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ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
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## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Members of the Public are Welcome to Attend In-Person*

**Thursday, May 7, 2026**  
**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**JW MARRIOTT DESERT SPRINGS RESORT & SPA**  
**SINATRA BALLROOM**  
**74-855 County Club Drive**  
**PALM DESERT, CA 92260**  
**(760) 341-2211**

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Cindy Allen, Long Beach

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Ray Marquez, Chino Hills

Second Vice President  
Jenny Crosswhite, Santa Paula

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Curt Hagman  
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For items listed on the Consent Calendar, please indicate that you wish to speak when the Consent Calendar is called. Items listed on the Consent Calendar will be acted upon with one motion and there will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the legislative body so requests, in which event, the item will be considered separately.

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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY – BUSINESS SESSION AGENDA

Southern California Association of Governments  
JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa  
Sinatra Ballroom  
74-855 Country Club Drive  
Palm Desert, CA 92260  
**Thursday, May 7, 2026**  
**11:00 AM**

### CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*(The Honorable Cindy Allen, President)*

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Matters Not on the Agenda)

This is the time for public comments on any matter of interest within SCAG’s jurisdiction that is **not** listed on the agenda. For items listed on the agenda, public comments will be received when that item is considered. Although the legislative body may briefly respond to statements or questions, under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon at this time.

### REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

#### ACTION ITEMS

1. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule, **PPG. 5**  
and Authorization to the Executive Administration Committee to Make Administrative Amendments to the General Fund Budget

*(Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer)*

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

As recommended by the Regional Council, that the General Assembly:

1. Adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-27 (FY 2026-27) General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule; and
2. Authorize the Executive Administration Committee to make administrative amendments to the FY 2026-27 General Fund Budget that do not impact the Membership Assessment Schedule, including amending the General Fund Budget approved by the General Assembly, when such exceedance can be covered by the Unassigned General Fund balance.

2. Ratification of 2026-27 Slate of Elected SCAG Officers

**PPG. 17**

*(Mike Maurer, Board Counsel)*

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Ratify the Regional Council’s election of the 2026-27 SCAG officers.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

##### Approval Item

3. Minutes of the Meeting of the General Assembly – May 1, 2025

**PPG. 43**

4. Adoption of Proposed Amendments to the SCAG Bylaws

**PPG. 51**



## GENERAL ASSEMBLY – BUSINESS SESSION AGENDA

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### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Year in Review - SCAG President 2025-2026 Accomplishments
- Recognition of Outgoing President Cindy Allen, Long Beach, RC District 30
- Recognition of Incoming President Ray Marquez, Chino Hills, RC District 10

### **ADJOURNMENT**



# AGENDA ITEM 1

## REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments  
May 7, 2026

**To:** GA- General Assembly Business Meeting

**From:** Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer  
213-630-1413, giraldo@scag.ca.gov

**Subject:** Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule, and Authorization to the Executive Administration Committee to Make Administrative Amendments to the General Fund Budget

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

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1. Adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-27 (FY 2026-27) General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule; and
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### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 5: Secure and optimize diverse funding sources to support regional priorities.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

*The General Fund is the designated financial resource for the operating budget of the Regional Council and other activities for which expenditures may not be eligible for grant funding. It is adopted annually by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Regional Council. The Draft FY 2026-27 General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule were approved by the Regional Council on March 5, 2026.*

### BACKGROUND:

The General Fund supports SCAG activities that are not funded by federal and state grant funds. The General Fund also pays for lobbying costs, legal fees, and other costs that are otherwise not allowable charges to the grants. The FY 2026-27 General Fund budget is \$3,347,614, compared to the FY 2025-26 Budget Amendment 2 of \$2,872,278.

The notable changes within the General Fund budget include a \$140,000 reduction in the budget for legal expenses. This reduction can be attributed to the winding down of active litigation. Additionally,



upgrades to microphones and audio systems in the large conference rooms in the SCAG office are nearing completion in FY 2025-26, and a \$160,000 reduction in Capital Outlay budget reflects the project progress. Should the project continue into FY 2026-27, the capital budget will be adjusted for any remaining unspent funds in the first budget amendment of FY 2026-27. Lastly, a \$209,803 increase for Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) task predominately accounts for staff effort to prepare for the upcoming RHNA cycle.

The General Fund Budget is predominately funded by the annual membership dues assessment for all members of SCAG. The member dues are calculated and allocated to agencies in accordance with the guidelines in Article VIII of the SCAG Bylaws and incorporates the annual CPI of 3.0105%. The FY 2026-27 General Fund budget includes anticipated Membership Assessment revenue collections of \$2,921,918. The full Membership Assessment Schedule and General Fund Budget for FY 2026-27 can be found in Attachment 1 to this staff report.

Consistent with prior years' action, the recommended action includes delegating to the Executive Administration Committee authority to make administrative amendments to the FY 2026-27 General Fund Budget that do not impact the Membership Assessment Schedule, including amending the General Fund Budget approved by the General Assembly, when such exceedance is necessary to execute or implement the operational activities and the exceedance can be covered by the Unassigned General Fund balance. Any such administrative amendments would be presented to the Executive Administration Committee for review and action at a noticed meeting.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Approval of the General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule provides financial resources for all activities associated with the Regional Council for FY 2026-27.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. FY27 General Fund Budget and Assessment Schedule (GA May 7, 2026)

# **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

## **GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

**Fiscal Year 2026-27**

# GENERAL FUND BUDGET

## General Fund Line Item Budget

The following table shows General Fund revenues and expenditures by task.

		FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget Amendment 02	FY27 Proposed Budget	Incr (Decr)
<b>REVENUE:</b>	Membership Dues:				
	Counties	380,014	388,228	398,264	10,036
	Cities, Tribal Governments	2,253,581	2,353,361	2,415,154	61,793
	Commissions	88,500	88,500	88,500	-
	Transportation Corridor Agency	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
	Air Districts	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
	Sub-total	\$ 2,742,095	\$ 2,850,089	\$ 2,921,918	\$ 71,829
	Interest	3,124,571	497,774	500,000	2,226
	Other	149,821	58,366	113,630	55,264
	General Assembly Sponsorships & Registrations	538,910	409,986	481,225	71,239
Transfer From/(To) Fund Balance	31,049	(998,358)	(669,159)	329,199	
Sub-total	\$ 3,844,351	\$ (32,232)	\$ 425,696	\$ 457,928	
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>\$ 6,586,446</b>	<b>\$ 2,817,857</b>	<b>\$ 3,347,614</b>	<b>\$ 529,757</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
<b>Task .01 Regional Council</b>	<b>Regional Council:</b>				
	EAC Retreat	35,235	30,000	40,000	10,000
	Legal Services	112,200	116,640	125,000	8,360
	Other Meeting Expense	35,108	35,000	35,000	-
	RC/Committee Meeting	4,975	5,000	5,000	-
	Stipends	176,550	301,683	301,683	-
	Travel - International	14,481	-	-	-
	Travel	42,773	86,000	86,000	-
	Mileage	20,306	25,000	25,000	-
Task sub-total	\$ 441,628	\$ 599,323	\$ 617,683	\$ 18,360	
<b>Task .02 Legislative</b>	<b>Legislative:</b>				
	Staff Time	23,028	51,089	49,310	(1,779)
	Federal/State Lobbyist	208,000	228,000	264,000	36,000
	Resource Materials/Subscriptions	74	500	-	(500)
	Networking Meeting/Special Events	715	-	-	-
	Other Meeting Expense	63,364	51,000	75,000	24,000
	Travel	11,717	10,200	12,200	2,000
	Mileage	4	200	100	(100)
Task sub-total	\$ 306,902	\$ 340,989	\$ 400,610	\$ 59,621	
<b>Task .03 RHNA</b>	<b>RHNA:</b>				
	Staff Time	-	-	168,303	168,303
	Legal Services	-	20,000	60,000	40,000
	Travel	-	-	1,500	1,500
Task sub-total	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 229,803	\$ 209,803	
<b>Task .04 Other Non-Labor</b>	<b>Other Non-Labor:</b>				
	SCAG Consultant	10,000	-	25,000	25,000
	Legal Services	86,086	290,000	150,000	(140,000)
	Subscriptions GASB 96	(7,049)	-	-	-
	Bank Fees	76,806	75,000	75,000	-
	Office Supplies	2,995	-	-	-
	Professional Memberships	1,450	900	900	-
	Other Meeting Expense	28,067	50,000	50,000	-
	Miscellaneous Other	120	20,000	20,000	-
	Travel	678	4,000	2,500	(1,500)
	Mileage	-	500	500	-
Employee Recognition	581	-	-	-	
Task sub-total	\$ 199,733	\$ 440,400	\$ 323,900	\$ (116,500)	



# GENERAL FUND BUDGET

## General Fund Line Item Budget (continued)

		FY25 Actual	FY26 Budget Amendment 02	FY27 Proposed Budget	Incr (Decr)
<b>Task .06 General Assembly</b>	<b>General Assembly:</b>				-
	Staff Time	9,876	13,718	14,087	369
	SCAG Consultant	42,991	44,596	43,200	(1,396)
	General Assembly	522,688	504,510	418,070	(86,440)
	Miscellaneous Other	9,580	4,700	4,700	-
	Travel	73	-	-	-
	Mileage	262	1,000	-	(1,000)
Task sub-total		\$ 585,470	\$ 568,524	\$ 480,057	\$ (88,467)
<b>Task .10 Capital Outlay &gt;\$5K</b>	<b>Capital Outlay &gt;\$5K</b>				-
	Capital Outlay	2,023	160,000	-	(160,000)
Task sub-total		\$ 2,023	\$ 160,000	\$ -	\$ (160,000)
<b>Task .11 Public Records Administration</b>	<b>Public Records Administration:</b>				-
	Staff Time		7,659	7,903	244
Task sub-total		\$ -	\$ 7,659	\$ 7,903	\$ 244
<b>Task .14 International Collaboration</b>	<b>International Collaboration:</b>				-
	Staff Time	1,178	8,873	5,156	(3,717)
	Travel - International	38,746	-	-	-
	Travel	283	-	-	-
	Mileage	18	-	-	-
Task sub-total		\$ 40,224	\$ 8,873	\$ 5,156	\$ (3,717)
<b>Task .23 Other Labor</b>	<b>Other Labor:</b>				\$ -
	Staff Time	1,084	-	-	-
	Travel	343	-	-	-
Task sub-total		\$ 1,426	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Task .26 Employee Engagement Program</b>	<b>Employee Engagement Program</b>				-
	Resource Materials/Subscriptions	480	-	-	-
	Engagement Committee	15,401	20,000	20,000	-
	Employee Recognition	8,767	15,000	15,000	-
	Other Meeting Expense		50,000	50,000	-
	Department Allowance	11,041	15,000	15,000	-
Task sub-total		\$ 35,690	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -
<b>Task .28 REAP 2.0 Grant Program</b>	<b>REAP 2.0 Grant Program</b>				-
	SCAG Consultant	1,407	-	-	-
Task sub-total		1,407	-	-	-
<b>Task .29 Special Events</b>	<b>Special Events</b>				-
	SCAG Consultant		18,604	20,000	1,396
	Office Supplies	1,863			-
	Scholarships	40,000	44,000	44,000	-
	Demographic Workshop	8,975	9,800	8,000	(1,800)
	Economic Summit	7,160	58,750	20,000	(38,750)
	SCAG Memberships	74,254	76,700	76,700	-
	RC Sponsorships	90,150	165,000	165,000	-
Task sub-total		\$ 222,401	\$ 372,854	\$ 333,700	\$ (39,154)
<b>Total for all tasks</b>		<b>\$ 1,836,904</b>	<b>\$ 2,618,622</b>	<b>\$ 2,498,812</b>	<b>\$ (119,810)</b>
Allocated Fringe Benefits		22,872	59,675	183,675	124,000
Allocated Indirect Costs		86,226	193,981	665,127	471,146
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,946,002</b>	<b>\$ 2,872,278</b>	<b>\$ 3,347,614</b>	<b>\$ 475,336</b>

\*Totals may not add due to rounding

# MEMBERSHIP ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS Proposed Membership Assessment Schedule Fiscal Year 2026-27 As of February 1, 2026

	UNINC POP COUNTIES/TOTAL POP CITIES	ASSESSMENTS 2026-27
<u>COUNTIES (6)</u>		
IMPERIAL	34,771	8,323
LOS ANGELES	1,004,490	174,327
ORANGE	133,033	43,452
RIVERSIDE	417,901	82,965
SAN BERNARDINO	297,505	66,265
VENTURA	93,233	22,932
SUB-TOTAL	1,980,933	398,264
<u>CITIES (191)</u>		
ADELANTO	37,150	5,653
AGOURA HILLS	19,904	3,011
ALHAMBRA	82,374	11,926
ALISO VIEJO	50,213	7,465
ANAHEIM	341,773	48,155
APPLE VALLEY	75,262	10,939
ARCADIA	56,116	8,284
ARTESIA	16,359	2,519
AVALON	3,383	569
AZUSA	48,988	7,295
BALDWIN PARK	70,848	10,327
BANNING	31,949	4,931
BARSTOW	24,811	3,691
BEAUMONT	59,708	8,782
BELL	33,315	5,121
BELLFLOWER	76,656	11,133
BELL GARDENS	38,471	5,836
BEVERLY HILLS	31,945	4,931
BIG BEAR LAKE	4,953	787
BLYTHE	15,400	2,386
BRADBURY	902	225
BRAWLEY	28,952	4,516
BREA	47,900	7,144
BUENA PARK	82,667	11,966
BURBANK	106,146	15,473
CALABASAS	22,797	3,412

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	UNINC POP COUNTIES/TOTAL	ASSESSMENTS
	POP CITIES	2026-27
CALEXICO	40,073	6,058
CALIMESA	10,994	1,775
CALIPATRIA	6,061	941
CAMARILLO	68,927	10,060
CANYON LAKE	11,004	1,776
CARSON	91,812	13,235
CATHEDRAL CITY	51,651	7,664
CERRITOS	47,871	7,140
CHINO	95,206	13,706
CHINO HILLS	77,314	11,224
CLAREMONT	37,299	5,674
COACHELLA	44,384	6,656
COLTON	53,278	7,890
COMMERCE	12,146	1,935
COMPTON	93,692	13,496
CORONA	159,157	22,826
COSTA MESA	110,321	16,052
COVINA	51,090	7,586
CUDAHY	22,132	3,320
CULVER CITY	40,403	6,104
CYPRESS	49,499	7,366
DANA POINT	32,730	5,040
DESERT HOT SPRINGS	33,262	5,114
DIAMOND BAR	53,539	7,926
DOWNEY	111,871	16,267
DUARTE	23,746	3,544
EASTVALE	69,799	10,181
EL CENTRO	46,007	6,881
EL MONTE	107,986	15,728
EL SEGUNDO	16,983	2,606
FILLMORE	17,035	2,613
FONTANA	219,172	31,150
FOUNTAIN VALLEY	56,560	8,345
FULLERTON	141,469	20,372
GARDEN GROVE	171,492	24,537
GARDENA	60,263	8,859
GLENDALE	192,212	27,411
GLENDORA	51,254	7,609
GRAND TERRACE	12,803	2,026
HAWAIIAN GARDENS	13,561	2,131

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	COUNTIES/TOTAL	ASSESSMENTS
	POP CITIES	2026-27
HAWTHORNE	85,653	12,380
HEMET	91,934	13,252
HERMOSA BEACH	19,014	2,887
HESPERIA	101,792	14,869
HIDDEN HILLS	1,746	342
HIGHLAND	57,088	8,418
HOLTVILLE	5,685	889
HUNTINGTON BEACH	193,134	27,539
HUNTINGTON PARK	53,051	7,858
IMPERIAL	22,866	3,422
INDIAN WELLS	4,862	774
INDIO	92,539	13,336
INDUSTRY	431	160
INGLEWOOD	106,305	15,495
IRVINE	318,629	44,945
IRWINDALE	1,509	309
JURUPA VALLEY	105,928	15,443
LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE	20,160	3,046
LA HABRA	61,202	8,989
LA HABRA HEIGHTS	5,503	863
LA MIRADA	48,233	7,190
LA PALMA	15,110	2,346
LA PUENTE	37,546	5,708
LA QUINTA	38,796	5,881
LA VERNE	32,300	4,980
LAGUNA BEACH	22,763	3,407
LAGUNA HILLS	30,309	4,704
LAGUNA NIGUEL	65,257	9,551
LAGUNA WOODS	17,183	2,633
LAKE ELSINORE	73,783	10,734
LAKE FOREST	87,639	12,656
LAKESWOOD	80,596	11,679
LANCASTER	177,768	25,407
LAWNSDALE	30,860	4,780
LOMA LINDA	25,322	4,012
LOMITA	20,407	3,081
LONG BEACH	462,561	64,909
LOS ALAMITOS	12,006	1,915
LOS ANGELES	3,835,263	533,219
LYNWOOD	66,660	9,746
MALIBU	10,604	1,721

