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Fwd: Save the Coastal Plan

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From: **Brent Gaisford** <brentgaisford@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Date: Fri, May 8, 2020 at 11:09 AM
Subject: Save the Coastal Plan
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Dear City Clerk Holly L. Wolcott,

I am writing to express my concerns about the focus of Connect SoCal on exurban development, and the potential delay of the Connect SoCal adoption, which has the potential to cause SCAG to fail to meet its October RHNA deadline to move forward with the Coastal Plan. Since Connect SoCal provides guidance on the region's transportation investments over the next 25 years, these projections effectively perpetuate unsustainable sprawl. The severe consequences to the region of this type of plan will include rising traffic, greenhouse gas emissions, and housing costs. This threat multiplier would accelerate climate change and put more people at risk of heat and air pollution-related illnesses.

In addition to this problem, SCAG is considering delaying the adoption of Connect SoCal by 120 days without a clear objective to accomplish during that time. The issue with delaying adoption is that it could put our region at risk of not moving forward with the Coastal Plan as required by the RHNA process, since the Coastal Plan is linked with the growth forecasts of Connect SoCal. Noncompliance with RHNA cannot be an option for our region. A delay that improves the growth forecasts, but does not delay the adoption of the Coastal Plan, would be an acceptable alternative.

We believe that the Coastal Plan RHNA methodology aligns with the goals of the SCS to reduce VMT and GHG emissions. We stand by the Coastal Plan RHNA methodology for determining jurisdictions' housing allocations, and urge the Regional Council to certify the Coastal Plan RHNA methodology without delay.

Therefore, I respectfully ask that the Regional Council improve the SCS growth forecasts to reduce exurban sprawl, and prevent delay of the Coastal Plan finalization by the October deadline.

Personally sent by Brent Gaisford using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. AHLA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

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