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**MEETING OF THE**

**LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS  
AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, November 17, 2015**

*8:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m.*

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The Regional Council consists of 86 elected officials representing 191 cities, six counties, six County Transportation Commissions, one representative from the Transportation Corridor Agencies, one Tribal Government representative and one representative for the Air Districts within Southern California.

## **Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee**

*November 2015*

Pam O'Connor, District 41  
Kris Murray, District 18

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Becerra, Glen  
Clark, Margaret  
Daniels, Gene  
Finlay, Margaret  
Hagman, Curt  
Lorimore, Clint  
Martinez, Michele  
Larry McCallon  
Mitchell, Judy  
Pettis, Greg  
Viegas-Walker, Cheryl  
Wapner, Alan

### **Representing**

District 46  
District 32  
District 24  
District 35  
County of San Bernardino  
District 4  
District 16  
District 7  
District 40  
District 2  
District 1  
SANBAG

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Hon. Glen Becerra  
Metropolitan Transit Authority  
One Gateway Plaza  
19<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 19-44  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Hon. Margaret Clark  
Rosemead City Hall  
8838 E Valley Blvd  
Rosemead, CA 91770

Hon. Margaret Finlay  
2221 Rim Road  
Duarte, CA 91008

Hon. Curt Hagman  
San Bernardino County Government Center  
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4<sup>th</sup> District Conference Room  
San Bernardino, CA 92415

Hon. Clint Lorimore  
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Hon. Alan Wapner  
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Minneapolis, MN

# LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AGENDA NOVEMBER 17, 2015

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*The Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee may consider and act upon any of the items listed on the agenda regardless of whether they are listed as information or action items.*

## **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

*(Hon. Pam O'Connor, Chair)*

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

*Members of the public desiring to speak on items on the agenda, or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Committee, must fill out and present a Public Comment Card to the Assistant prior to speaking. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker provided that the Chair has the discretion to reduce this time limit based upon the number of speakers. The Chair may limit the total time for all comments to twenty (20) minutes.*

## **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

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- Southern California Leadership Council and the Center of Economic Development – \$20,000
- Coalition for America's Gateways & Trade Corridors (CAGTC) - \$6,500
- Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed) - \$5,000
- Mileage-Based User Fee Alliance (MBUFA) - \$5,000
- CEQA Working Group - \$5,000
- Town Hall Los Angeles- \$2,500

*(Darin Chidsey, Director of Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs)*

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

3. 2016 Legislative Priorities

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*(Darin Chidsey, Director of Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs)*

4. 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Outreach

- Elected Official Workshops
- Public Hearings
- Media Plan
- Videos and Fact Sheets
- RC Member Tool Kit

**Oral Report**

*(Darin Chidsey, Director of Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs)*

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5. Surface Transportation Authorization Report  
*(Darin Chidsey, Director of Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs)*

**Oral Report**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Any Committee member or staff desiring to place items on a future agenda may make such a request.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee is scheduled for 8:30 AM, Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at the SCAG Los Angeles Office.

**LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
of the  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**September 15, 2015  
Minutes**

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The Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee held its September 15, 2015 meeting at SCAG's downtown Los Angeles Office.

**Members Present**

Hon. Glen Becerra, District 46 – **(Teleconference)**  
Hon. Margaret Clark, District 32  
Hon. Gene Daniels, District 24  
Hon. Margaret Finlay, District 35  
Hon. Clint Lorimore, District 4 – **(Teleconference)**  
Hon. Michele Martinez, District 16 - **(Teleconference)**  
Hon. Larry McCallon – District 7 – **(Videoconference)**  
Hon. Judy Mitchell, District 40 – **(Videoconference)**  
Hon. Kris Murray, District 19 – **(Teleconference)**  
Hon. Pam O'Connor – District 14 – **(Teleconference)**  
Hon. Greg Pettis, District 2  
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, District 1 **(Teleconference)**  
Hon. Alan Wapner, SANBAG **(Teleconference)**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Hon. Greg Pettis, at 8:30 a.m. Roll-call was taken.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments presented.

**REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no reprioritization of the agenda

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Minutes of August 18, 2015 Meeting

A MOTION was MADE (Mitchell) to approve the Consent Calendar. The MOTION was SECONDED (Clark) and APPROVED by a majority vote. A roll-call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

**AYES:** Clark, Lorimore, Martinez, Mitchell, Murray, O'Connor, Pettis, Viegas-Walker, Wapner

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

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### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### 3. SCAG Sponsorship – California Economic Summit - \$16,000

A MOTION was made (Clark) to APPROVE the California Economic Summit Sponsorship - \$16,000. The MOTION was SECONDED (McCallon) and APPROVED by a majority vote. A roll-call vote was taken and recorded as follows:

**AYES:** Clark, Lorimore, Martinez, McCallon, Mitchell, Murray, O'Connor, Pettis, Viegas-Walker, Wapner

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### 3. Governor's Transportation Proposal

Darin Chidsey, Director of Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs, summarized the principal provisions of the transportation funding package, which seeks to address California's transportation and infrastructure funding needs and provide the necessary framework to address the systemic funding shortfall and future system needs.

#### 4. Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs Update

Darin Chidsey, Director of Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs, provided an update on upcoming events, including the General Assembly Host Committee Kick-Off Meeting, the Economic Summit on January 7, 2016, and the 2016 State Legislative Reception on March 15, 2016.

#### 5. Legislative Tracking Report

Darin Chidsey, Director of Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs noted that the Legislative Tracking Report is included in the agenda packet and is updated daily on SCAG's website on the legislative page.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no agenda items presented.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements presented.

## Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee Minutes

### ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Greg Pettis adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 20, 2015.

**Reviewed by:**



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*Darin Chidsey*  
*Director, Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs*

**DATE:** November 17, 2015

**TO:** Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee (LCMC)

**FROM:** Darin Chidsey; Director, Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs; (213) 236-1836;  
[chidsey@scag.ca.gov](mailto:chidsey@scag.ca.gov)

**SUBJECT:** SCAG Memberships

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**  
Approve

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*The Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee (LCMC) is asked to approve up to \$83,750 in FY 2015-16 memberships for: 1) California Association of Councils of Governments (\$39,750); 2) Southern California Leadership Council and the Center of Economic Development (\$20,000); 3) Coalition for America’s Gateways & Trade Corridors (\$6,500); 4) Los Angeles County Business Federation (\$5,000); 5) Mileage-Based User Fee Alliance (\$5,000); 6) CEQA Working Group (\$5,000); and 7) Town Hall Los Angeles (\$2,500)*

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports SCAG’s Strategic Plan: Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; and Goal 2: Obtain Regional Transportation infrastructure Funding and Promote Legislative Solutions for Regional Planning Priorities.

**BACKGROUND:**

**MEMBERSHIPS**

**1. California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) – \$39,750**

Established in 1977, the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG) is a statewide association representing 36 regional planning agencies working to assist each member in developing capacity to serve its members’ needs for regional coordination and policy development. CALCOG’s members serve as a forum for local governments to prepare regional plans, set regional transportation policy, strengthen the effectiveness of local government, and develop and maintain regional databases.

CALCOG works with and through its members to:

- Review plans, and policies on subjects agreed upon by members;

- Coordinate policy development as appropriate to the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties, the National Association of Regional Councils, and the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations;
- Promote more effective planning at the regional level;
- Conduct statewide workshops and conferences which provide members with an ideal opportunity to discuss key issues and learn from recognized experts in various fields; and
- Provide an informational clearinghouse on issues of concern to the regions and state.

The FY 2015-2016 annual dues are \$39,750. In the post-SB 375 era, and the vast quantity of legislation and policies related to regional issues and sustainable communities, CALCOG membership has become increasingly more valuable to SCAG and its members. CALCOG provides a strong voice for regional organizations in Sacramento with the legislature and the administration. CALCOG has provided extensive cap-and-trade work and analysis. Former SCAG President Pam O'Connor serves on CALCOG's Board of Directors and Hasan Ikhata serves on the Executive Director Committee.