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	UNINC POP COUNTIES/TOTAL	ASSESSMENTS
	POP CITIES	2026-27
MANHATTAN BEACH	34,051	5,223
MAYWOOD	24,496	3,648
MENIFEE	115,316	16,745
MISSION VIEJO	91,740	13,225
MONROVIA	38,920	5,898
MONTCLAIR	37,526	5,705
MONTEBELLO	62,732	9,201
MONTEREY PARK	59,269	8,721
MOORPARK	34,754	5,321
MORENO VALLEY	210,823	29,992
MURRIETA	111,789	16,256
NEEDLES	4,791	765
NEWPORT BEACH	82,654	11,965
NORCO	25,221	3,998
NORWALK	101,075	14,770
OJAI	7,559	1,148
ONTARIO	184,404	26,328
ORANGE	139,724	20,130
OXNARD	198,733	28,315
PALM DESERT	51,980	7,710
PALM SPRINGS	44,476	6,669
PALMDALE	167,097	23,927
PALOS VERDES ESTATES	12,999	2,053
PARAMOUNT	52,371	7,764
PASADENA	140,631	20,256
PERRIS	81,240	11,768
PICO RIVERA	60,858	8,941
PLACENTIA	53,982	7,988
POMONA	153,042	21,978
PORT HUENEME	20,838	3,140
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	175,992	25,161
RANCHO MIRAGE	17,120	2,625
RANCHO PALOS VERDES	40,727	6,149
RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA	46,341	6,928
REDLANDS	73,488	10,693
REDONDO BEACH	68,091	9,945
RIALTO	105,565	15,392
RIVERSIDE	320,337	45,182
ROLLING HILLS	1,677	333
ROLLING HILLS ESTATES	8,545	1,285

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	UNINC POP	
	COUNTIES/TOTAL	ASSESSMENTS
	POP CITIES	2026-27
ROSEMEAD	50,501	7,505
SAN BERNARDINO	222,727	31,643
SAN BUENAVENTURA	108,985	15,867
SAN CLEMENTE	62,865	9,220
SAN DIMAS	34,209	5,245
SAN FERNANDO	23,692	3,536
SAN GABRIEL	38,953	5,903
SAN JACINTO	54,990	8,127
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO	35,329	5,400
SAN MARINO	12,330	1,960
SANTA ANA	315,325	44,487
SANTA CLARITA	232,377	32,982
SANTA FE SPRINGS	18,680	2,841
SANTA MONICA	93,212	13,429
SANTA PAULA	31,658	4,891
SEAL BEACH	24,400	3,634
SIERRA MADRE	10,870	1,758
SIGNAL HILL	11,421	1,834
SIMI VALLEY	124,815	18,062
SOUTH EL MONTE	19,535	2,960
SOUTH GATE	92,955	13,393
SOUTH PASADENA	26,287	4,146
STANTON	40,552	6,125
TEMECULA	112,220	16,315
TEMPLE CITY	36,322	5,538
THOUSAND OAKS	122,468	17,737
TORRANCE	143,261	20,621
TUSTIN	79,326	11,503
TWENTYNINE PALMS	24,257	3,615
UPLAND	79,140	11,477
VERNON	207	129
VICTORVILLE	141,013	20,309
VILLA PARK	5,738	896
WALNUT	28,214	4,413
WEST COVINA	109,428	15,928
WEST HOLLYWOOD	35,284	5,394
WESTLAKE VILLAGE	7,918	1,198
WESTMINSTER	90,295	13,024
WESTMORLAND	2,084	389
WILDOMAR	37,077	5,643
WHITTIER	87,850	12,685

# MEMBERSHIP ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

### Proposed Membership Assessment Schedule Fiscal Year 2026-27

As of February 1, 2026

	UNINC POP COUNTIES/TOTAL	ASSESSMENTS
	POP CITIES	2026-27
YORBA LINDA	66,267	9,692
YUCCA VALLEY	22,027	3,305
YUCAIPA	54,838	8,106
SUB-TOTAL	16,789,873	2,418,882

#### TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS (16)

AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS	27,090	4,258
AUGUSTINE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS	0	150
CABAZON BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	192	127
CAHUILLA BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	229	132
CHEMEHUEVI INDIAN TRIBE	464	164
COLORADO RIVER RESERVATION	1,213	268
FORT MOJAVE INDIAN TRIBE	253	135
FORT YUMA (QUECHAN TRIBE) RESERVATION	1,876	360
MORONGO-MISSION INDIANS	1,243	272
PECHANGA BAND OF LUISENO INDIANS	582	181
RAMONA BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	0	150
SAN MANUEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	137	119
SANTA ROSA BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS	131	118
SOBOBA BAND OF LUISENO INDIANS	567	179
TORRES MARTINEZ BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS	119	117
TWENTY-NINE PALMS BAND OF MISSION INDIANS	0	150
SUB-TOTAL	34,096	6,880

# MEMBERSHIP ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

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As of February 1, 2026

	UNINC POP COUNTIES/TOTAL POP CITIES	ASSESSMENTS 2026-27
<u>COMMISSIONS (7)</u>		
SBCTA	2,207,424	25,000
RCTC	2,495,640	25,000
VCTC	829,005	10,000
ICTC	186,499	3,500
Transportation Corridor Agency		10,000
OCTA	3,175,427	25,000
Air Districts		10,000
SUB-TOTAL	<u>8,893,995</u>	<u>108,500</u>
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AND ASSESSMENTS		<u><u>2,932,526</u></u>





## AGENDA ITEM 2

### REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments  
May 7, 2026

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**To:** GA- General Assembly Business Meeting  
**From:** Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel  
213-630-1478, elder@scag.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Ratification of 2026-27 Slate of Elected SCAG Officers

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

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#### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Ratify the Regional Council's election of the 2026-27 SCAG officers.

#### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 4: Build a unified culture anchored in the pursuit of organizational excellence.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

*On April 9, 2026, the Regional Council elected the following slate of officers to serve as the 2026-27 SCAG board officers. The General Assembly is asked to ratify the Regional Council's election of the following individuals:*

<i>For the Position of President:</i>	<i>The Honorable Ray Marquez, Chino Hills</i>
<i>For the Position of First Vice President:</i>	<i>The Honorable Jenny Crosswhite, Santa Paula</i>
<i>For the Position of Second Vice President:</i>	<i>The Honorable Patricia Lock Dawson, Riverside</i>

#### BACKGROUND:

On March 11, 2026, the Nominating Committee met to review the applications for the 2026-27 Board officer positions for President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President. Five (5) members of the Regional Council submitted timely applications for the three (3) SCAG officer positions by the deadline of February 20, 2026: For the position of President, the Honorable Ray Marquez; for the position of First Vice President, the Honorable Jenny Crosswhite; and for the position of Second Vice President, the Honorable Daniel Ramos, the Honorable David Shapiro, and the Honorable Patricia Lock Dawson. After providing opportunity for the applicants to address the committee, and after discussing the respective qualifications of the applicants, the Nominating Committee unanimously nominated the above-referenced candidates.

On April 9, 2026, the Regional Council reviewed the nominated candidates and unanimously elected the slate of officers. All candidates satisfy the eligibility requirements for SCAG officers as set forth in the SCAG Bylaws. The Regional Council, therefore, recommends that the General Assembly ratify the

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Regional Council's election of the 2026-27 SCAG officers, whose terms of office shall commence upon the adjournment of today's General Assembly meeting.

Attached to this report are the applications of the elected candidates.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Applications for the candidates listed herein:

1. The Honorable Ray Marquez
2. The Honorable Jenny Crosswhite
3. The Honorable Patricia Lock Dawson

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## 2026-27 SCAG Board Officer Position Application

Acknowledgement

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Name: Ray Marquez  
Phone Number: (909) 364-2620  
Email: rmarquez@chinohills.org

Name of SCAG member county, city, Transportation Corridor Agencies, air district, county transportation committee, agency of public transportation representative, or federally recognized Indian Nation Tribal Council of which you are a locally elected official. San Bernardino

Application for Board Officer Position: President

Number of months served continuously on the SCAG Regional Council and/or policy committee(s). Note: The Bylaws require, among other requirements, at least 24 continuous months of service on the Regional Council and/or a policy committee, with at least 12 144

months of service as a Regional Council member.

Total length of SCAG service (indicate number of years of service). 12

When does the term of your local elected position expire? 12-01-2026

Would term limits prevent you from maintaining your local elected position? No

Please list positions held at SCAG. Southern California Association of Government - Regional Council (Assuming October 6, 2014), 2015-2025  
SCAG Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee 2017, 2020-2025  
SCAG Transportation Committee 2017, 2020-2025 (Chair 2022)  
SCAG Executive Administration Committee 2022-2025  
SCAG Scholarship Committee 2021-2025 (Chair 2024)  
SCAG 2nd Vice President 2024  
SCAG 1st Vice President 2025

1. Why do you wish to serve as a SCAG board officer? I have consistently been involved with my community over many years, including with SCAG, and serving on several other regional and local committees. I have been a Chairperson for Transportation, General Assembly Host Committee, and the Scholarship Committee. I'm currently 1st Vice President and I am aligned with the direction SCAG is headed and I have the ability to continue to propel us forward.

2. As a board officer, what would you contribute to SCAG? I will use my skills obtained from past experiences on SCAG to formulate a plan of action, and move our goals and objectives forward. I will listen to my colleagues and their ideas and work collaboratively to reach the goals that are set.

3(A) In addition to attending regular and special meetings of SCAG's Regional Council, will you be able to attend other meetings and functions of SCAG, if requested? Yes.

3(B) What professional or personal constraints do you anticipate on your time or service? I will continue to dedicate my time in my official capacity and will modify my schedule with my organization and family as needed, or required.

4. What values and skills can you bring to SCAG as a board officer? I welcome feedback and collaboration when making informed decisions. I care about my constituents and colleagues, and I try to put myself in their position when working together to formulate an action plan.

5. What is your vision for the future of SCAG, and what do you believe needs to be done to accomplish this vision?

One of my visions for the future of SCAG is the need to collaborate at the state and local levels regarding RHNA. We must effectively communicate the seriousness of a housing shortage with all of our partners at the many different levels of government. I would like to pave a way for our City partners to be heard and have a seat at the table when discussing the RHNA process with the State of California.

6. In your opinion, what are the strengths of SCAG?

SCAG is a very diverse group of people and therefore we are able to view situations from many different perspectives which allows for better collaboration and sharing of ideas.

7. What could SCAG improve on?

SCAG needs to continue to work together as a diverse group to improve on California's challenges pertaining to housing, fire mitigation, and transportation needs. California needs to create a stronger relationship with Washington D.C. and to collaborate with the Federal Government to make necessary changes to enhance all of the SCAG regions' quality of lives.

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# VICE MAYOR RAY MARQUEZ, CITY OF CHINO HILLS



**VICE MAYOR  
RAY MARQUEZ**

City of Chino Hills  
Chino Hills, California  
Term of Office: 2022-2026

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Ray Marquez was first elected to the Chino Hills City Council in a special election held in 2013 to fill a vacancy created by a City Council Member's resignation. After serving the remainder of that term, he has been re-elected three times in 2014, 2018, and 2022. Council Member Marquez served as Mayor in 2017 and 2022 and lives in District 1.

He has been an active volunteer, civic leader, and realtor in the community since 1984. Prior to joining the City Council, he served as a member of the Chino Hills Incorporation Committee, the Planning Commission (1992-1994), the Parks and Recreation Commission (1994-2006), and the Chino Valley Fire District Board (2006-2013).

Vice Mayor Marquez serves on the following committees:

- Cal Cities (League of California Cities)
  - Board of Directors
  - Inland Empire Division Executive Committee, Past President
  - Latino Caucus Board of Directors, Past President
  - Latino Caucus Legislative Committee
  - Public Safety Policy Committee
  - State Level - Legislative Task Force
- City of Chino Hills Committee
  - Transportation ad hoc Committee
- California Joint Powers Insurance Authority
- San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA)
  - Board of Directors, Past President
  - Emergency Resilience Center Design ad hoc Committee
  - General Policy Committee
  - Foothill Gold Line Joint Powers Authority
  - Legislative Policy Committee
  - Measure I ad hoc Committee
  - Metro Valley Board Study Session
  - Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC)
  - State Route 91 Advisory Committee
  - Transit Committee
- Southern California Association of Governments, Vice President
  - Audit Committee, Chair
  - Legislative / Communications & Membership Committee
  - Regional Council Board, District Number 10
  - Scholarship Committee
  - Transportation Committee
- Southern California Regional Rail Authority/Metrolink Board of Directors
  - Contracts, Operations, Maintenance, and Safety Committee
  - Fuel Hedging ad hoc Committee
- Tres Hermanos Conservation Authority Board of Directors

Currently, Vice Mayor Marquez serves on the San Bernardino County Airports Commission, Y.M.C.A. Board of Managers, Carbon Canyon Fire Safe Council, Hope for the Hills Board of Directors, and the Greater Chino Hills Rotary Club. He has also served as a Salvation Army TLC Advisory Board Member, Chino Centennial Advisory Committee member, Canyon Hills Little League President, A.Y.S.O. Head Coach, Junior All-American Football Athletic Director, and a volunteer for the Chino Hills Citizens Patrol.

Vice Mayor Marquez retired from the City of Santa Fe Springs Fire Department after a 28-year career. He is a California-licensed realtor and broker in Chino Hills. Vice Mayor Marquez and his wife, Barbara, were married in 1983 and moved to Chino Hills in 1984, where they raised their three adult sons.



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## 2026-27 SCAG Board Officer Position Application

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**Name** Jenny Crosswhite

**Phone Number** [REDACTED]

**Email** [jcrosswhite@spcity.org](mailto:jcrosswhite@spcity.org)

**Name of SCAG member county, city, Transportation Corridor Agencies, air district, county transportation committee, agency of public transportation representative, or federally recognized Indian Nation Tribal Council of which you are a locally elected official.** City of Santa Paula (District 47)

**Application for Board Officer Position** First Vice President

**Number of months served continuously on the SCAG Regional Council and/or policy committee(s). Note: The Bylaws require, among other requirements, at least 24 continuous months of service on the Regional Council and/or a policy committee, with at least 12** 36

months of service as a Regional Council member.

Total length of SCAG service (indicate number of years of service). 3

When does the term of your local elected position expire? 12-02-2026

Would term limits prevent you from maintaining your local elected position? No

Please list positions held at SCAG. Second Vice President  
Chair, General Assembly Host Committee  
Chair, Audit Committee  
Chair, Energy and the Environment Committee  
Vice Chair, Energy and the Environment Committee  
Regional Council Member  
Executive Administration Committee  
Legislative and Membership Committee  
Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee

1. Why do you wish to serve as a SCAG board officer? I am passionate about the work that SCAG does in our region and I want to be part of guiding the conversation as we consider how various issues impact each of the 6 counties and 191 cities in our region. Whether we are helping plan for how to move goods and people through the region during the Olympics and Paralympics, helping our cities be better prepared for extreme weather events, or planning for where housing should be located, everything we do impacts the 19 million people in the region, whether they know it or not.

2. As a board officer, what would you contribute to SCAG? As someone who comes from one of our smaller regions, it is important to me that we always keep in mind the diversity of our region and the issues facing even the smaller regions. Making sure that each part of our region has an increased quality of life is really important to me. I believe I bring skills and a perspective to leadership that are beneficial to the organization as a whole.

3(A) In addition to attending regular and special meetings of SCAG's Regional Council, will you be able to attend other meetings and functions of SCAG, if requested? Yes

3(B) What professional or personal constraints do you anticipate on your time or service? I serve on a number of other boards and commissions but as I have done this year while serving as Second Vice President, I will work hard to attend other meetings and function as needed. I am fortunate to have a relatively flexible schedule.

4. What values and skills I value people and working together to find common ground. I



can you bring to SCAG as a board officer?

am a good listener, public speaker, and I have experience running meetings as I have served as Mayor twice in my city, and as chair of other boards that I have served on. I think through issues thoroughly and always prepare for meetings and discussions.

5. What is your vision for the future of SCAG, and what do you believe needs to be done to accomplish this vision?

I would love to see the day where everyone understands the importance of the work that SCAG does and how it makes a difference not just in LA county but in the entire region. Whether it's around housing issues, transportation, energy and the environment, economics, or resiliency, it would be great if more people could understand how what we do really is about making life better for all 19 million residents in our region.

In order to do that, one thing we need to do is to continue to educate the region about who we are and the value of our work. Part of this comes through more engagement with the city officials in our region. It also comes through finding ways to communicate some of the complex amazing planning work we do to our communities in practical hands-on ways. Another thing we need to do is continue to educate our legislators about how the work we do is making a practical difference in every part of our region. Any time we have meetings with our State and Federal Representatives, we need to be able to tell the story of how the work we are doing and the things we are advocating for will help the residents in their district.

6. In your opinion, what are the strengths of SCAG?

SCAG has a lot of strengths. One is our diversity. Another is the way we are able to bring together stakeholders from across the region to make sure that we are advocating for policies and making planning decisions that are in the best interest of the entire region. We have a strong staff and great members that all work together to advocate and plan for a better future.

7. What could SCAG improve on?

Just like our cities and counties, we can always continue to improve our public engagement throughout the region.

