Keith Eich	<i>La Cañada Flintridge</i>	District 36
Hon. Shaunna Elias	<i>Glendora</i>	District 33
Hon. Bob Engler	<i>Thousand Oaks</i>	VCOG
Hon. Waymond Fermon	<i>Indio</i>	CVAG
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Martin Fuentes	<i>Cudahy</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Victoria Garcia	<i>San Fernando</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Gary Gardner	<i>Desert Hot Springs</i>	District 2
Hon. Mike Goodsell	<i>Holtville</i>	ICTC
Hon. John Grass	<i>Brawley</i>	ICTC
Hon. Mark Henderson	<i>Gardena</i>	District 28
Hon. Peggy Huang	<i>Yorba Linda</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Cecilia Hupp	<i>Brea</i>	OCCOG
Hon. William Hussey	<i>Grand Terrace</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Megan Kerr	<i>Long Beach, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Sup. Matt LaVere	<i>Ventura County, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large



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Hon. Jed Leano	<i>Claremont</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Anni Marshall	<i>Avalon</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Betty Martinez Franco	<i>Irvine, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Tribal Gov't Reg'l Planning Rep.</i>	
Hon. John Mirisch	<i>Beverly Hills, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Geneva Mojado	<i>Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians</i>	
Hon. Joseph Morabito	<i>Wildomar</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Sharona Nazarian	<i>Beverly Hills</i>	WSCCOG
Hon. Sheila Rossi	<i>South Pasadena</i>	AVCJPA
Hon. Becky Shevlin	<i>Monrovia</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Mary Solorio	<i>San Fernando</i>	SFVCOG
Hon. Helen Tran	<i>San Bernardino</i>	District 7
Hon. Valerie Vandever	<i>San Jacinto</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Mark Waronek	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Acquanetta Warren	<i>Fontana</i>	District 8
Hon. Jeff Wood	<i>Lakewood</i>	District 24
Hon. Judy Woolsey	<i>Yucaipa</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Tony Wu	<i>West Covina</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Frank Yokoyama	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. Jesse Zwick	<i>Santa Monica</i>	District 41

Members Not Present

Hon. Valerio Amezcua	<i>Santa Ana</i>	District 16
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Drew Boyles	<i>El Segundo</i>	District 40
Hon. Don Caskey	<i>Laguna Hills</i>	OCCOG
Ms. Lucy Dunn		Ex-Officio
Hon. Rose Espinoza	<i>La Habra</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Claudia Frometa	<i>Downey</i>	District 25
Hon. Lynda Johnson	<i>Cerritos</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Joseph Murphy	<i>Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians</i>	
Hon. Misty Perez	<i>Port Hueneme, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Nithya Raman	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Sonny Santa Ines	<i>Bellflower</i>	GCCOG
Hon. Frank Zerunyan	<i>Rolling Hills Estates</i>	SBCCOG



CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable David Shapiro called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed a group of graduates from the USC Price School of Public Policy. He asked Councilmember John Mirisch, Beverly Hills, Member at Large, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Remote Participation

Becky Shevlin: Just Cause – Travel while on official business of the agency or for another agency.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Shapiro opened the public comment period and noted this was the time for members of the public to offer comment for matters that are within SCAG's jurisdiction but are not listed on the agenda.

SCAG staff noted there were no written public comments received via email before or after the 5pm deadline on Wednesday, November 5, 2025. SCAG staff also noted that there were no public comments for matters not listed on the agenda.

Chair Shapiro closed the public comment period for matters not listed on the agenda.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no reprioritizations made.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the September 4, 2025 Meeting

Receive and File

2. CEHD Committee Outlook and Future Agenda Items
 3. HCD Review of Housing Element High-Priority Non-Rezoning Programs
 4. REAP 2.0 Program Update
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MOTION was made (Finlay) to approve Consent Calendar Item 1 and Receive and File Item 2 through 4. Motion was SECONDED (Hupp) and passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Allen, Baca, Baker, Doby, Dorst-Porada, Eich, Elias, Engler, Fermon, Finlay, Fuentes, Garcia, Gardner, Goodsell, Grass, Henderson, Huang, Hupp, Hussey, Kerr, Leano, Marshall, Martinez Franco, Masiel, Mirisch, Mojado, Morabito, Nazarian, Rhodes, Rossi, Shapiro, Shevlin, Solorio, Vandever, Waronek, Warren, Wood, Woolsey, Wu, and Yokoyama (40)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

There were no public comments on this item.

ACTION ITEMS

5. REAP 2.0 Programs Accelerating Transformative Housing (PATH) Program Notice of Funds Available for Lasting Affordability, Round 2 (NOFA 2)

Before the start of the presentation, disclosures were made by the following CEHD members regarding their association with the following boards. After consultation with legal, it was announced for the record that the following members could participate and vote on agenda item #5.

- Member Jeff Wood – GCAHT Board
- Member John Mirisch – LACAHS Board
- Member Megan Kerr – GCAHT Board

Chair Shapiro provided an overview of the three funding areas within SCAG's REAP 2.0 framework, including recent project cost savings, "Notice of Funds." He stated that this item is a recommendation for the CEHD Committee to forward to the Regional Council for approval. He then invited Jacob Noonan, SCAG staff, to present the item for consideration.