## **2. Southern California Leadership Council and the Center of Economic Development – \$20,000**

Established in 2005, The Southern California Leadership Council is comprised of business and community leaders from throughout the 7 counties of Southern California, including four former California Governors. The Leadership Council funds, prioritizes, and approves the work of the Center of Economic Development (CED); which is a regional program of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC). As a program of the LAEDC, the CED benefits from related work of the LAEDC's acclaimed business assistance, economic research and consulting programs. The Center's work is funded, prioritized and approved by the Leadership Council to shape and solve public policy issues such as business vitality, resources (energy, water and environment), and transportation (goods and people) that are critical to SCAG and the region's economic vitality and quality of life. SCAG Executive Director Hasan Ikhata attends Southern California Leadership Council meetings and regularly brings SCAG Board officers. The annual dues are \$20,000.

## **3. Coalition for America's Gateways & Trade Corridors (CAGTC) – \$6,500**

SCAG is a founding member of the Coalition for America's Gateways & Trade Corridors (CAGTC) as part of the RC high-priority goal to seek a federal freight funding partnership. CAGTC works with and through its members to raise public recognition and Congressional awareness of U.S. freight needs to promote sufficient funding in federal legislation for trade corridors, gateways, intermodal connectors, and freight facilities. CAGTC is comprised of over sixty representative organizations, including state Departments of Transportations (DOTs), MPOs, ports, engineering firms, and freight corridors who work to improve national freight policy. All of the Southern California freight stakeholders are a member of CAGTC. As a CAGTC member, SCAG will have the opportunity to participate in helping shape national freight policy and legislation with the organization. RC Board Officers regularly travel to Washington, DC to attend the meetings and conferences. The annual dues are \$6,500.

## **4. Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed) – \$5,000**

The Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed) is made up of more than 145 business organizations representing over 272,000 employers throughout Los Angeles County, along with Southern California's leading civic-minded corporations and public agencies. This membership will allow SCAG access to utilize BizFed's massive business networks to actively promote SCAG's initiatives as part of the agency's ongoing work on the Southern California Economic Summit and the Southern California Economic Recovery & Job Creation Strategy. A \$5,000 Bronze Level Membership will give SCAG a seat on the BizFed Board of Directors and a seat on the BizFed Advocacy Committee.

## **5. Mileage-Based User Fee Alliance (MBUFA) – \$5,000**

The Mileage-Based User Fee Alliance (MBUFA) is a national non-profit organization that brings together government, business, academic, and transportation policy leaders to conduct education and outreach on the potential for mileage-based user fees as an alternative for future funding and improved performance of the U.S. transportation system. Formed in 2010, MBUFA is comprised of nearly 30 public and private sector entities from across the United States including AECOM, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), CDM Smith, Parsons Brinckerhoff, and seven other state departments of transportation. As a MBUFA member, SCAG will have the opportunity to shape the debate regarding mileage-based user fees in line with the funding strategies outlined in the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). Staff is recommending a "Gold" level membership, which in addition to education, advisory, and advocacy, also includes:

- Maximum exposure at MBUFA workshops;
- Podium recognition, signage, logo, and attendance at workshop sponsor dinners for up to three (3) guests; and
- Logo on programs and appropriate literature distribution.

## **6. CEQA Working Group – \$5,000**

The CEQA Working Group is a broad coalition representing business, labor, schools, hospitals, clean tech, transit, affordable housing and other organizations that are pushing for moderate reforms to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) that will preserve its original intent – environmental protection and public disclosure – while eliminating some of the misuses of CEQA that hurt job creation, community renewal, and the environment.

The coalition's list of partners includes, but is not limited to, some of the following organizations:

- California Alliance for Jobs
- Transportation California
- San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG)
- Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG)
- California Transit Association
- Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)
- Association of California Cities Orange County
- Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC)

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- San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
- Inland Empire Economic Partnership
- Los Angeles County Business Federation

SCAG staff has worked closely with the CEQA Working Group in recent years and a number of the coalition’s partners on furthering responsible ideas and dialogue on CEQA reform, and is recommending membership, with dues at \$5,000, in the coalition.