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## Jenny Crosswhite

Councilmember

### Strengths

- Strategic Thinking
- Public Speaking
- Attention to Detail
- Relationship building
- Bilingual: English and Spanish

### Select Work Experience

- Graphic Designer
- Communications Director
- Pastor
- Event Coordinator
- English as a Foreign Language Program Coordinator
- After School Program Coordinator

### Education

- Masters Degree, Divinity, *Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary*
- B.A. Degree, Spanish & Graphic Design, *Western Oregon University*

### Contact Information

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[jcrosswhite@spcity.org](mailto:jcrosswhite@spcity.org)

### Leadership

- Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG): Second Vice President (2025-6), Audit Committee Chair (2025-6), General Assembly Host Committee Chair (2025-6), Energy & the Environment Committee Chair (2025), SCAG EEC Vice Chair (2024)
- Chair, Local Area Formation Commission, 2024
- Vice Chair, Local Area Formation Commission, 2023
- Mayor, City of Santa Paula, 2016, 2022
- Vice Mayor, City of Santa Paula, 2015, 2021
- Councilmember, City of Santa Paula, 2014-Present
- Chair, Ventura Council of Governments, 2021
- Vice Chair, Ventura Council of Governments, 2020
- Vice Chair, Ventura Regional Sanitation District, 2022

### Present Council Assignments

- SCAG Regional Council Member, District 47
- SCAG Executive Administration Committee Member
- SCAG Energy and the Environment Committee
- SCAG Legislative Committee
- Ventura Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCo)
- Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG), Alternate
- Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC)
- VCTC Heritage Valley Policy Advisory Committee
- Santa Paula Branch Line Advisory Committee
- Clean Power Alliance, Board & Executive Committee
- Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance
- City Council Economic Development Committee
- Economic Development Collaborative - Ventura County, Alternate

### Select Past Council Assignments

- SCAG Greenprint Technical Advisory Committee
- Council Development Agreement Negotiations Team
- Ventura Regional Sanitation District (VRSD)
- VRSD District Personnel and Finance Committee
- VCOG Board and Administrative Committee
- Homeless and Housing Committee
- City Council Finance Committee
- All Children Thrive (ACT) Design Committee
- School District/City Council Joint Committee
- Council Water & Sewer Rate Study Committee
- Council Cannabis Committee
- Council Solid Waste Contract Negotiations Committee
- Council City Council Website Redesign Committee
- Liaison, Citizen's Crops (Emergency Preparedness)
- Liaison, Property Business Improvement District
- Liaison, Parks and Recreation Commission
- Community Action of Ventura County Board Member

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Name Patricia Lock Dawson  
Phone Number (951) 544-3789  
Email PDawson@riversideca.gov

Name of SCAG member county, city, Transportation Corridor Agencies, air district, county transportation committee, agency of public transportation representative, or federally recognized Indian Nation Tribal Council of which you are a locally elected official. Riverside

Application for Board Officer Position Second Vice President

Number of months served continuously on the SCAG Regional Council and/or policy committee(s). Note: The Bylaws require, among other requirements, at least 24 60 continuous months of service on the Regional Council and/or a policy committee, with at least 12

months of service as a Regional Council member.

Total length of SCAG service (indicate number of years of service) 5

When does the term of your local elected position expire? 12-01-2028

Would term limits prevent you from maintaining your local elected position? No

Please list positions held at SCAG.

- SCAG's Executive Administration Committee
- Community, Economic & Human Development Committee
- Energy & Environment Committee
- Vice Chair and Chair of the Legislative Communications & Membership Committee (LCMC)

1. Why do you wish to serve as a SCAG board officer?

I want to serve because the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) plays a central role in how our region and state grow, move, and most importantly, compete economically. I bring a proven track record of regional leadership, innovative economic strategy, and aggressive advocacy to the SCAG board. My leadership in Riverside has been defined by moving beyond local governance to creating a collaborative model that sets a blueprint for modern American cities. I want to be part of defining Southern California's future and SCAG's role in that process is pivotal.

Over the next several years, Southern California will need to modernize its transportation and freight systems, particularly the trade corridors connected to the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, while accelerating a clean freight transition that protects jobs and strengthens supply chains. SCAG also plays a key role in housing planning and allocation. We need to better align our housing with job centers, transit access, and infrastructure capacity, helping reduce conflict among jurisdictions and supporting the state's housing production goals.

By serving on the Board, I want to advance stronger regional coordination, encourage transparent and data-driven decision-making, and present a strong unified Southern California voice in Sacramento and Washington. Our region represents nearly half of California's population and a significant share of its economy. Thoughtful regional leadership can ensure that growth, environmental progress, mobility, and economic vitality move forward together for the benefit of the entire state.

2. As a board officer, what would you contribute to SCAG?

I bring a unique set of skills and experience to this role, having spent my career championing innovation and assertive regional leadership. As the Chair of the California Big City Mayors Coalition, I claimed our "seat at the head of the table," unifying the state's 13 largest cities to create the C13 Action Agenda to tackle homelessness, housing affordability, and economic competitiveness. My position on the California Air Resources Board and my success in securing over \$300 million in state and federal funding for critical infrastructure, demonstrate my ability to advocate effectively at the highest levels of

government to deliver tangible results for Southern California.

Beyond advocacy, I have a proven track record of transforming bold visions into economic reality, evidenced by my success in making the region a global magnet for Green Tech leaders like Ohmio, Voltu, and Hyundai Rotem. I have tackled our most difficult social challenges with urgency and empathy, achieving functional zero for youth homelessness and overseeing a 25% drop in violent crime through smart, data-driven policing. Having already collaborated with the Southern California Association of Governments to host a regional housing summit for the Inland Empire, I am prepared to lead our organization with the same "heavyweight contender" mindset that has elevated Riverside into a statewide leader in sustainability, safety, and economic power.

3(A) In addition to attending regular and special meetings of SCAG's Regional Council, will you be able to attend other meetings and functions of SCAG, if requested?

Yes.

3(B) What professional or personal constraints do you anticipate on your time or service?

None.

4. What values and skills can you bring to SCAG as a board officer?

- Ability to mediate housing conflicts
- Technical understanding of transportation finance
- Economic literacy
- Political diplomacy across ideological divides
- Vision that integrates climate + growth
- Economic development strategy
- Fiscal management
- Infrastructure financing
- Intergovernmental negotiation
- Data-driven planning

5. What is your vision for the future of SCAG, and what do you believe needs to be done to accomplish this vision?

When I think about the future of the Southern California Association of Governments, I see an organization that fully steps into its power. SCAG should not simply be a compliance body. We are not here just to distribute housing numbers or produce planning documents. We represent nearly half of California's population and a significant share of its economy. That means we have both the responsibility and the authority to lead.

My vision is for SCAG to be an assertive, unified regional voice in Sacramento and Washington. When decisions are being made about infrastructure, transportation funding, housing policy, or environmental regulations, Southern California should not be reacting. We should be shaping the conversation. We are at a pivotal moment. Our trade corridors connected to the Port of Los Angeles and the Port of Long Beach are critical not only to our region, but to the entire nation. We must modernize our transportation and freight systems while accelerating the transition to clean freight. And we must do so in a way that protects jobs, strengthens supply chains, and

positions Southern California as a global leader in innovation. Economic growth and environmental progress are not competing priorities — they are interdependent.

On housing, we have an opportunity to reduce conflict and improve outcomes. I believe SCAG must continue refining its housing allocation methodology so it better aligns with job centers, transit access, and infrastructure capacity. When we ground our decisions in transparent, data-driven analysis, we build trust among jurisdictions and move closer to meeting the state's housing goals in a way that is both realistic and equitable.

I also believe SCAG must move from planning alone to implementation. Plans are important, but outcomes matter more. That means stronger advocacy for infrastructure dollars, better coordination among counties and cities, and measurable results that improve mobility, expand housing opportunity, and grow our economy.

In short, my vision for SCAG is bold and collaborative, where we align growth with sustainability; where we compete globally; and where we move forward together, with purpose and urgency, for the benefit of the entire state.

6. In your opinion, what are the strengths of SCAG?

SCAG's greatest strength is its ability to convene. Southern California is vast, diverse, and often fragmented across jurisdictions, yet SCAG brings cities, counties, and regional partners together under one roof. That convening power is essential as it allows us to address complex challenges such as housing, transportation, goods movement, and climate resilience, at the scale they truly exist.

SCAG also provides critical data, modeling, and technical expertise that many cities, especially mid-sized and smaller ones, would not otherwise have the capacity to produce on their own. Its regional planning efforts help align state mandates with local implementation realities, and its advocacy ensures that Southern California's voice is heard in Sacramento and Washington.

Finally, SCAG understands that our economy is interconnected. The Inland Empire, Los Angeles Basin, and coastal communities rise or fall together. SCAG's regional economic lens helps ensure we are planning for long-term prosperity.

7. What could SCAG improve on?

First, there is room to strengthen communication and transparency with member cities. Regional plans often feel highly technical and compliance-driven. Local elected leaders and residents benefit when regional goals are translated into clear, practical impacts for their communities. Making regional planning more accessible builds trust and buy-in.

Second, while SCAG is strong in planning, implementation remains a challenge. Regional strategies are only as effective as the funding, flexibility, and tools provided to local governments to carry them out. Continued advocacy for realistic timelines, infrastructure investment, and funding alignment would strengthen SCAG's impact.

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## **SCAG Accomplishments – Mayor Lock Dawson**

Mayor Lock Dawson was first elected to the SCAG Regional Council in 2021 and has been appointed by the Riverside City Council three times to represent the largest city in Riverside County on SCAG’s 86-member board. Throughout her five-year tenure, Mayor Lock Dawson has served on SCAG’s Executive Administration Committee, Community, Economic & Human Development Committee, Energy & Environment Committee, and has been a visionary leader as both Vice Chair and Chair of the Legislative Communications & Membership Committee (LCMC). In every role she has accepted, Mayor Lock Dawson has been a thought partner and a trailblazing leader, always asking important questions, ensuring regional equity, and advocating for the entire SCAG region.

Major Accomplishments Include:

- **In Her Role as LCMC Chair**
  - 3 consecutive terms as Chair
  - Led 24 meetings as Chair of the LCMC
  - Provided Leadership in Sacramento Advocacy Trips, making connections with key members of the legislature and CA agencies
  - Made several connections to CARB, AQMD, Big City Mayors
  - Hosted special guest speakers including:
    - Congressman Ken Calvert
    - Senate President Pro Tem Monique Limon
    - Assemblymember Jose Luis Solache
    - Assemblymember Luz Rivas
  - Under her leadership as LCMC chair, SCAG took a formal position on 24 state bills during FY 2024-25, ensuring SCAG continued to be an influential voice at the state capitol.
  
- **Convened Inland Empire Housing Workshop**
  - As part of her role with SCAG, Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson partnered with the agency to host the Inland Empire Housing Workshop, convening local governments, housing professionals, and community organizations to tackle the region’s most pressing housing challenges.
  - The workshop advanced practical solutions to increase housing supply by aligning infrastructure planning, reducing development barriers, and sharing regional data, financing tools, and peer strategies.
  - By bringing together state, regional, and local expertise, the convening strengthened cross-jurisdiction collaboration and equipped Inland Empire



communities with actionable tools to accelerate housing production and affordability.

- **REAP Preservation**

- As chair of LCMC, led bi-partisan efforts to protect REAP 2.0, helping restore \$480 million for the REAP 2.0 Program. The following year, her leadership was instrumental in securing an extension of the expenditure deadline for those funds.
- Sponsor Bill -AB 2485
  - As chair of LCMC, Mayor Lock Dawon led the charge on legislative reforms to increase transparency in the legislative process.
  - Discussions from this have led to increased transparency with HCD and other avenues, for example, SCAG is getting the RHNA determination a year earlier (this October).

## **About Mayor Lock Dawson**

Patricia Lock Dawson is a Riverside native and small business owner. She was elected Riverside's 18th mayor in 2020. Mayor Lock Dawson is the first UC Riverside graduate and second woman to be elected to Riverside's only citywide office in its 150-year history. She has an extensive record of service to Riverside, the Inland Southern California region, and the state. Mayor Lock Dawson served three political appointments under two gubernatorial administrations alongside serving in every level of government prior to being Mayor of Riverside.

As an environmental scientist and wildlife biologist by training, Mayor Lock Dawson was instrumental in passing legislation to secure tens of millions of dollars in state and federal funds for regional conservation, habitat, and infrastructure projects. She is well-known across the state as a champion of the Santa Ana River—the namesake of the City of Riverside.

### **Achievements**

Under Mayor Lock Dawson's collaborative leadership, Riverside has secured over \$300 million in state and federal dollars to address needs in infrastructure, homelessness, and workforce development. Her success in securing historic levels of funding for the city is also accompanied by her advocacy work in reforming major mental healthcare laws that have not been accomplished in the last 50+ years. Mayor Lock Dawson's individual lobbying efforts led to the historic passage of CARE Court, a tool that empowers family members, first responders, and behavioral health providers to petition the court to get help for those incapable of caring for themselves. Her award-winning programs for combatting homelessness have been recognized locally and statewide and serve as an instrumental blueprint aimed at prevention and intervention.

Mayor Lock Dawson is a member of several boards and coalitions such as the California Air Resource Board (CARB), League of California Cities (LCC), Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI), US Conference of Mayors, Riverside Conservation Authority, South Coast Air Quality Management District, and Global Land Use & Economic Council Meeting . The Mayor notably Chairs the Big City Mayors, the Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee for the Southern California Association of Governments and is the Vice Chair of the Community and Economic Development Federal Advocacy Committee for the National League of Cities.

### **Awards**

As an accomplished, respected leader in the community, Mayor Lock Dawson has achieved numerous awards and accolades throughout her career as a public servant. One of the most notable awards she has received is the Art Pick Distinguished Leader Award from the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce.



CITY OF ANAHEIM  
MAYOR ASHLEIGH E. AITKEN, ESQ.

February 19, 2026

**RE: Support Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson’s application for Second Vice President of Southern California Association of Governments**

Dear Selection Committee –

I, Mayor Ashleigh Aitken, City of Anaheim, am writing to express my strong support for current Chair of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC), Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson, in her application for Second Vice President.

A lifelong public servant and proven leader, Mayor Lock Dawson has consistently advanced innovative, forward-thinking solutions that improve quality of life for residents across the region. Under her leadership, Riverside has transformed its economy into a clean and green technology hub. She has successfully attracted national and international clean-technology firms to establish headquarters in Riverside while fostering a sustainable innovation ecosystem through strategic partnerships among the private sector, public universities, and local government. This model has not only strengthened Riverside’s economy but has also served as a replicable best practice for cities throughout the Inland Empire and across California.

Her leadership is also reflected through her service as Chair of SCAG’s LCMC Committee, where she has strengthened regional collaboration and advanced policy strategies that reflect the diverse needs of Southern California communities. Serving three consecutive terms as Chair, Mayor Lock Dawson has demonstrated a consistent ability to convene stakeholders, promote information sharing, and advance balanced, forward-looking policy solutions aligned with SCAG’s regional priorities. Under her leadership, the Committee expanded its advocacy efforts by strengthening engagement with bipartisan, high-level decision-makers in Sacramento. During the 2024–2025 legislative cycle, SCAG took positions on 24 state bills, and through her advocacy, successfully led a bipartisan effort to protect REAP 2.0, helping restore \$480 million for the program and later securing an extension of the expenditure deadline. Beyond legislative advocacy, Mayor Lock Dawson has created new platforms to share best practices, including the 2026 Inland Empire Housing Workshop, which convened local governments, housing professionals, and community organizations to address the region’s most urgent housing challenges.

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For these reasons, **I strongly support** Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson’s application to Second Vice President and am confident she will continue to provide thoughtful, collaborative, and visionary leadership that advances SCAG’s mission and benefits the entire Southern California region.

Sincerely,

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Ashleigh Aitken  
Mayor, City of Anaheim

February 19, 2026

**RE: Support Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson's application for Second Vice President of Southern California Association of Governments**

Dear Selection Committee -

I Clint Lorimore, Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Eastvale, am writing to express my strong support for current Chair of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC), Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson, in her application for Second Vice President.

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Sincerely,

Clint Lorimore  
Mayor Pro Tem  
City of Eastvale



## **MAYOR REX RICHARDSON**

### **CITY OF LONG BEACH**

February 17, 2026

#### **RE: Support Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson's application for Second Vice President of Southern California Association of Governments**

Dear Selection Committee -

As Mayor of the City of Long Beach, I write to express my strong support for current Chair of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC), Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson, in her application for Second Vice President.

A lifelong public servant and proven leader, Mayor Lock Dawson has consistently advanced innovative, forward-thinking solutions that improve quality of life for residents across the region. Under her leadership, the City of Riverside has transformed its economy into a clean and green technology hub. She has successfully attracted national and international clean-technology firms to establish headquarters in Riverside while fostering a sustainable innovation ecosystem through strategic partnerships among the private sector, public universities, and local government. This model has not only strengthened Riverside's economy but has also served as a replicable best practice for cities throughout the Inland Empire and across California.