Mr. Noonan delivered background information on the REAP 2.0 Programs, specifically the Programs Accelerating Transformative Housing (PATH) initiative. He outlined the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Lasting Affordability Rounds 1 and 2, highlighting key objectives aligned with SCAG's Connect SoCal plan. His presentation covered NOFA 2 program areas, eligibility requirements, and objectives.



Mr. Noonan concluded by detailing the proposed evaluation criteria and application guidelines for the release of \$20 million in additional funds under NOFA 2. He noted that the call for applications would open on November 17, 2025, and remain available until January 20, 2026, with the goal of executing MOUs and disbursing funds by July 31, 2026. Additionally, Mr. Noonan outlined the recommendation action for the CEHD which is highlighted in the Motion.

Mr. Noonan responded to the comments and questions expressed by the Councilmembers, including comments that focused on home ownership opportunities for disadvantaged communities, the level of funding opportunities within the NOFA 1 program that were oversubscribed and guidelines for partial funding awards.

MOTION was made (Finlay) to approve the REAP 2.0 Partnerships to Accelerate Transformative Housing (PATH) Notice of Funds Available for Lasting Affordability, Round 2 guidelines and application making \$20,000,000 available; Authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to issue additional funding awards using the contingency list that will be developed following the initial funding of awards and depending on availability of additional funding in the REAP 2.0 Program; Authorize staff to release the call for applications; and Authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to revise the guidelines and application, as needed, and enter into agreements with awarded entities and execute any documents incident to the agreements. Motion was SECONDED (Eich) and passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Allen, Baker, Doby, Dorst-Porada, Eich, Elias, Engler, Finlay, Fuentes, Garcia, Gardner, Goodsell, Grass, Henderson, Huang, Hupp, Hussey, Kerr, Leano, Marshall, Martinez Franco, Masiel, Mirisch, Mojado, Morabito, Nazarian, Rhodes, Rossi, Shapiro, Shevlin, Solorio, Vandever, Waronek, Warren, Wood, Woolsey, Wu, and Yokoyama (38)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CEHD members expressed their appreciation to the speaker for delivering a thorough, and insightful presentation.

There were no public comments on this item.

The comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint Presentation: Notice of Funds Available for Lasting Affordability, Round 2 (NOFA 2) were provided in the agenda packet.

INFORMATION ITEMS

6. Downtown Revitalization Strategies

Chair Shapiro provided background information outlining how cities are leveraging downtown revitalization strategies to boost local economies, attract investment, and strengthen community identity for residents and visitors. He introduced speakers **Cathy Lin**, Director of Research, International Downtown Association and **Jocelyn Swain**, Senior Regional Planner, City of Lancaster.

Chair Shapiro asked Ms. Lin to begin her presentation, followed by Ms. Swain. He asked that any questions or comments be held until both presentations concluded.

The presentations focused on downtown revitalization strategies and implementation progress that foster a strong sense of community and local identity, attracting both residents and visitors alike. Ms. Lin presented research on downtown values and importance, and how more housing downtown can also support local businesses. Ms. Swain shared Lancaster's downtown revitalization success story and lessons learned.

The Committee discussed various approaches to creating vibrant downtown areas, including the potential for repurposing regional malls and the importance of mixed-use development. Ms. Lin and Ms. Swain responded to the comments and questions expressed by the Councilmembers, including a variety of questions that focused on the character and density of available "Downtown" spaces to attract more businesses and residents. Additional comments focused on public safety components, education factors, and mix-use development. Members also raised questions regarding documentation of tax increases and revenues attributable to economic development projects.

CEHD members expressed their appreciation to the speakers for delivering a thorough, and insightful presentation and noted that the presentations provided valuable information and addressed key topics relevant to the committee's objectives.

Chair Shapiro asked the speakers to share their presentation slide decks with committee members.

There were no public comments on this item.

The comprehensive staff report and PowerPoint Presentations: CEHD – IDA-Cathy Lin AICP and City of Lancaster – Jocelyn Swain, were provided in the agenda packet.

7. Connect SoCal 2024: Implementation Strategies Update



Chair Shapiro provided background information on the Connect So Cal 2024 update. He asked Camille Guiriba, SCAG staff to begin this presentation.

Ms. Guiriba provided an update on Connect SoCal 2024 implementation strategies, highlighting progress in housing, workforce development, and economic opportunities.

CEHD members expressed their appreciation to Ms. Guiriba for delivering a thorough, and insightful presentation.

There were no public comments on this item.

There were no additional questions or comments from the CEHD Committee.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Shapiro provided an update on various SCAG initiatives and highlighted upcoming events including the STBG/CMAQ Call for Project Award funding recommendations, and the 2025 Southern California Economic Update which would take place during the Joint Policy Committee meetings on Thursday, December 4, 2025.

STAFF REPORT

Jonathan Davis, SCAG Government Affairs Officer, provided announcements about SCAG's Future Leaders Initiative. He noted that the application process would remain open through November 25, 2025, and encouraged individuals aged 18–36 residing within the six-county SCAG region to apply.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Shapiro adjourned the meeting of the Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee at 11:13 a.m. in honor of Veterans Day and in recognition of all who have served.

Carmen Summers
Community, Economic and Human Development Committee Clerk

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