## 7. Town Hall Los Angeles – \$2,500

Town Hall Los Angeles convenes events around topics of regional concern and provides a platform for the discussion of solutions from a nonpartisan viewpoint. Since 1937, Town Hall Los Angeles has been supported entirely through dues and grants from individuals and organizations in the region and is counted among the Top Ten Leadership Forums in the nation. Their archive of nearly 5000 speakers provides a rich context for conversations about today’s economy, infrastructure, job growth, and other topics of importance to the region. SCAG members attend their meetings and events depending on the subject and availability.

SCAG staff is recommending that the agency continue support of Town Hall Los Angeles at the “Civic Circle” membership level with annual dues of \$2,500, which includes:

- Acknowledgement on website and in promotional materials including event materials and communications to speakers and members;
- Corporate tables of ten (10) at member rate with logo on signage at events (limit of one (1) table per event);
- Invitations to VIP receptions and exclusive events; and
- Los Angeles-area employees can also opt-in to be “Designees” receiving the following perks:
  - o Professional development;
  - o Access to the nation’s leaders;
  - o Reduced prices and advance notice on events; and
  - o Preferred seating at keynote and panel events.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

\$83,750 for memberships and sponsorships is included in the approved FY 15-16 General Fund budget.

### ATTACHMENTS:

None.

Reviewed by:



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*Director, Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs*

Reviewed by:



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*Chief Financial Officer*



**REPORT**

**DATE:** November 17, 2015

**TO:** Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee (LCMC)

**FROM:** Darin Chidsey; Director, Strategy, Policy & Public Affairs; (213) 236-1836;  
[chidsey@scag.ca.gov](mailto:chidsey@scag.ca.gov)

**SUBJECT:** 2016 Legislative Priorities

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

For Discussion Only – No Action Required.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*Each year, the Regional Council adopts legislative priorities for the state and federal legislative session. This report contains staff recommendations of legislative priorities for consideration by the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC) which builds upon the priorities adopted for 2015. At SCAG's 6th annual Economic Recovery Summit on January 7, 2016, SCAG will seek additional input from legislative, business, and public sector leaders and, should further legislative priority recommendations arise from the summit, will forward to the LCMC for consideration at its next meeting. Final recommendations of the 2016 state and federal legislative priorities will be forwarded to the Regional Council for consideration at its February 4, 2016 meeting.*

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan: Goal 1: Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; and Goal 2: Obtain Regional Transportation Infrastructure Funding and Promote Legislative Solutions for Regional Planning Priorities.

**BACKGROUND:**

The following legislative priorities for your consideration as SCAG priorities for 2016 encompass broad, policy oriented objectives of the agency that builds upon prior RC adopted goals and actions, as well as those supported and pursued by partner agencies in Southern California including, primarily, the six transportation commissions within SCAG's jurisdiction. These priorities are designed to be inclusive and to encompass a broad range of legislative proposals that may be advanced throughout the respective 2016 legislative sessions at the state and federal levels, which will be brought again to the LCMC and RC for consideration and action as the legislative calendar permits throughout the year.

**SPECIAL SESSION PRIORITIES**

The following priorities relate to potential considerations of the State Conference Committee appointed by legislative leadership as part of the first special extraordinary session called by the Governor in twenty-five years to address the state's transportation funding and infrastructure crisis. These legislative objectives have been agreed upon for support and advancement by the four major Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in California. Although proposals addressing these priorities may be considered

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by the Committee, likely there also will be other legislative proposals in the regular legislative session which to the extent they are consistent with these objectives would be supported as well.

**FUNDING** - Support of balanced consideration of revenue measures to addresses the State's systemic funding deficit, including proposals that return to transportation those revenues that previously may have been diverted to other purposes. Other measures that might be considered include a reasonable increase to the fuel tax that is indexed for the future, user fees, enhanced weight fees, pricing mechanisms, enhanced and expanded HOV/HOT lanes and other tolls, expanded P3s, and Cap-and-Trade funding.