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## MAYOR REX RICHARDSON CITY OF LONG BEACH

to address homelessness, and building state support for the economic revitalization of downtowns across California's most dense urban communities.

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For these reasons, **I strongly support** Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson's application to Second Vice President and am confident she will continue to provide thoughtful, collaborative, and visionary leadership that advances SCAG's mission and benefits the entire Southern California region.

Sincerely,

**Rex Richardson**  
Mayor of Long Beach



February 18, 2026

**RE: Support Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson's application for Second Vice President of Southern California Association of Governments**

Dear Selection Committee,

I, Mayor Helen Tran of the City of San Bernardino, am writing to express my strong support for current Chair of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC), Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson, in her application for Second Vice President.

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Sincerely,

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Helen Tran  
Mayor  
City of San Bernardino



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY – ANNUAL BUSINESS SESSION  
THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE ON THE SCAG WEBSITE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>

The General Assembly of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its Business Session at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort and Spa, Sinatra Ballroom, 74-855 Country Club Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260. A quorum was present.

Delegate and/or Alternate Representatives from the following Cities, Counties and County Transportation Commissions were in attendance:

**Imperial County:** Brawley, Calexico, Calipatria, Holtville, Imperial, and the County of Imperial

**Los Angeles County:** Alhambra, Azusa, Bell, Burbank, Calabasas, Carson, Cerritos, Claremont, Compton, Cudahy, Diamond Bar, Downey, Duarte, El Monte, Gardena, Glendora, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Industry, Irwindale, La Cañada Flintridge, La Habra Heights, Lakewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Long Beach, Lynwood, Malibu, Maywood, Monrovia, Montebello, Monterey Park, Norwalk, Palmdale, Paramount, Pomona, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills Estates, Rosemead, San Dimas, San Fernando, San Gabriel, San Marino, Santa Clarita, Santa Fe Springs, Santa Monica, Signal Hill, South Pasadena, Torrance, Walnut, West Covina, West Hollywood, and Westlake Village

**Orange County:** Aliso Viejo, Anaheim, Brea, Cypress, Dana Point, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Irvine, La Habra, La Palma, Laguna Hills, Los Alamitos, Mission Viejo, Orange, Placentia, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, Seal Beach, Stanton, Tustin, Villa Park, and Westminster

**Riverside County:** Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Eastvale, Hemet, Indian Wells, Indio, La Quinta, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta, Norco, Palm Desert, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto, Wildomar, and the County of Riverside

**San Bernardino County:** Adelanto, Barstow, Chino, Chino Hills, Colton, Grand Terrace, Highland, Montclair, Needles, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, San Bernardino, Upland, Yucaipa, Yucca Valley, and the County of San Bernardino



**Ventura County:** Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Port Hueneme, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, Ventura, and the County of Ventura

**County Transportation Commissions:** Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC), Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) and Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC)

**Tribal Governments:** Cahuilla Band of Indians and Saboba Band of Luiseño Indians

**Staff Present**

Kome Ajise, Executive Director  
Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer  
Carmen Flores, Chief Human Resources Officer  
Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer  
Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer  
Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer  
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer  
Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel/Director Legal Services  
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel  
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board  
Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

SCAG President Curt Hagman, representing the County of San Bernadino, called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. President Hagman welcomed attendees to SCAG’s Annual General Assembly meeting.

Presentation of Colors was led by the Cathedral City Police and Fire Department Color Guard.

President Hagman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

President Hagman opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments.

The Board Clerk and Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, acknowledged there were no written public comments received for the General Assembly’s business.

Seeing no public comment speakers, President Hagman closed the Public Comment Period.

#### REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no reprioritization of agenda items.

#### ACTION ITEMS

1. Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule, and Authorization to the Executive Administration Committee to Make Administrative Amendments to the General Fund Budget

There were no public comments on Item No. 1.

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, reported that the fiscal year 2026 comprehensive budget, including the general fund and membership schedule, was presented to the Executive Administration Committee (EAC) and the Regional Council on March 6, and again on April 30 to the EAC and to the Regional Council earlier that day. She noted that the \$2.8 million general fund supports the work of the Regional Council, its subcommittees, regional legislative initiatives, and educational events such as the General Assembly. She explained that membership dues from participating agencies finance the general fund in accordance with the SCAG bylaws governing dues allocation. She recommended that the General Assembly adopt and approve the general fund budget and membership schedule.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting video is also available on the SCAG website.

A MOTION was made (Saleh, Bell) that the General Assembly: 1) Adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-26 (FY 2025-26) General Fund Budget and Membership Assessment Schedule; and 2) Authorize the Executive Administration Committee to make administrative amendments to the FY 2025-26 General Fund Budget that do not impact the Membership Assessment Schedule, including amending the General Fund Budget approved by the General Assembly, when such exceedance can be covered by the Unassigned General Fund balance. Motion was SECONDED (Navarro, Colton) and passed by the following votes:

**AYES:** **Imperial County:** Kelley, Brawley; Goodsell, Holtville; Mendoza, Imperial; and Escobar, County of Imperial; **Los Angeles County:** Bow, Azusa; Saleh, Bell; Perez, Burbank; Shapiro, Calabasas; Hilton, Carson; Yokoyama, Cerritos; Leano, Claremont; Sharif, Compton; Lomeli, Cudahy; Tye, Diamond Bar; Frometa, Downey; Finlay, Duarte; Herrera, El Monte; Henderson, Gardena; Elias, Glendora; Jackson, Hermosa

Beach; Moss, Industry; Breceda, Irwindale; Eich, La Cañada Flintridge; Zezula, La Habra Heights; Arellano, Lakewood; Talavera, Lawndale; Waronek, Lomita; Allen, Long Beach; Muñoz-Guevara, Lynwood, Riggins, Malibu; H. Marquez, Maywood; Shevlin, Monrovia; Peralta, Montebello; Wong, Monterey Park; Ayala, Norwalk; Bishop, Palmdale; Aguayo, Paramount; Sandoval, Pomona; Bradley, Rancho Palos Verdes; Zerunyan, Rolling Hills Estates; Clark, Rosemead; Nakano, San Dimas; Garcia, San Fernando; Herrera Avila, San Gabriel; Chou, San Marino; Zamora, Santa Fe Springs; Negrete, Santa Monica; K. Jones, Signal Hill; Ferguson, South Pasadena; Chen, Torrance; A. Wu, Walnut; T. Wu, West Covina; Byers, West Hollywood; and N. Davis, Westlake Village; **Orange County:** Hurt, Aliso Viejo; Balius, Anaheim; Simonoff, Brea; Burke, Cypress; Gabbard, Dana Point; Harper, Fountain Valley; Jung, Fullerton; C. Tran, Garden Grove; Go, Irvine; Espinoza, La Habra; Baker, La Palma; Caskey, Laguna Hills; Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos; Bucknum, Mission Viejo; Dumitru, Orange; Smith, Placentia; Cabral, San Clemente; Campbell, San Juan Capistrano; Kalmick, Seal Beach; Lombard, Tustin; J. Wu, Villa Park; and Nguyen, Westminster; **Riverside County:** Molina, Calimesa; Welty, Canyon Lake; Ross, Cathedral City; Delgado, Coachella; Gardner, Desert Hot Springs; Lorimore, Eastvale; Krupa, Hemet; Taylor, Indian Wells; Ortiz, Indio; Sanchez, La Quinta; Temple, Menifee; Stone, Murrieta; Bash, Norco; Quintanilla, Palm Desert; Nava, Perris; Lock Dawson, Riverside; Morabito, Wildomar; and the Spiegel, County of Riverside; **San Bernardino County:** Ramos, Adelanto; Silva, Barstow; Lucio, Chino; R. Marquez, Chino Hills; Navarro, Colton; Wilson, Grand Terrace; McCallon, Highland; Dutrey, Montclair; Jernigan, Needles; Dorst-Porada, Ontario; Michael, Rancho Cucamonga; D. Davis, Redlands; H. Tran San Bernardino; Breitling, Upland; Woolsey, Yucaipa; Denison, Yucca Valley; and Hagman, County of San Bernardino; **Ventura County:** Tennesen, Camarillo; Mendez, Fillmore; Enegren, Moorpark; Lang, Ojai; Hernandez, Port Hueneme; Crosswhite, Santa Paula; Rhodes, Simi Valley; Adam, Thousand Oaks; Sanchez-Palacios, Ventura; and Lopez, County of Ventura; **County Transportation Commissions:** Cardenas-Singh, ICTC; Leon, OCTA; Harnik, RCTC; Wapner, SBCTA; and Judge, VCTC **Tribal Governments:** Leash, Cahuilla Band of Indians (127)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)

General Assembly Members Steve Manos (Riverside County) indicated that his voting device was not working and expressed support for Item 1.

## 2. Ratification of 2025-26 Slate of Elected SCAG Officers

There were no public comments on Item No. 2.

Board Counsel Duran reported that pursuant to SCAG bylaws, the Nominating Committee met in March to consider a slate of candidates put forward for the Regional Council to consider at its April meeting. He noted that the slate of candidates put forward by the Nominating Committee and voted by the Regional Council was as follows: for the position of Second Vice President, the Honorable Jenny Crosswhite from the city of Santa Paula; for the position of First Vice President, the Honorable Ray Marquez from the city of Chino Hills; and for the position of President for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the Honorable Cindy Allen from the city of Long Beach. He reported that the Regional Council voted to approve all these candidates for the General Assembly's consideration.

The comprehensive staff report was included in the agenda packet and posted on the SCAG website. The meeting video is also available on the SCAG website.

A MOTION was made (Ramos, Adelanto) to ratify the Regional Council's election of the 2025-26 SCAG officers. Motion was SECONDED (Yokoyama, Cerritos) and passed by the following votes:

**AYES:** **Imperial County:** Kelley, Brawley; Legaspi, Calexico; Rivas, Calipatria; Goodsell, Holtville; Mendoza, Imperial; and Escobar, County of Imperial; **6 Los Angeles County:** Wag, Alhambra; Bow, Azusa; Saleh, Bell; Perez, Burbank; Shapiro, Calabasas; Yokoyama, Cerritos; Leano, Claremont; Sharif, Compton; Lomeli, Cudahy; Tye, Diamond Bar; Frometa, Downey; Finlay, Duarte; Herrera, El Monte; Henderson, Gardena; Elias, Glendora; Jackson, Monteiro, Hawthorne; Hermosa Beach; Moss, Industry; Breceda, Irwindale; Eich, La Cañada Flintridge; Zezula, La Habra Heights; Arellano, Lakewood; Talavera, Lawndale; Waronek, Lomita; Allen, Long Beach; Muñoz-Guevara, Lynwood, Riggins, Malibu; H. Marquez, Maywood; Shevlin, Monrovia; Wong, Monterey Park; Ayala, Norwalk; Bishop, Palmdale; Aguayo, Paramount; Sandoval, Pomona; Bradley, Rancho Palos Verdes; Zerunyan, Rolling Hills Estates; Clark, Rosemead; Nakano, San Dimas; Garcia, San Fernando; Herrera Avila, San Gabriel; Chou, San Marino; Zamora, Santa Fe Springs; Negrete, Santa Monica; Ferguson, South Pasadena; Chen, Torrance; A. Wu, Walnut; Byers, West Hollywood; and N. Davis, Westlake Village; **48 Orange County:** Hurt, Aliso Viejo; Balius, Anaheim; Simonoff, Brea; Burke, Cypress; Gabbard, Dana Point; Harper, Fountain Valley; Jung, Fullerton; C. Tran, Garden Grove; Go, Irvine; Espinoza, La Habra; Baker, La Palma; Caskey, Laguna Hills; Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos; Bucknum, Mission Viejo; Cabral, San Clemente; Campbell, San Juan Capistrano; Kalmick, Seal Beach; Shawver, Stanton; Lumbard, Tustin; J. Wu, Villa Park; and Nguyen, Westminster; **21 Riverside County:** Royce, Banning; Martinez, Beaumont; Molina, Calimesa; Welty, Canyon Lake; Ross, Cathedral City; Delgado, Coachella; Gardner, Desert Hot Springs; Lorimore, Eastvale; Krupa, Hemet; Taylor, Indian Wells; Ortiz, Indio; Sanchez, La Quinta; Manos, Lake Elsinore; Temple, Menifee; Stone, Murrieta; Bash, Norco; Nava, Perris; Lock Dawson, Riverside; Vandever, San Jacinto; Morabito,

Wildomar; and the Spiegel, County of Riverside; 21 **San Bernardino County:** Ramos, Adelanto; Silva, Barstow; Lucio, Chino; R. Marquez, Chino Hills; Wilson, Grand Terrace; McCallon, Highland; Dutrey, Montclair; Jernigan, Needles; Dorst-Porada, Ontario; Michael, Rancho Cucamonga; D. Davis, Redlands; Woolsey, Yucaipa; Denison, Yucca Valley; and Hagman, County of San Bernardino; 14 **Ventura County:** Mendez, Fillmore; Enegren, Moorpark; Lang, Ojai; Crosswhite, Santa Paula; Rhodes, Simi Valley; Adam, Thousand Oaks; and Lopez, County of Ventura; 7 **County Transportation Commissions:** Cardenas-Singh, ICTC; Leon, OCTA; and Harnik, RCTC; **Tribal Governments:** Leash, Cahuilla Band of Indians; Mojado, Saboba Band of Luiseno Indians (122)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** Dumitru, Orange (1)

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

#### Approval Item

### 3. Minutes of the Meeting of the General Assembly – May 2, 2024

A MOTION was made (Shapiro, Calabasas) to approve Consent Calendar Item No. 3. Motion was SECONDED (Simonoff, Brea) and passed by the following votes:

**AYES:** **Imperial County:** Kelley, Brawley; Legaspi, Calexico; Goodsell, Holtville; Mendoza, Imperial; and Escobar, County of Imperial; **Los Angeles County:** Bow, Azusa; Saleh, Bell; Perez, Burbank; Shapiro, Calabasas; Yokoyama, Cerritos; Leano, Claremont; Lomeli, Cudahy; Tye, Diamond Bar; Frometa, Downey; Finlay, Duarte; Herrera, El Monte; Henderson, Gardena; Elias, Glendora; Jackson, Monteiro, Hawthorne; Hermosa Beach; Breceda, Irwindale; Eich, La Cañada Flintridge; Zezula, La Habra Heights; Arellano, Lakewood; Talavera, Lawndale; Waronek, Lomita; Allen, Long Beach; Muñoz-Guevara, Lynwood, Riggins, Malibu; H. Marquez, Maywood; Shevlin, Monrovia; Peralta, Montebello; Wong, Monterey Park; Ayala, Norwalk; Bishop, Palmdale; Aguayo, Paramount; Sandoval, Pomona; Zerunyan, Rolling Hills Estates; Clark, Rosemead; Nakano, San Dimas; Garcia, San Fernando; Herrera Avila, San Gabriel; Chou, San Marino; McLean, Santa Clarita; Zamora, Santa Fe Springs; K. Jones, Signal Hill; Chen, Torrance; T. Wu, West Covina; Byers, West Hollywood; and N. Davis, Westlake Village; **Orange County:** Hurt, Aliso Viejo; Balias, Anaheim; Simonoff, Brea; Burke, Cypress; Gabbard, Dana Point; Harper, Fountain Valley; Jung,



Fullerton; Go, Irvine; Espinoza, La Habra; Baker, La Palma; Caskey, Laguna Hills; Hasselbrink, Los Alamitos; Bucknum, Mission Viejo; Dumitru, Orange; Smith, Placentia; Cabral, San Clemente; Campbell, San Juan Capistrano; Kalmick, Seal Beach; Lombard, Tustin; J. and Wu, Villa Park; **Riverside County:** Royce, Banning; Martinez, Beaumont; Molina, Calimesa; Welty, Canyon Lake; Ross, Cathedral City; Delgado, Coachella; Gardner, Desert Hot Springs; Lorimore, Eastvale; Krupa, Hemet; Taylor, Indian Wells; Ortiz, Indio; Sanchez, La Quinta; Manos, Lake Elsinore; Temple, Menifee; Bash, Norco; Nava, Perris; Lock Dawson, Riverside; Vandever, San Jacinto; Morabito, Wildomar; and the Spiegel, County of Riverside; **San Bernardino County:** Ramos, Adelanto; Silva, Barstow; Lucio, Chino; Navarro, Colton; Wilson, Grand Terrace; McCallon, Highland; Dutrey, Montclair; Jernigan, Needles; Dorst-Porada, Ontario; D. Davis, Redlands; H. Tran, San Bernardino; Breitling, Upland; Woolsey, Yucaipa; Denison, Yucca Valley; and Hagman, County of San Bernardino; **Ventura County:** Tennesen, Camarillo; Mendez, Fillmore; Enegren, Moorpark; Lang, Ojai; Crosswhite, Santa Paula; Rhodes, Simi Valley; Adam, Thousand Oaks; Sanchez-Palacios, Ventura and Lopez, County of Ventura; **County Transportation Commissions:** Cardenas-Singh, ICTC; Leon, OCTA; Harnik, RCTC; Wapner, SBCTA; and Judge, VCTC; **Tribal Governments:** Leash, Cahuilla Band of Indians; Mojado, Saboba Band of Luiseno Indians (122)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** **Los Angeles County:** Sharif, Compton; Moss, Industry; Bradley, Rancho Palos Verdes; **Orange Angeles County:** Nguyen, Westminster; **Riverside County:** Dennis Michael, Rancho Cucamonga (5)

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, thanked the General Assembly for helping make the agency’s work easier by authorizing the budget. He also praised SCAG staff for their hard work and dedication. He explained that circumstances had required the agency to take on more, and their output had been remarkable as they continued to rise to the occasion with the Olympic Games approaching the region. He noted that they had navigated shifting policies, a historic natural disaster, and the necessary response efforts. Throughout it all, they remained focused on providing member agencies with the resources, knowledge, and tools needed to face uncertain times. He emphasized that this Year in Review was not just a retrospective, but a reflection of the collective hard work and renewed partnerships that are shaping more connected communities across the region. He shared that he continued to be inspired by seeing the region come together to deliver their best work for its diverse residents, and that this excellence would be showcased in the annual Year in Review.

