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Fwd: Save the Coastal Plan

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From: Sean Hernandez <sean.j.hernandez@everyactionadvocacy.com>
Date: Sun, May 17, 2020 at 10:13 PM
Subject: Save the Coastal Plan
To: <cityclerk@lacity.org>

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 Sean Hernandez using Abundant Housing LA's Advocacy Tool. AHLA is a grassroots pro-housing organization.

Sincerely,
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Protect funds for Climate Emergency Office, Commission, Assemblies

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Mon, May 18, 2020 at 2:06 PM

Reply-To: cloid.hammers@gmail.com

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Dear LA City Clerk,

I am writing in support of the recent letter signed by 43 organizations requesting that funding for the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office (CEMO), the Climate Emergency Commission (CEC), and Community Assemblies be fully protected in the 2020-21 budget.

We know you face difficult choices every day that impact the well-being of Angelenos, including how to manage a budget deficit provoked by pandemic-induced economic shutdown. We also appreciate your aspiration to be forward-thinking in your response, and your recognition that we will create a “new normal” when we finally get past this crisis rather than going back to the “old normal” we left behind six weeks ago. That “new normal” must include preparing our city for inevitable crises of the future – both other pandemics predicted to be more common and the impacts of climate change, which in the long term could be more severe than COVID-19.

With a genuine crisis of leadership at the federal level, LA has the opportunity to continue leading on climate by offering a model of deep democracy and bold vision for the rest of the country and the world. We support Councilmember Koretz’s motion (#20-0482) to classify as essential emergency services any efforts to reduce greenhouse gas and toxic emissions. Consistent with that, we look forward to working with the Mayor, the City Council President, and the Budget and Finance Committee to secure these funds. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Please see our attached letter for further details.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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