**GOODS MOVEMENT** - As the nation's global trade gateway, Southern California's freight infrastructure is vital to the state and national economy. Support legislation enacting a robust funding increase to the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF), formerly funded by voter-approved transportation bond funds, building upon its prior success to fund critically needed infrastructure enhancements along California's high volume freight corridors.

**SHARED REVENUES** – Recognizing that cities and counties face tremendous road repair deficiencies and maintenance backlogs, support legislation that embraces sharing of roadway maintenance between state highways and local roads as vital to maintaining and improving the condition of each.

**OPERATIONAL AND EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS** – Support legislative efforts to provide efficiency reforms and streamline state processes to affect operational improvements and better utilize all funds invested into the public infrastructure.

## **REGULAR SESSION PRIORITIES**

**FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION IMPLEMENTATION** – As Congress nears passage of federal surface transportation authorization legislation, support state legislation to implement its provisions, including funding for metropolitan planning; investment in a national freight program; flexible use of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funding; supporting pilot program allowing States to let CEQA stand for NEPA reviews to eliminate duplicative environmental reviews; and permitting MPOs in addition to States to receive federal grant resources to conduct pilot programs or studies.

**ENHANCE & PROTECT TRANSPORTATION FUNDING** – Support legislative efforts to establish new sources of statewide funding for transportation infrastructure, whether advanced through regular or special legislative session, affecting fuel or other taxes, fees, surcharges, or other sources of funding. Protect all new sources of transportation from borrowing or use for any purpose other than those related to transportation. Support a regional equity component or consideration to additional revenues from any source to ensure that Southern California receives its fair share of funding based upon population, burden, and other quantifiable measures as may be identified to correspond with the funding source. Support legislation that ensures funding of 'fix-it-first' and maintenance of good repair expenditures to address the multi-billion dollar regional and statewide need to repair and maintain the existing infrastructure. Support dedicated, secure funding to state highways, streets, and local roads to support the maintenance and rehabilitation of the state and local road projects and transit systems, including but not limited to mileage based user fees and local revenue enhancement initiatives.

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**CAP-AND-TRADE FUNDING** - Support legislation to equitably distribute revenues from the implementation of the Cap-and-Trade program to transportation improvements and sustainable communities that maximize resources to the SCAG region. Specifically, in 2015 the Legislature deferred action on appropriating 40% of the annual Cap-and-Trade funding for the fiscal year, leaving approximately \$735 million un-allocated. This amount could be appropriated in FY2016-17 with the estimated \$1.5 billion of Cap-and-Trade funds which may be available from auction of emissions allowances for the fiscal year. SCAG supports legislation to increase the share of Cap-and-Trade funds dedicated to transportation, providing increased funding for goods movement projects and purposes that reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, public transit, active transportation, and other projects that implement a Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) and reduce carbon emissions.

**PROJECT STREAMLINING & EXPEDITING** - Support California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) modernization and process reform to expedite project delivery and promote job creation. Promote design-build, innovative procurement of projects, expedited judicial review of environmental related determinations, Public-Private-Partnerships (P3s), and in general increased options for contracting and financing, where appropriate, to achieve more efficient project delivery.

**PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS** - Support legislation consistent with the findings of the House T&I Committee Special Panel on Public-Private Partnerships to support P3s that are transparent, accountable, and synergistically marry the policy goals of the public sector with the financial needs and expertise of the private sector, including support of improved P3 design-bid-build & design-build procurement processes; improved performance standards to measure success, curtail project delays, reduce and provide more accountable expenditure.

**POVERTY AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT** - Support legislation that increases opportunities for workforce development and education, particularly initiatives that focus on regional coordination and investment in education and skills development in the region's top industry clusters. Support legislation that restores and strengthens programs that prevent, alleviate, and reduce poverty; reduce the wage gap; and improves access to education, training, and jobs. Support formal state recognition and commemoration of the War on Poverty.