A video was played to allow them a moment to reflect on what had happened in the past year. He indicated that the video showed that it had been a busy and hectic year, and a historic one. He said

that they were all excited and proud to continue to work on behalf of this region to get to more accomplishments together.

#### **RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING PRESIDENT CURT HAGMAN**

Mr. Ajise recognized President Hagman for his leadership and problem-solving skills, particularly in technology. He acknowledged President Hagman's impact on SCAG's priorities which were goods movement, clean transportation, and transit recovery.

A video was played celebrating President Hagman's leadership and character as President of the SCAG Regional Council.

President Hagman was presented a proclamation on behalf of the Regional Council.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Hagman expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve, acknowledging his mentors and the strong team at SCAG. He emphasized SCAG's vital role in regional planning and advocacy, particularly for smaller cities with limited resources. He highlighted the year's key accomplishments, including securing funding for REAP 2.0 despite state budget challenges, and stressed the need to plan for future infrastructure such as autonomous electric vehicles and charging technology. He noted SCAG's continued leadership in regional transportation planning, addressing natural disasters, and preparing for major events like the Olympics, as well as progress toward cleaner transportation through partnerships with Metrolink and other agencies. He discussed recent changes to meeting practices, including the return to in-person meetings and new committee reports to the Regional Council, underscoring the value of face-to-face collaboration. He also offered an optimistic economic outlook while recognizing ongoing challenges like rising insurance costs. President Hagman reiterated SCAG's role in uniting local representatives to develop regional solutions, thanked the General Assembly for the opportunity to serve, and expressed confidence in the incoming leadership team, offering them his best wishes.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, outgoing President Curt Hagman adjourned the General Assembly meeting at 11:38 p.m.

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# AGENDA ITEM 4

## REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments  
May 7, 2026

**To:** GA- General Assembly Business Meeting

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
APPROVAL

**From:** Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel  
213-630-1478, elder@scag.ca.gov

**Subject:** Adoption of Proposed Amendments to the SCAG Bylaws

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

That the General Assembly approve the proposed amendments to the SCAG Bylaws as recommended by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee and the Regional Council.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

This item supports the following Strategic Priority 4: Build a unified culture anchored in the pursuit of organizational excellence.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

*Each year, proposed resolutions and amendments to the SCAG Bylaws are considered by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee and the Regional Council prior to submission to the General Assembly.*

*For the 2026 General Assembly, no resolutions were submitted. Five Bylaws amendments are proposed: one submitted by an Official Representative and four submitted by SCAG staff on behalf of the Executive Director.*

*The Official Representative proposal revises the criteria considered during the Regional Council district evaluation process. The staff proposals include two non-substantive corrections and two governance amendments related to Policy Committee ex-officio appointments and holding multiple voting-eligible seats on the Regional Council.*

*The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee and the Regional Council reviewed all five proposals and recommend that the General Assembly approve the proposed Bylaws amendments.*

**BACKGROUND:**

Amendments to the SCAG Bylaws may be proposed by Official Representatives to the General Assembly, the Regional Council, and SCAG staff acting on behalf of the Executive Director. For the 2026 General Assembly, one amendment was proposed by an Official Representative and four amendments were proposed by staff. The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee reviewed the proposals on March 11, 2026. Following discussion, the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval.

Thereafter, the Regional Council reviewed the proposals on April 9, 2026, and, after discussion, recommended that the General Assembly adopt the proposals.

### **Proposal by Hon. Marsha McLean – Regional Council District Evaluation Process**

The Honorable Marsha McLean from the City of Santa Clarita, representing Regional Council District 67, submitted a proposed amendment revising the criteria considered during the Regional Council district evaluation process.

The amendment retains existing requirements that districts reflect a coherent community of interest and have approximately equal population. After those requirements are satisfied, the amendment clarifies that the Regional Council may consider the following factors, when relevant and based on reasonably reliable information: (1) transportation connectivity and travel patterns; (2) housing and employment patterns; (3) economic and service-area linkages; (4) geographic or environmental features relevant to regional planning; and (5) the creation of geographically contiguous districts where possible. The amendment further requires that, if these factors are relied upon, the basis for any resulting changes be documented in the staff report or other written record supporting the action. The proposed amendment is illustrated in **green highlighting** in the marked-up version of the Bylaws included as Attachment 1 to this report. See Article V.A.(1)(a)(2).

### **Proposals by Staff**

SCAG staff reviewed the Bylaws to address minor technical issues and clarify governance matters that have arisen in practice. Staff recommends the following amendments, all of which were considered and recommended for adoption by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee and the Regional Council.

#### **(1) Correct Definition of “Regional Council Member”**

Amend Article II (Definitions) to correct and clarify the term “Regional Council member.” As written, the definition contains duplicate language that can create confusion. This amendment updates the definition by removing the duplicative language. This proposed amendment is illustrated in **blue highlighting** in the marked-up version of the Bylaws included as Attachment 1 to this report. See Article II.J.

#### **(2) Streamline Appointment of Ex-Officio Members to Policy Committees**

Amend Article V.E.(2)(c) to streamline the appointment process for ex-officio members to SCAG’s Policy Committees. Currently, ex-officio representatives may be appointed by the President only upon the recommendation of a Policy Committee and approval by the Regional Council. For efficiency and administrative clarity, staff proposes allowing the President to appoint ex-officio committee members representing the business sector, labor, higher education, and community groups without requiring Policy Committee recommendation and Regional Council approval. This amendment preserves the non-voting status and existing term structure of these positions while improving administrative efficiency and bringing the appointment process into alignment with other Presidential appointments. This proposed amendment is illustrated in **gray highlighting** in the marked-up version of the Bylaws included as Attachment 1 to this report. See Article V.E.(2)(c).

### **(3) Clarify that an Individual May Hold Only One Voting-Eligible Regional Council Position**

Add language to clarify that an individual may hold only one voting-eligible Regional Council member position at a time. Because the Bylaws are currently silent on dual service, the amendment closes an identified governance gap by requiring an individual who is selected for a second voting-eligible Regional Council member position to choose one position within a short, defined timeframe. The amendment would not impact an individual's ability to serve in a voting-eligible Regional Council member position and in a non-voting capacity. This proposed amendment is illustrated in **blue highlighting** in the marked-up version of the Bylaws included as Attachment 1 to this report. See Article V.A.(7).

### **(4) Non-Substantive Clean-Up of the Bylaws**

A non-substantive clean-up of the Bylaws to address typographical, numbering, cross-reference, and formatting issues. This clean-up would not change the intent or effect of the Bylaws provisions but would improve readability and reduce the likelihood of confusion or inconsistency in future interpretation. This proposed amendment is illustrated in **yellow highlighting** in the marked-up version of the Bylaws included as Attachment 1 to this report. *Throughout.*

#### **ATTACHMENT:**

1. Marked-up version of the SCAG Bylaws illustrating proposed Bylaws Amendments.

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**BYLAWS**

**THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**Preamble**

The Southern California Association of Governments (hereinafter referred to as either the "Association" or "SCAG") is an agency voluntarily established by its Members pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act for the purpose of providing a forum for discussion, study, and development of recommendations on regional challenges and opportunities of mutual interest and concern regarding the orderly physical development of the Southern California Region among units of local government.

**ARTICLE I - FUNCTIONS**

The functions of the Association are:

- A. Exchange of objective planning information. Making available to Members plans and planning studies, completed or proposed by local governments, Tribal Governments, or those of State or Federal agencies, which would affect local governments.
- B. Identification and study of challenges and opportunities requiring objective planning by jurisdictions in more than one (1) county in the Southern California area and the making of appropriate policy or action recommendations.
- C. Review and/or develop governmental proposals. Review and/or develop proposals creating agencies of regional scope, and the making of appropriate policy or action recommendations concerning the need for such units or agencies.
- D. Consider questions of common interest and concern to Members of the Association in the region and develop policy and action recommendations of an advisory nature only.
- E. Act upon any matter to the extent and in the manner required, permitted, or authorized by any joint powers agreements, State or Federal law, or the regulations adopted pursuant to any such law.
- F. Assist local Association Members in the acquisition of real and personal property convenient or necessary for the operation of Members by entering into such financing agreements as are necessary to accomplish the pooling and common marketing of such agreements or certificates of participation in order to reduce the cost to Members of the acquisition of such real or personal property.
- G. Undertake transportation planning programs and activities in accordance with the Association's responsibilities as a metropolitan planning organization as outlined in 23 U.S.C.A. § 134 et seq., and as may be amended from time to time.

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**ARTICLE II – DEFINITIONS**

- A. **Advisory Member** or **Advisory Member of the Association**, as used in these Bylaws, means a federally recognized Indian Nation within the SCAG Region, as defined below, that is significantly involved in regional problems or whose boundaries include territory in more than one county and that has paid its annual dues assessment.
- B. **Alternate**, as used in these Bylaws, means either the mayor or a member of the legislative body of a member city, or the chair of the Board of Supervisors, or a member of the legislative body of a member county who has been appointed by a Member of the Association to **serve in** an official capacity for all matters at a meeting of the General Assembly but only in the absence of the Official Representative of the member city or county. An Advisory Member of the Association may also appoint an Alternate to serve in the absence of the Official Representative of the Advisory Member.
- C. **Association**, as used in these Bylaws, means the Southern California Association of Governments as established by that certain Southern California Association of Governments Agreement filed with the California Secretary of State on April 20, 1973, (said Agreement is hereinafter referred to as “Joint Powers Agreement”).
- D. **Association budget** or **annual budget** or **budget**, as used in these Bylaws, shall mean the summation and presentation of all general fund revenues obtained by the Association **from dues** from Members, Advisory Members, and Regional Council members, and other sources of revenue and a summation and presentation of the costs, expenditures, savings, and reserve accounts utilizing such revenue but specifically excluding all funds and **expenditures associated** with specific federal or state funding programs such as the Association’s annual Overall Work Program.
- E. **Days** or **days**, as used in these Bylaws, means calendar days.
- F. **General Assembly**, as used in these Bylaws, means a meeting of the Official **Representative of** the Members and the Advisory Members of the Association.
- G. **Member, member** or **Member of the Association**, as used in these Bylaws, means a city, county, or County Transportation Commission within the SCAG Region, as defined below, that has satisfied the conditions of membership in Article III below.
- H. **Official Representative**, as used in these Bylaws, means (1) the mayor or a member of the legislative body of a member city, or (2) the chair of the Board of Supervisors or a member of the Board of Supervisors of a member county, or (3) the chair or a member of the governing board of a member County Transportation Commission (CTC) within the SCAG Region who has been appointed by a Member of the Association to serve in an official capacity at a meeting of the General Assembly. Official Representatives may also be **referred to** as “Delegates” of the Association. An Advisory Member of the Association may also appoint an Official Representative to serve in an official capacity at a meeting of the **General Assembly**.

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- I. **Regional Council Policy Manual**, as used in these Bylaws, means that Policy Manual first adopted by the Regional Council on July 12, 2007, and all subsequent amendments and updates approved by the Regional Council. In the event of a conflict between any part of the Regional **€Council** Policy Manual and any part of these Bylaws, these Bylaws shall prevail.
  
- J. **Regional Council member**, as used in these Bylaws, means a Member of the Association or an Advisory Member of the Association or another entity specified in ~~these as used in these Bylaws, means a Member of the Association or an Advisory Member of the Association or another entity specified in these~~ Bylaws which is able to appoint a voting representative to serve on the Regional Council or whose city council members may participate in the selection of a District representative to serve on the Regional Council<sup>7.</sup>
  
- K. **SCAG Region**, as used in these Bylaws, means the counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura.
  
- L. **Voting-Eligible** or **voting-eligible**, as used in these Bylaws, describes those Members of the Association, Advisory Members of the Association<sup>7</sup> and Regional Council members who retain all voting rights and who have not had their voting rights suspended as described in **Article VIII.C Paragraph C.**

**ARTICLE III – ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION**  
**FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**A. Membership**

- (1) All cities and all counties within the area of the SCAG Region are eligible for membership in the Association. In addition, each CTC from the SCAG Region is also eligible for membership in the Association.
  
- (2) Each member county and each member city shall have one (1) Official Representative and one (1) Alternate in the General Assembly, except that the City of Los Angeles, if and while it is a member city, shall have three (3) Official Representatives and three (3) Alternates. Each member CTC shall have one (1) Official Representative in the General Assembly.
  
- (3) Membership in the Association shall be contingent upon the execution of the Joint Powers Agreement and the payment by each member county, member city, or member CTC of each annual dues assessment.
  
- (4) Any federally recognized Indian Nation within the SCAG Region which is significantly involved in regional problems or the boundaries of which include territory in more than one (1) county, shall be eligible for an Advisory Membership in the Association. In addition to selecting Official Representatives and Alternates for the General Assembly, such Advisory Members may collectively select a single representative from the Tribal



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Government Regional Planning Board, who shall be a locally elected Tribal Council member from a federally recognized Indian Nation and who shall **serve\_on** the Regional Council and may fully participate in the work of committees of the Association contingent upon the payment of the annual dues assessment.

**B. Representation in the General Assembly**

- (1) Only the Official Representative present or the Alternate present in the absence of the Official Representative shall represent a Member of the Association or an Advisory Member of the Association in the General Assembly; provided, however, that a member of the Board of Supervisors of a member county may participate in the discussions of the General Assembly.
- (2) Except as described herein, the Official Representative in the General Assembly of each member city of the Association, member **\_county** of the Association, and **member CTC** of the Association shall be its respective Regional Council representative. Further, and except as described herein, the Official Representative in the General Assembly of an Advisory Member of the Association shall be its respective representative to **the Regional** Council.
- (3) In the event that a member city of the Association does not have one of its city council members as its respective Regional Council representative, or if a member city does not wish to have its Regional Council representative be its Official Representative or Alternate, the member city may appoint as its Official Representative or Alternate a member of its city council who is not a Regional Council representative; provided **that if** and while the City of Los Angeles is a member city, the mayor of the City of Los Angeles shall be one of its Official Representatives. Further, in the event that an Advisory Member of the Association does not have one of its Tribal Council members as its representative to the Regional Council or if the Advisory Member does not **wish\_to** have its representative to the Regional Council be its Official Representative or Alternate, the Advisory Member may appoint a locally elected Tribal Council member as its Official Representative or Alternate.
- (4) In the event that a member county of the Association does not wish to have its respective Regional Council representative be its Official Representative or Alternate, the member county may appoint as its Official Representative or Alternate a **member of** the Board of Supervisors who is not a Regional Council representative.
- (5) In the event that a member CTC of the Association does not wish to have its respective Regional Council representative be its Official Representative, the member CTC may appoint as its Official Representative a member of the CTC Governing Board who is not a Regional Council representative.
- (6) Names of all Official Representatives and Alternates shall be communicated in writing to the Association by the appointing city, county, CTC, or Tribal Council at least thirty

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(30) days before the annual meeting of the General Assembly. However, the SCAG President or the SCAG Executive Director may waive this deadline, upon the request of an appointing city, county, CTC, or Tribal Council, as long as the name or names are communicated in writing to the Association before the opening of the General Assembly.

- (7) An Official Representative or Alternate shall serve until a successor is appointed, except if an Official Representative or Alternate ceases to be a member of the appointing legislative body or Tribal Council or cannot serve as an Official Representative or Alternate because of a federal or state statute or regulation or resigns as an Official Representative or Alternate, then the position shall be vacant until a successor is appointed.
- (8) All Official Representatives and Alternates shall file Statement of Economic Interest forms and comply with all SCAG policies regarding conflict-of-interest, harassment, and discrimination.

### ARTICLE IV – GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### **A. Powers and Functions**

Subject to Article I, the powers of the General Assembly, shall include the following.

- (1) The General Assembly shall determine all policy matters for the Association, approve **the** Bylaws, and ratify the election of Officers.
- (2) Any Official Representative (or Alternate acting in the absence of the respective Official Representative) may, at any regular meeting of the General Assembly, propose a subject(s) for study by the Association provided that the Official Representative (but not the Alternate) has notified the President of the proposal forty-five (45) days in advance of any regular meeting of the General Assembly. The General Assembly may determine whether a study will be made of the subject(s) proposed, or may refer such subject(s) to the Regional Council.
- (3) Any Official Representative (or Alternate acting in the absence of the respective Official Representative) may, at any regular meeting of the General Assembly, **request a** review by the General Assembly of any action of the Regional Council which has been taken between meetings of the General Assembly provided that the Official Representative (but not the Alternate) has notified the President of the **review request** forty-five (45) days in advance of any regular meeting of the General Assembly.
- (4) The General Assembly shall review the proposed Association budget and annual dues assessment schedule and shall adopt an annual Association budget and an annual dues assessment schedule.
- (5) Any Official Representative (but not an Alternate) who desires to propose any policy

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matter for action by the General Assembly shall submit the matter to the Association in the form of a proposed resolution by a deadline established by the Association, that is subject to waiver by the SCAG President or Executive Director but which in all cases must be at least forty-five (45) days prior to any regular meeting of the General Assembly. The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, whose membership and responsibilities are described in Article XI of these Bylaws, shall consider each such proposed resolution, and shall submit its recommendation to the Regional Council. A copy of each such proposed resolution whose approval is recommended by the Regional Council shall be included in the agenda materials for the regular meeting of the General Assembly.

### **B. Meetings**

- (1) A regular meeting of the General Assembly shall be held once a year. Special meetings of the General Assembly may be called by the Regional Council upon the request of the President and with the affirmative votes of a majority of the representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members who are present and voting at a meeting of the Regional Council with a quorum in attendance. Ten (10) days' written notice of a special meeting shall be given to the Official Representatives and Alternates of each Member and Advisory Member of the Association. An agenda specifying the subject of the special meeting shall accompany the notice.
- (2) The time, date, and location for meetings of the General Assembly shall be determined by the Regional Council.
- (3) Notice of the regular meeting of the General Assembly shall be given to the Official Representatives and Alternates of each Member and Advisory Member of the Association at least twenty-one (21) days prior to each regular meeting. An agenda for the regular meeting shall accompany the notice. Notice of any changes to the agenda shall be given at least ten (10) days prior to the regular meeting.
- (4) The General Assembly may adopt rules for its own procedures but any such rules so adopted must be consistent with these Bylaws.

### **C. Voting**

- (1) A quorum of the General Assembly shall consist of one-third (1/3) of the number of Official Representative positions for voting-eligible Members of the Association or Advisory Members of the Association. Unfilled Official Representative positions from voting-eligible Members and Advisory Members of the Association will be counted in the determination of a quorum for the General Assembly.
- (2) Each Official Representative of a voting-eligible Member or Advisory Member of the Association shall have one (1) vote. In the absence of the Official Representative, the Alternate shall be entitled to vote. Unless otherwise identified in these Bylaws, an

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affirmative vote of a majority of the Official Representatives or Alternates of the voting-eligible Members and Advisory Members of the Association present at the General Assembly and voting with a quorum in attendance shall be necessary for the approval or adoption of any matter presented for action to the General Assembly.

- (3) Voting may be by voice, displaying voting cards, roll call vote, or through the use of an electronic voting system. A roll call vote shall be conducted upon the demand of five (5) Official Representatives or their Alternates present, or at the discretion of the presiding officer.

**ARTICLE V – REGIONAL COUNCIL**

A. **Regional Council Organization:** There shall be a Regional Council of the Association which shall be organized as set forth below and which shall be responsible for such functions as are hereinafter set forth:

- (1) **Membership:** The membership of the Regional Council shall be comprised of: one (1) representative from each member county Board of Supervisors, except for the County of Los Angeles which shall have two (2) representatives; one (1) representative from the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, who shall be a locally elected Tribal Council member from a federally recognized Indian Nation within the SCAG Region; one (1) representative from each District (as defined below); the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles serving as an at-large representative for the City; one (1) city council member or member of a county Board of Supervisors, from the governing boards of each of the six (6) CTCs; one (1) local government elected representative from one of the five (5) Air Districts within the SCAG Region to represent all five (5) of the Air Districts; one (1) local government elected representative from the Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA); one (1) local government elected representative serving as the Public Transportation Representative to represent the transit interests of all of the operators in the SCAG region; and a representative from the private sector appointed by the President to serve on both the Regional Council and the Executive/Administration Committee and who would serve on the Regional Council in an ex-officio, non-voting capacity.

(a) **Districts:** For purposes of representation on the Regional Council, Districts shall be organized and defined as follows:

- (1) A District shall be established by the Regional Council and generally shall be comprised of a group of cities that have a geographic community of interest and have approximately equal population. In some cases involving cities with large populations, a District will include only one city. A District may be comprised of cities within different counties, but Districts established within a subregion under Article V-A-(1)(a)(5) of these Bylaws shall include only cities within the boundary of such subregion. Procedures for District representative elections and appointments shall be set forth under the Regional Council Policy

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- (2) In every calendar year ending in 3 or 8, the Regional Council shall review, and, if it deems necessary, modify or establish District boundaries based upon city population data as most recently available from the State Department of Finance. When considering modifications or establishing District boundaries, the Regional Council shall first determine whether a proposed district configuration reflects a coherent community of interest and achieves approximately equal population as required by these Bylaws. After making those determinations, the Regional Council may also consider the following factors, to the extent relevant and based on reasonably reliable information, when evaluating whether to establish, revise, or update a district: (a) transportation connectivity and travel patterns; (b) housing and employment patterns; (c) economic and service-area linkages; (d) geographic or environmental features that meaningfully affect regional planning considerations; and (e) geographically contiguous districts, where possible. These additional factors are considerations that shall not be applied to override the requirements relating to geographic community of interest and population balance. If utilizing these factors, the Regional Council shall document the basis for any modification or establishment of District boundaries in the staff report or other written record for the action.
- (3) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Bylaws, in the event that District boundaries are changed as a result of a Regional Council review, then any impacted District shall have the option to retain its current District representative until the completion of the District representative's term or until a special election is held, no later than two (2) months after final action by the Regional Council, to elect a District representative who shall serve for a term established by the Regional Council. Such special elections shall be held in accordance with the District representative election procedures described in the Regional Council Policy Manual.
- (4) If a new city within the SCAG Region is incorporated after Districts have been established or reviewed, the newly incorporated city shall be assigned by the Regional Council, in consultation with any applicable subregional organization, to a District with other cities with which it has contiguous borders until such time as District boundaries are again reviewed by the Regional Council.
- (5) In any area where a subregional organization has either (1) been formally established under a joint powers agreement pursuant to California Government Code Sections 6500 et. seq. to serve as the subregional planning agency for the general purpose local governments

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and is not a single-purpose joint powers authority or a special district entity, or (2) been recognized by action of the **Regional Council** and is organized for general planning purposes such as for the purpose of conducting studies and projects designed to improve and coordinate the common governmental responsibilities and services **on an** area-wide and regional basis, exploring areas of intergovernmental cooperation and coordination of governmental programs and providing recommendations and solutions to problems of common and general concern, such subregional organization shall make recommendations to establish a District (or Districts) within the boundaries of such subregional area. For purposes of establishing Districts, the subregional organization shall use the description of a District as set forth in Article **V-A(1)(a)(1)** of these Bylaws. The subregional organization shall have authority to make recommendations to the Regional Council to establish or modify Districts in every year ending in 3 or 8 and shall use city populations as most recently determined by the State Department of Finance.

- (6) The Regional Council shall establish no more than seventy (70) Districts.

**(b) Regional Council Representation**

- (1) Every member city of the Association shall have at least one District representative.
- (2) CTC, TCA and the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board representatives to the Regional Council shall be appointed by their respective governing boards, and the appointments shall be formally communicated in writing to the Association. The Air District representative shall be determined by the five (5) Air Districts within the SCAG Region, with such determination formally communicated in writing to the Association.
- (3) The position of the Public Transportation Representative will rotate among the six CTCs in the SCAG Region, and each CTC in turn will **make a** two-year appointment subject to the President's official appointment. The Chief Executive Officers of the CTCs may develop additional procedures for the selection process. A representative from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority shall serve as the initial Public Transportation Representative on the Regional Council.

**(2) Terms of Office:**

- (a) Membership on the Regional Council by District representatives shall be for two (2) years except for those District representatives elected through special elections or appointments as described below and in Article **V-A** above. Terms

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of District representatives shall commence on the adjournment of the annual meeting of the General Assembly and expire at the conclusion of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly occurring after their terms commence. If a District representative resigns from his or her position as the District representative or officially ceases to be a locally elected official, his or her District representative position shall be declared vacant by the President on the effective date of the resignation or the end of the elected official's locally elected position. Moreover, the President shall immediately declare vacant the position of a District representative if required by federal or state statutes or regulations, or in response to a no confidence vote by a District undertaken in accordance with the Regional Council Policy Manual or because of a failure to follow the election or appointment policies contained in the Regional Council Policy Manual. A no confidence vote shall only be undertaken in response to a resolution passed by all cities in the District that are voting-eligible Members of the Association. All such vacancies shall be filled through special elections or new appointments as set forth in the Regional Council Policy Manual. In the case of District representatives elected pursuant to special elections or newly appointed to fill vacancies, the term shall be for such time as will fill out the remainder of the vacated term.

- (b) The terms of District representatives who represent even-numbered Districts shall be two (2) years and shall expire in even-numbered years. Terms of District representatives who represent odd-numbered Districts shall be two (2) years and shall expire in odd-numbered years.
- (c) Representatives to the Regional Council from the counties that are Members of the Association and from the CTCs, the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, Air Districts, TCA, and the Public Transportation Representative shall have two (2) year terms, commencing on the date of appointment by the organizations they each represent and expiring two (2) years thereafter. If a representative described in this Article V-A-(2)(c) ceases to be a locally elected official, or if so required by federal or state statutes or regulations, or if his or her appointment is rescinded by the appointing legislative body, his or her position on the Regional Council shall immediately be declared vacant by the President. Such a vacancy on the Regional Council shall be filled by action of the respective county, CTC, the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, TCA, the five Air Districts in the SCAG Region in the case of the Air District representative, and the CTCs in the SCAG Region with respect to the Public Transportation Representative.

- (3) **Meetings:** Unless the Regional Council decides otherwise, it shall generally meet at least once a month. The date, time and location of the Regional Council meetings shall be recommended by the Executive Director and ratified by the Regional Council. Meetings shall be held upon the call of the President or upon the call of a majority of the members of the Regional Council. The Regional Council may adopt any other meeting procedures as part of the Regional Council Policy Manual.



(4) **Duties**

- (a) Subject to the policy established by the General Assembly, the **Regional Council** shall conduct the affairs of the Association, approve the Overall **Work Plan** (OWP) Budget required by state and federal agencies and any other similar budgets required by funding agencies, and approve the **Regional Council** Policy Manual and any amendments thereto. The Executive **Director** or his designee shall have the authority to make administrative modifications to the Regional Council Policy Manual to reflect past Regional Council **actions** **without** the Regional Council's approval of a formal amendment to the Regional Council Policy Manual.
- (b) The Regional Council shall review and may amend the proposed annual budget as prepared by the Executive Director. The proposed budget and the assessment schedule, as approved by Regional Council, shall be submitted to the members of the General Assembly at least thirty (30) days before the annual meeting. After the adoption of the annual budget assessment schedule by the General Assembly, the Regional Council shall control all Association expenditures in accordance with such budget.
  - (1) The Regional Council shall have the power to transfer funds within the total budget amount in order to meet unanticipated needs or changed situations. Such action shall be reported to the General Assembly at its next regular meeting.
  - (2) At each annual meeting of the General Assembly, the Regional **Council** shall report on all budget and financial transactions since the **previous annual** meeting.
- (c) The Regional Council shall submit a report of its activities at each regular meeting of the General Assembly.
- (d) The Regional Council shall have the authority to appoint, ratify the annual Work Plan of, approve the Employment Agreement of (including all compensation and benefits), and remove an Executive Director of the Association, and shall also have the authority to fix the salary classification levels for employees of the Association.
- (e) The Regional Council shall have the power to establish committees or subcommittees to study specific problems, programs, and other **matters which** the Regional Council or General Assembly have approved for study. **The SCAG** President shall appoint all members and all chairs of committees and subcommittees that are established to study such specific problems or programs. At the discretion of the SCAG President, the chair of a Policy Committee may appoint the membership and chair of a subcommittee of **said**



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- (f) Recommendations from committees for policy decisions shall be made to the Regional Council. The Regional Council shall have the authority to act upon policy recommendations including policy recommendations from the committees, or it may submit such recommendations, together with its comments, to the General Assembly for action.
  - (g) The Regional Council shall be responsible for carrying out policy decisions made by the General Assembly.
  - (h) Representatives of Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council may make informational inquiries of the Executive Director or Association executive staff consistent with the official Association duties of such representatives; however, such representatives shall refrain from any **actions or** contacts within the Association that would interfere with the powers and duties of the Executive Director.
  - (i) All representatives of Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council shall file Statement of Economic Interest forms and comply with ~~the~~ all SCAG policies regarding conflict-of-interest, harassment, discrimination, and other matters as described in the Regional Council Policy Manual.
- (5) **Voting:** In the Regional Council voting shall be conducted in the following manner:
- (a) Only representatives of the voting-eligible Regional Council members shall have the right to vote at meetings of the Regional Council. Proxy votes are not allowed and representatives must be present at a Regional Council meeting in order to cast a vote.
  - (b) One-third (1/3) of the total number of representative positions from **voting-eligible** Regional Council members shall constitute a quorum of the Regional Council. The unfilled representative positions of voting-eligible **Regional Council** members shall be counted in the determination of a quorum.
  - (c) The affirmative votes of a majority of the representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members voting with a quorum in attendance are required for action **by the** Regional Council, except as set forth in subsection (d) below.
  - (d) In order to appoint or remove the Executive Director, the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the total number of representative positions, including unfilled representative positions, of the voting-eligible Regional Council members is required.
  - (e) Each representative from a CTC, the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, the Air Districts, and TCA as well as the Public Transportation

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Representative shall have the right to vote in the same manner as other representatives of voting-eligible Members of the Association serving on the Regional Council.

- (f) Representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council are free to abstain from voting on any issue before the Regional Council. Any abstention does not count as a vote in favor or against a motion.
- (g) Due to the inability of Regional Council members to review main motions other than those presented as a “recommended action” in a meeting’s agenda material prior to a Regional Council meeting, the President shall not proceed with a vote on a main motion that differs from the “recommended action” in a meeting’s agenda material until the Clerk or counsel has re-stated such a motion and an opportunity has been provided to Regional Council members to permit them to deliberate and debate such a motion.

**(6) Expenses:** Representatives of Regional Council members who serve on the Regional Council shall serve with compensation and shall be reimbursed for the actual necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties for the Association, to the extent that such compensation and reimbursement are not otherwise provided to them by another public agency, a Tribal Government, or the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board. The Regional Council shall determine the amount of such compensation and set forth other procedures for expenses in the Regional Council Policy Manual.

**(6)(7) Dual Service Prohibited:** No individual may simultaneously hold more than one (1) voting-eligible Regional Council member position. If an individual is selected, elected, or appointed to a second voting-eligible Regional Council member position, the individual shall, within fifteen (15) days of the second selection, election, or appointment, notify the Association in writing which position the individual elects to retain. If no election is made, the President shall immediately declare vacant the most recently acquired position. Any vacated position shall be filled in accordance with these Bylaws and the Regional Council Policy Manual. Nothing in this provision restricts simultaneous service in a voting-eligible Regional Council member position and in an ex officio, non-voting capacity.

**B. Permanent Committees:** For the purpose of developing policy recommendations to the Regional Council, the Regional Council shall establish as permanent committees the “Executive/Administration Committee,” the “Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee,” and the three (3) policy committees known as the “Transportation Committee,” the “Energy and Environment Committee,” and the “Community, Economic and Human Development Committee” (the latter three committees collectively referred to herein as the “Policy Committees”). In addition, the “Emerging Technologies Committee” is established by the Regional Council to research and identify new and emerging technologies that may play a role in transportation planning.

**C. Executive/Administration Committee**

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- (1) **Membership:** The membership of the Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) shall include the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Immediate Past-President and the President shall serve as the Chair. The EAC shall also include the respective Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee and the three (3) Policy Committees, the representative from the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board serving on the Regional Council, and an additional four (4) representatives of Regional Council members who are appointed by the President. In making the appointments, the President shall ensure that the six (6) counties within the SCAG Region have representatives on the EAC. In addition, the representative from the private sector appointed by the President to serve on the Regional Council in an ex-officio, non-voting capacity shall also serve on the EAC in an ex-officio, non-voting capacity. Appointments by the President to a position on the EAC shall be for approximate one (1) year terms, and such appointments shall expire upon the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Assembly.
- (2) **Meetings:** The EAC shall generally meet at least once a month and in accordance with the Regional Council Policy Manual, except that the EAC may decide not to meet upon the call of the EAC chair after consultation with the Executive Director or his designee.
- (3) **Duties:**
  - (a) Subject to any limitations that may be established by the General Assembly and/or the Regional Council, the EAC is authorized to make decisions and take actions that are binding upon the Association if the President or the Executive Director determine that such decisions or actions are necessary prior to the next regular meeting of the Regional Council.
  - (b) Subject to the policies of the Regional Council, the EAC shall be responsible for:
    - (1) developing policy recommendations to the Regional Council on administration, human resources, budgets, finance, operations, communications, or any other matter specifically referred by the Regional Council; and
    - (2) negotiating and approving an Annual Work Plan with the Executive Director, which shall be subject to ratification by the Regional Council. The Executive Director's Annual Work Plan shall be effective the first day of July of the calendar year. The EAC shall be responsible for performing the annual evaluation of the Executive Director's performance and for making recommendations to the Regional Council regarding the Employment Agreement of the Executive Director. The EAC shall complete its annual evaluation of the Executive Director's performance no later than the regularly scheduled June meeting of the Regional Council.
  - (c) The powers and duties of the EAC shall include such other duties as the Regional Council may delegate.

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- (4) **Voting:** A quorum shall be one-third (1/3) of the representatives of the voting-eligible Regional Council members who are appointed and serving on the EAC. There shall be no proxy votes and representatives must be present to vote. The affirmative vote of the majority of the representatives of the voting-eligible Regional Council members who are appointed and serving on the EAC and voting with a quorum in attendance is required for an action by the EAC except that an affirmative vote of a majority of all of the representatives of the voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the EAC when the EAC acting on behalf of the Regional Council is required to make decisions or take actions that are binding upon the Association with regard to the annual budget; the hiring, removal, compensation, and benefits of the Executive Director; and the salary classification levels for employees of the Association.

### D. Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee

- (1) **Membership:** Representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council may serve on the Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee (LCMC). Appointments to the LCMC shall be made by the President for approximate one (1) year terms that expire at the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Assembly. The President shall appoint the chair and vice chair of the LCMC. All representatives appointed to the LCMC by the President shall have full voting rights.
- (2) **Meetings:** The LCMC shall generally meet once a month and in accordance with the Regional Council Policy Manual, except that the LCMC may decide not to meet upon the call of the LCMC chair after consultation with the Executive Director or his designee.
- (3) **Duties:**
- (a) The Legislative Communications and Membership Committee shall be responsible for developing recommendations to the Regional Council regarding legislative and telecommunications matters; providing policy direction for the agency's marketing communications strategy, outreach issues/materials, and electronic communications systems; reviewing sponsorship opportunities whose cost will exceed \$5,000; and promoting agency membership.
- (b) The duties of the LCMC shall include other such duties as the Regional Council may delegate.
- (4) **Quorum and Voting:** A quorum of the LCMC shall be one-third (1/3) of the representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the LCMC. There shall be no proxy votes and representatives must be present to vote. The affirmative vote of a majority of the voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the LCMC and voting with a quorum in attendance is required for an action by the LCMC.

### E. Policy Committees

(1) **Membership:**

- (a) The Policy Committees may include as voting committee members the following: representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council; one (1) representative from the California Department of Transportation; local government elected representatives from each of the general purpose subregional organizations as established under Article V(A)(1)(a)(5) of these Bylaws; and one (1) representative who is a general purpose local elected official and duly appointed board member from an agency with which the Association has a statutory or Memorandum of Understanding relationship.
- (b) The Policy Committees may include ex-officio (non-voting) committee members who shall be representatives from regional and subregional single purpose public agencies and other voting and ex-officio (non-voting)\_committee members as approved by the Regional Council.
- (c) Representatives of the CTCs, the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, TCA, and the Air Districts serving on the Regional Council as well as the Public Transportation Representative on the Regional Council may be appointed as voting committee members of one of the Policy Committees.
- (d) All committee members (voting and ex-officio) of SCAG's Policy Committees shall be required to file Statement of Economic Interests forms and comply with all SCAG policies regarding conflict-of-interest, harassment, discrimination, and other matters as described in the Regional Council Policy Manual.

(2) **Appointments to Policy Committee:**

- (a) The President shall appoint all interested and available representatives of voting-eligible Regional Council members who serve on the Regional Council to one (1) of the Policy Committees as voting committee members for approximate two (2) year terms that will expire at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following the appointment. In making such appointments, the President shall, to the extent practicable, appoint an equal number of voting committee members to each Policy Committee taking into consideration regional representation, geographical balance, diversity of views, and other factors deemed appropriate by the President.
- (b) The President may appoint to one (1) of the Policy Committees as voting committee members representatives of public agencies that have a statutory or Memorandum of Understanding relationship with SCAG. The representatives shall be appointed for approximate two (2) year terms that will expire at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following

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each appointment. All such appointments will be in response to a written request from each of the governing boards of the agencies. Appointments shall be limited to one (1) representative from **each public** agency. In making such appointments, the President shall consider regional representation.

- (c) The President ~~shall~~ **may** appoint ex-officio (non-voting) committee members to the Policy Committees representing the business sector, labor, higher education, and community groups ~~upon the recommendation of one of the respective Policy Committees and approval by the Regional Council~~. The term of each such ex-officio committee member shall expire at the adjournment of the **next regular** meeting of the General Assembly, however, each such ex-officio committee member may be re-appointed by a future SCAG President.
- (d) The President may appoint to one (1) Policy Committee as a voting committee member one (1) elected representative from each of the subregional organizations described in Article ~~V-E~~ **(1)(a)** of these Bylaws. Each such appointment shall be for an approximate two (2) year term that shall expire at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following the appointment.
- (e) The President may appoint to the Policy Committees as voting committee members additional local government elected representatives from each of the subregional organizations identified in Article ~~V-E~~ **(1)(a)** of these Bylaws that has at least four (4) Districts. One (1) additional local government elected representative for each District in excess of three (3) Districts may be appointed by the President. The governing boards of each of the **subregional organizations** shall nominate the additional representatives to be **considered by** the President for appointment. In making the appointments, the President shall consider, among other things, regional representation. Each such appointment shall be for an approximate two (2) year term that shall expire at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following the appointment.
- (f) In addition to the appointment of the representative of the **Tribal Government** Regional Planning Board, the President may also appoint, with the consent of the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, additional representatives to each Policy Committee such that the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board may have two (2) voting committee members on each Policy Committee. Such representative shall be locally elected Tribal Council members from the federally recognized Indian Nations within the SCAG Region. Each of these additional appointments shall be for **approximate two** (2) year terms that shall expire at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following the appointments.
- (g) In order to facilitate participation by member cities of the Association, the President may make at-large appointments of local elected officials from cities that are not otherwise represented on a Policy Committee; provided, however,

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that the President shall only make such at-large appointments in response to written requests from such cities and may make no more than six at-large appointments for each Policy Committee. The term of an at-large representative on a Policy Committee shall be limited to the remainder of the term of the President except that the local elected official may continue to serve on the Policy Committee if its respective city council approve his or her re-appointment and the next SCAG President authorizes the re-appointment. Local elected officials serving in an at-large capacity on a Policy Committee shall be voting committee members.

- (h) To implement and advance the Association’s commitment to justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion, and to increase the representation of people of color and low-income communities in regional policy conversations, the seven (7) County representatives (i.e., Supervisors) to the Regional Council may each appoint one (1) local elected official, from a voting-eligible Member of the Association that has a Community of Concern (as defined below) located within the Member’s boundaries, to serve on a Policy Committee. A County representative to the Regional Council making such an appointment shall notify SCAG staff of the appointment in writing. Within ten (10) business days of a County representative’s notice making such an appointment, the President shall place the appointed local elected official on one of the Policy Committees. A local elected official appointed pursuant to this provision shall serve for a term of approximately two (2) years, commencing on the date the local elected official is placed on a Policy Committee by the President and expiring at the adjournment of the second regular meeting of the General Assembly following date the person is placed on the Policy Committee. Appointments to Policy Committees pursuant to this provision shall be limited to one (1) representative from each County except that Los Angeles County shall be permitted to have two representatives (one for each County representative to the Regional Council). As used in this Article V.E.(2)(h), the term “Community of Concern” shall have the meaning given in SCAG’s most recently adopted Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.
- (3) **Meetings:** The Policy Committees shall generally meet at least once a month and in accordance with the Regional Council Policy Manual, except that the Policy Committees may decide not to meet upon the call of the respective Policy Committee Chair after consultation with the Executive Director or his designee.
- (4) **Quorum and Voting:** A quorum of a Policy Committee shall be one-third (1/3) of the voting committee members. There shall be no proxy votes and representatives must be present to vote. The affirmative vote of the majority of the voting committee members of a Policy Committee voting with a quorum in attendance is required for an action by a Policy Committee.
- (5) **Duties of the Transportation Committee (TC):** The Transportation Committee shall study and provide policy recommendations to the Regional Council relative to



challenges and opportunities, programs, and other matters, which pertain to the regional issues of mobility and accessibility, including, but not limited to all modes of surface transportation, transportation system preservation and system management, regional aviation, regional goods movement, and transportation finance, as well as transportation control measures.

(6) **Duties of the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)**: The Energy and Environment Committee shall study and provide policy recommendations to the Regional Council relative to challenges and opportunities, programs, and other matters, which pertain to the regional issues of energy and the environment. EEC shall also be responsible for reviewing and providing policy recommendations to the Regional Council on matters pertaining to environmental compliance.

(7) **Duties of the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)**: The Community, Economic and Human Development Committee shall study and provide policy recommendations to the Regional Council relative to challenges and opportunities, programs, and other matters which pertain to the regional issues of community, economic and human development, housing, and growth. CEHD shall also receive information regarding projects, plans, and programs of regional significance for determinations of consistency and conformity with applicable regional plans.

F. **Joint Policy Committee Meetings**: The duties of the Policy Committees are specified in subsections (5), (6) and (7) above. To the extent that there are matters which are within the scope of review of more than one Policy Committee, the respective Policy Committees shall meet as a Joint Committee to consider the matters and provide unified policy recommendations to the Regional Council, if applicable. At the discretion of the President, the President or the chair of one of the Policy Committees shall preside over a Joint Policy Committee meeting. A quorum of a Joint Policy Committee meeting shall be one-third (1/3) of the combined voting membership of the Policy Committees. There shall be no proxy votes and a voting member must be present to vote. The affirmative vote of a majority of the combined voting members of the Policy Committees voting with a quorum of the Joint Policy Committee in attendance is required for an action by the Joint Policy Committee.

G. **Other Committees**: Except as may be limited or restricted elsewhere in these Bylaws, the President is authorized to appoint representatives of Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council to SCAG committees, ad hoc committees, subcommittees, or task forces to study specific problems, programs, or other matters which the Regional Council or General Assembly have approved for study and also to appoint new members or re-appoint prior members to any SCAG committee, ad hoc committee, subcommittee or task force. The President is also authorized to appoint representatives of Regional Council members serving on the Regional Council to governing boards of other agencies, districts, commissions, and authorities as representatives of the Association. If no such representatives are available for such appointment, the President may appoint an elected official not on the Regional Council to represent the Association. Elected officials appointed to represent the Association who are not then serving on the Regional Council shall serve as ex-officio representatives to the Regional Council without the right to vote. Terms of appointment of representatives serving on the



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Regional Council and other elected officials to governing boards of other agencies, districts, commissions, and authorities shall be consistent with the term of office of the appointing President.

H. **Emerging Technologies Committee:** Serving as a permanent advisory committee to the Regional Council and the Policy Committees, the Emerging Technologies Committee (ETC) will research and identify new and emerging technologies that may play a role in all beneficial areas throughout the region, including transportation planning and improving the region's transportation system. Members serving on the Regional Council and Policy Committees may serve on the ETC. In addition, ex-officio, non-voting members to the ETC may be appointed by the President. Appointments to the ETC shall be made by the President for approximate one (1) year terms that expire at the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Assembly. The President shall appoint the chair and vice chair of the ETC. All representatives appointed to the ETC by the President shall have full voting rights.

(1) **Meetings:** The ETC shall meet as frequently as needed upon the call of the ETC chair after consultation with the Executive Director or his designee.

(2) **Quorum and Voting:** A quorum of the ETC shall be one-third (1/3) of the members serving on the ETC. There shall be no proxy votes and representatives must be present to vote. The affirmative vote of a majority of the voting-eligible members serving on the ETC and voting with a quorum in attendance is required for an action by the ETC.

**ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS, DUTIES, ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES**

A. **Officer Positions:** Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Immediate Past President, and a Secretary-Treasurer. The Association's President, First Vice-President, and Second Vice-President shall be elected annually by the Regional Council, prior to the annual regular meeting of the General Assembly, from among its membership as set forth below. The Executive Director of the Association shall serve as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, but shall have no vote in the Association.

B. **Nominating Committee and Candidate Replacements:** Officers of the Association, except the Secretary-Treasurer, shall be elected from a recommended list of candidates, one for each office, which shall be prepared by a Nominating Committee and submitted to the Regional Council for review and action. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President and shall be composed of seven (7) representatives of Regional Council members who collectively represent the six (6) counties within the SCAG Region, with at least one (1) member being a county representative. All individuals serving on the Nominating Committee shall be voting members. Individuals serving on the Nominating Committee shall serve from the date of their appointment until the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Assembly. The Immediate Past President shall serve as the chair of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consider only those candidates that meet the minimum eligibility requirements set forth below in Article VI.C. of these Bylaws and any other requirements that may be established by the Regional Council. A quorum of the Nominating Committee shall be a majority of its membership. Proxy voting is not allowed and members must be present to vote.

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The affirmative votes of a majority of those Nominating Committee members voting with a quorum in attendance shall be required for any action by the Nominating Committee.

In the event that prior to the annual meeting of the General Assembly, a candidate for President or First Vice-President who has been approved by the Nominating Committee or elected by the Regional Council but not yet ratified by the General Assembly no longer satisfies the minimum eligibility requirements of Article **V-C.5**, the candidate for First Vice-President shall be deemed the candidate for President and the candidate for Second Vice-President shall be deemed the candidate for First Vice-President, provided that the **applicable candidates** are agreeable to the change.

In the event that prior to the annual General Assembly meeting, a candidate for Second Vice-President who has been approved by the Nominating Committee or elected by Regional Council, but not yet ratified by the General Assembly no longer satisfies the minimum eligibility requirements of Article **V-C.5** or if other candidate vacancies exist for any reason after the approval(s) by the Nominating Committee or the election(s) by the Regional Council, the Regional Council shall fill the vacant candidate position(s) with individual or individuals who meet the minimum eligibility requirements of Article **V-C**. The Nominating Committee may also meet to review the list of candidates and make a recommendation to the Regional Council regarding the new candidate for Second Vice-President or for any other vacant candidate positions if there is sufficient time before the annual meeting of the General Assembly in which to schedule both a meeting of the Nominating Committee and the **Regional Council**.

C. **Minimum Eligibility Requirements:** The following minimum eligibility requirements must be met in order for an individual to be considered by the Nominating Committee as a **candidate for** an officer position in the Association.

- (1) At the time of the application, the potential candidate must be a Regional Council member who is a representative of a voting-eligible Member of the Association, the TCA representative, the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board representative, the Air District representative, or the Public Transportation Representative and who has served on a Policy Committee and/or the Regional Council (in any combination, except as provided in this subsection) for at least 24 continuous months from when first appointed to the Policy Committee and/or Regional Council or from when elected to serve on the Regional Council through a District election; provided, however, that at least 12 months of the potential candidate's service must be as a Regional Council member. A potential candidate's concurrent service as a member of both a Policy Committee and the Regional Council shall count only once towards satisfying the 24-month eligibility requirement.
- (2) The potential candidate must be actively involved with SCAG.
- (3) The potential candidate must be a local elected official from a SCAG member county, city, TCA, Air District or CTC, the Public Transportation Representative, or a locally elected Tribal Council member from a federally recognized Indian Nation.

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- (4) Term limits will not prevent the potential candidate from serving a full term in the respective officer position.
- (5) A completed nomination application must be submitted to the Association by the appropriate deadline by either the potential candidate or a colleague on the Regional Council.

D. **Election by Regional Council and Ratification by General Assembly:** The names of the candidates for each officer position recommended by the Nominating Committee shall be submitted to the Regional Council for consideration and action at least one (1) month **prior to** the annual meeting of the General Assembly. The Nominating Committee shall recommend one candidate to the Regional Council for each officer position (except Secretary-Treasurer). If the Nominating Committee cannot agree on one candidate to recommend to the Regional Council for an officer position, all candidates for that officer position who satisfied the minimum eligibility requirements identified in Article ~~V.C.~~ shall **be presented** to the Regional Council. The Regional Council may also consider and elect for any officer position individuals who are nominated directly at a Regional Council meeting as **part of** the election process. New Officers shall take office after the ratification of the General Assembly and upon the adjournment of the General Assembly meeting.

E. **Officer Position Vacancies:** A vacancy shall immediately occur in the office of the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President or Immediate Past President upon the resignation or death of the person holding such office, or upon the person holding such office ceasing to be a local elected official or if required by federal or state statutes or regulations, or if the appointment as a representative of a Member of the Association, the TCA, the Air Districts, Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, or as the **Public Transportation** Representative of **the person** holding the office is rescinded by the legislative body(ies) responsible for the appointment or in response to a no confidence vote by a District undertaken in **accordance with** the District Representative Election Procedures in the Regional Council Policy Manual. Such a no confidence vote shall only be undertaken in response to a resolution passed by **all cities** in the District that are **voting-eligible** members of the Association. Upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the office of President, First Vice-President, or Second Vice-President, the vacancy shall be filled for the balance of an unexpired term in order of succession by elevating the next remaining Officer to such position, and the President may call for a Special Election to fill the unexpired term of the office of Second Vice-President. Such ~~s~~**Second** Vice-President shall be selected from a list of candidates which shall be prepared by a Nominating Committee structured in accordance with the provisions of ~~Article VI, Section~~ **B**. In the event of such a Special Election the name of a nominee shall be submitted by the Nominating Committee to the Regional Council for action. If elected, the new Second Vice-President shall take office upon adjournment of that meeting of the Regional Council that included the Special Election. Upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the position of the Immediate Past President, the next most immediate and available Past President of SCAG still serving as representative to the Regional Council shall fill the position and serve for the balance of the unexpired term.

F. **Representatives to Regional Council Eligible for Officer Positions:** All representatives to the Regional Council from Members of the Association including the CTCs and the representatives

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of the Tribal Government Regional Planning Board, TCA, and the Air Districts serving on the Regional Council as well as the **Public Transportation** Representative are eligible to be elected by the Regional Council as Officers of the Association.

- G. **Presiding Officer:** The President of the Association shall be the presiding officer of the Regional Council and of the General Assembly. The First Vice-President shall act as the presiding officer in his/her absence. The Second Vice-President, followed by the **Immediate Past** President, shall act as the presiding officer in the absence of both of the above officers.
- H. **Duties of Secretary-Treasurer:** The Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain a record of all Association proceedings, maintain custody of all Association funds, and otherwise perform the usual duties of such office.

**ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Executive Director shall be the chief administrative officer of the Association. The powers and duties of the Executive Director are as follows.

- A. **Affairs of the Association:** Subject to the authority of the General Assembly and the Regional Council, to administer the affairs of the Association including, but not limited to, oversight and approval of the Personnel Rules, Procurement Manual, and Accounting Manual of the Association.
- B. **Employees:** Consistent with all applicable personnel policies, procedures, and salary classifications, to appoint, direct, discipline, remove, and set the compensation and benefits of all other employees of the Association.
- C. **Budget:** Annually to prepare and present a proposed Association budget and Overall Work Plan budget to the Regional Council and to control the approved budgets.
- D. **Secretary-Treasurer:** To serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Association.
- E. **Meetings:** To attend the meetings of the General Assembly, the Regional Council, and the EAC.
- F. **Other Duties:** To perform such other duties as the General Assembly or the Regional Council or the Regional Council Policy Manual may require.
- G. **Metropolitan Planning Organization:** To ensure compliance with the Association's responsibilities as a metropolitan planning organization as outlined in 23 U.S.C.A. § 134 et seq., and as may be amended from time to time.

**ARTICLE VIII - FINANCES**

- A. **Fiscal Year:** The fiscal year of the Association shall commence on July 1.
- B. **Budget Submission and Adoption:** The Association budget shall be submitted by the Executive

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Director to the Regional Council. The Regional Council shall adopt an Association budget at least 30 days prior the Annual Meeting. The Association budget and assessment schedule shall be adopted by the General Assembly at the Annual Meeting. Notwithstanding any provision of the agreement establishing the Association, any member that cannot pay its assessment therefore because of any applicable law or charter provision, or other lack of ability to appropriate or pay the same, may add such assessment to its assessment for the next full fiscal year. The budget for each year shall provide the necessary funds with which to obtain and maintain the requisite liability and worker's compensation insurance to fully protect each of the signatory parties hereto, and such insurance shall be so obtained and maintained.

- C. **Annual Membership Dues Assessment:** Each year, upon adoption of the Association budget, the General Assembly shall fix an annual membership dues assessment for all Members of the Association, Advisory Members of the Association, and Regional Council members in amounts sufficient to provide the funds required by the Association budget and shall advise the legislative body of each Member, Advisory Member, or Regional Council member thereof on or before the first regularly scheduled Regional Council meeting within thirty (30) days of the date of the General Assembly regular meeting of such year. Absent any other decision regarding membership dues assessments by the General Assembly, the annual membership dues assessment will be adjusted by the most recent year over year change in the Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers for the Los Angeles – Riverside – Orange County, California area, with a minimum of one per-cent (1%) and using as a base for the assessment calculation the amount assessed in the previous assessment year. The annual membership dues assessment shall be determined in accordance with the formula set out in Article VIII-D of these Bylaws.

If a Member of the Association, or an Advisory Member of the Association, or a Regional Council member is unable to pay its annual membership dues assessment for any of the reasons cited in Article VIII-B of these Bylaws and if a Member (but not an Advisory Member or Regional Council member) is unable or unwilling to add its dues assessment to its assessment for the next full fiscal year, the Regional Council, for not more than one (1) year at a time, may defer, waive, or reduce payment of the annual membership dues assessment for a Member, an Advisory Member, or a Regional Council member. Similarly, the Executive Director may authorize reduced payment of the annual membership dues assessment for a Member, an Advisory Member, or a Regional Council member by no more than ten percent (10%) for not more than one (1) year at a time based upon documented financial hardship. In taking any of the actions above, the Regional Council shall adjust the Association budget to provide a balanced Association budget reflecting any of the above actions. Any action of the Regional Council deferring, waiving, or reducing the payment of the annual dues shall be reported at the following General Assembly meeting. In addition, if the Regional Council waives the annual membership dues assessment for a Member of the Association, or an Advisory Member of the Association, or a Regional Council member, the Regional Council shall consider, at the same time and decide, on a case-by-case basis, whether the Official Representative of the Member or Advisory Member shall have the right to vote at the General Assembly and whether the representative of the Member, Advisory Member, or Regional Council member can continue to vote on the Regional Council or any committee or subcommittee of the Association, serve in a leadership position, receive a stipend, or have any other membership rights or privileges restricted during the period when the annual dues have been waived.

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If the Regional Council decides to waive the annual membership dues assessment for a Member of the Association and also decides to suspend the voting rights of the Member for the period when the dues assessment is waived and if the representative of the Member serving on the Regional Council represents a multi-city District, the position of **District representative** shall be vacated by the action of the Regional Council and the vacancy shall **be filled** through a special election in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Regional Council Policy Manual.

Any Member of the Association, Advisory Member of the Association, or Regional Council member that fails to pay its annual membership dues assessment, or, in the case of a Member, fails to announce its intention to add its assessment to the assessment for the **next fiscal** year or fails to seek a deferral or waiver or reduction of its assessment by January 1 of the July 1 – June 30 fiscal year shall be considered to have withdrawn from the Association and will cease to be a Member, Advisory Member, or Regional Council member effective January 1. The Executive Director or his designee shall endeavor to provide written notices **of annual** membership dues assessment delinquencies in December of each fiscal year.

**D. Methods of Assessment:**

**Member Cities and Counties and Tribal Governments:** Each member county and each member city, based on its total population, shall pay, as part of its total annual assessment, the following fixed basic assessment:

<b>COUNTIES</b>		<b>CITIES</b>	
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>Base</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Base</b>
Up to 249,999	\$ 3,500	Up to 9,999	\$ —100
250,000 – 1,099,999	\$ 10,000	10,000 – 24,999	\$ 250
1,100,000 – 1,999,999	\$ 15,000	25,000 – 99,999	\$ 500
2,000,000 – 3,999,999	\$ 25,000	100,000 – 499,999,000	\$ 750
4,000,000 up	\$ 35,000	500,000 – 999,999	\$ 1,000
		1,000,000 up	\$ 1,250

For purposes of the annual assessment each federally recognized Indian Nation in the SCAG Region that becomes an Advisory Member of the Association shall be treated as a member city. The remainder of the total annual dues assessment to be borne by the member **counties shall** be charged to and paid by said member counties in proportion that the population of unincorporated portions of each bear to the total regional population. The remainder of the total annual assessment to be borne by the member cities shall be charged to and paid by said member cities in the proportion that the population of each bears to the total regional population. The computation of the shares of said total annual assessments as above provided shall be based upon the respective populations of the counties and cities **as determined** by the State Controller in making the most recent allocation to cities and **counties pursuant** to the Motor Vehicle License Fee Law, or based upon population data from the **State Department** of Finance in the event that the State Controller data is not available. For a member city newly incorporated pursuant to California Government Code Section 57176, **the total** annual assessment for the first



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five (5) years following incorporation shall be based upon such city's actual population as defined under California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 11005.3(d).

If any county or city was not a Member of the Association at the time the latest assessment was fixed and shall become a Member of the Association thereafter, an assessment shall be payable by such county or city to the Association upon becoming a Member in a sum based upon the current county or city per capita rate, as the case may be, prorated from the date of establishing membership until the July 1 following the next annual meeting of the **General Assembly** after such date. Notwithstanding the previous provisions of this Article VIII, no rebates or adjustments shall be made among the existing member counties and/or cities if such additional assessments shall be received from new Members. Notwithstanding the previous provisions of this Section, no regular dues assessment of any county or city shall exceed twenty percent (20%) of the total assessment for any annual assessment period.

**CTCs:** Each CTC shall pay a fixed annual assessment based on total population, using the following assessment table:

<u>Total Population</u>	<u>Annual Assessment</u>
Up to 249,000	\$ 3,500
250,000 <del>---</del> 1,099,999	\$ 10,000
1,100,000 <del>---</del> 1,999, <del>999,000</del>	\$ 15,000
2,000,000 <del>---</del> 3,999,999	\$ 25,000
More than 4,000,000	\$ 35,000

**TCA, the Air Districts and the Public Transportation Representative:** TCA shall pay an annual assessment of \$10,000. The annual assessment for a representative from the Air Districts **on the** Regional Council shall be \$10,000 to be paid in a manner agreed upon by the five (5) Air Districts within the SCAG Region. There is no required assessment for the Public Transportation Representative on the Regional Council.

- E. **Annual Audit:** The Regional Council shall cause an annual external audit of the financial affairs of the Association to be made by a certified public accountant at the end of each **fiscal year**. The Regional Council shall employ a certified public **accountant** of its choosing. The Regional Council shall also establish an Audit Committee to provide oversight of the **annual external** audit. The members of Audit Committee shall be comprised of members of the Regional Council and serve for one (1) year terms. The First Vice-President shall be a member of the Audit Committee and the Second Vice-President shall serve as the chair of the Audit Committee for one (1) year. The audit report shall be made to Association **member cities** and counties.
  
- F. **Indemnification for Tort Liability:** In contemplation of the provisions of Section 895.2 of the Government Code of the State of California imposing certain tort liability jointly upon public entities solely by reason of such entities being parties to an agreement as defined in **Section 895** of said code, the Members of the Association hereto as between themselves, **pursuant to** the authorization contained in Sections 895.4 and 895.6 of said code, will each assume the full liability imposed upon it, or any of its officers, agents or employees by law for injury caused by a negligent or wrongful act or omission occurring in the performance of this agreement to the

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same extent that such liability would be imposed in the absence of Section 895.2 of said code. To achieve the above stated purpose each Member of the Association indemnifies and holds harmless any other Member of the Association for any loss, cost, or expense that may be imposed upon such other Member of the Association solely by virtue of said Section 895.2. The rules set forth in Civil Code Section 2778 are hereby made a part of these Bylaws.

- G. **Debts, Liabilities and Obligations of the Association:** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 7 of said Joint Powers Agreement by which this Association is formed, no contract, employment, debt, liability or obligation of the Association shall be binding upon or obligate any Member of this Association without the express written request or consent of such Member and only to the extent so requested or consented to; nor shall the Association have the authority or the power to bind any member by contract, employment, debt, liability, or obligation made or incurred by it without the written request or consent of such Member, and then only to such extent as so requested or consented to in writing.
  
- H. **Depositaries and Investments:** In addition to the depositary and the disbursing officer as specified in Section 7 of the Joint Powers Agreement, the Regional Council may authorize additional depositaries and those authorized to disburse the Association's funds, and may specify the terms and conditions pertaining thereto.

**ARTICLE IX – STATUTORY AUTHORITY**

The Southern California Association of Governments shall be an agency established by a joint powers agreement among the members pursuant to Title 1, Division 7, Chapter 5, of the Government Code of the State of California and shall have the powers vested in the Association by State or Federal law, the Joint Powers Agreement, or these Bylaws. The Association shall not have the power of eminent domain, or the power to levy taxes.

**ARTICLE X – VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL**

Any Member of the Association, Advisory Member of the Association, or Regional Council member may, at any time, withdraw from the Association providing, however, that the intent to withdraw must be stated in the form of a resolution enacted by the legislative body of the agency wishing to withdraw. Such resolution of intent to withdraw from the Association must be given to the Association by the withdrawing agency at least 30 days prior to the effective date of withdrawal. The withdrawing agency shall not be entitled to a refund of the annual assessment paid to the Association.

**ARTICLE XI – BYLAWS AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE AND AMENDMENTS**

The Bylaws and any amendments thereto are subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by an Official Representative, the Executive Director, the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, and the Regional Council.

If proposed by an Official Representative, the amendment shall be submitted to the Association by a



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deadline established by the Association that is subject to waiver by the SCAG President or Executive Director but which in all cases must be at least forty-five (45) days prior to the regular meeting of the General Assembly for assignment and consideration by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.

The Bylaws and Resolutions Committee shall be appointed by the President and composed of twelve (12) representatives of Members of the Association serving on the Regional Council, with at least one (1) representative from each county in the SCAG Region and with at least two (2) representatives being county representatives. The representatives serving on the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee shall have terms that commence on the date of their appointment and extend to the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the General Assembly. A quorum of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee shall be a majority of its membership. Proxy voting is not allowed and members must be present to vote. The affirmative votes of a majority of those Bylaws and Resolutions Committee members voting shall be required for any action by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee. The Second Vice-President shall serve as the chair of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.

Except for amendments proposed by the Regional Council, all proposed amendments to the Bylaws shall be considered by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee, and thereafter, by the Regional Council: except, however, amendments proposed by the Executive Director or his designee that are not recommended by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee shall not be sent to the Regional Council. All amendments proposed by an Official Representative, and all amendments proposed by the Bylaws and Resolution Committee or the Executive Director or his designee that are recommended by the Regional Council along with amendments proposed by the Regional Council, shall be forwarded to the Official Representative of each General Assembly member at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the regular meeting of the General Assembly at which such proposed amendments will be voted upon.

An affirmative vote of a majority of the Official Representatives or Alternates of the General Assembly voting-eligible Members of the Association present and voting with a quorum in attendance is required to adopt an amendment to these Bylaws. If, within sixty (60) days after the adoption of any amendment, one-third (1/3) or more of the Official Representatives protest such amendment by filing a written protest with the Executive Director, the adoption of such amendment shall be suspended until the next meeting of the General Assembly when the amendment shall again be taken up for consideration and vote.

Notwithstanding any provision of the agreement establishing the Association, Article ~~V-A(-4)~~(b) and the Article VIII A, B, and E of said Bylaws shall not be changed except with the concurrence of the legislative body of each signatory party to said agreement which has not then withdrawn from the Association.

**ARTICLE XII – EFFECTIVE DATE**

These Bylaws shall go into effect immediately upon the effective date of the agreement establishing the Association.

**ARTICLE XIII – HIRING PROHIBITION**

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No individual who is or was an Official Representative or Alternate on SCAG's General Assembly or is or was a representative of a Member of the Association, or of an Advisory Member of the Association, or of a Regional Council member serving on the Regional Council or is or was a member of any of SCAG's Policy Committees shall be eligible for compensated employment with SCAG for a period of one (1) year after the individual's last day of service in any of the SCAG positions described in this Article.

Bylaws adopted by the Joint County-City SCAG Committee:

March 27, 1964

Bylaws amended by the SCAG General Assembly:

February 24, 1966

November 4, 1966

February 24, 1967

February 18, 1970

September 24, 1970

February 16, 1973

September 12, 1974

February 27, 1975

March 8, 1977

October 6, 1977

March 3, 1978

October 6, 1978

March 16, 1979

October 2, 1980

April 29, 1982

April 26, 1984

January 29, 1987

March 21, 1989

March 22, 1990

April 21, 1991

February 27, 1992

March 12, 1993

March 4, 1994

March 3, 1995

July 3, 1996

October 9, 1997

April 16, 1998

September 3, 1998

April 8, 1999

April 6, 2000

May 1, 2003

September 4, 2003

May 4, 2004

May 5, 2005

May 4, 2006

May 3, 2007

May 8, 2008

May 7, 2009

May 6, 2010

May 5, 2011

April 5, 2012

June 7, 2012

May 2, 2013

May 1, 2014

May 7, 2015

May 5, 2016

May 4, 2017

May 3, 2018

May 2, 2019

May 6, 2021

May 5, 2022