

# ***South Bay Cities Council of Governments***

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## **SBCCOG Board of Directors' Meeting Thursday, July 22, 2010 @ 7 pm**

**Light Dinner & Informal Discussion @ 6:30 pm**

### **NOTE NEW LOCATION**

**City of Rolling Hills Estates  
Peninsula Center Library  
701 Silver Spur Road – map attached**

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SBCCOG Executive Director Jacki Bacharach @ 310-377-8987.  
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## **AGENDA**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER - Introductions (7:00 PM)**  
Judy Mitchell, Chair
- II. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**
- III. **CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY ROLLING HILLS ESTATES CITY CLERK**
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**
- V. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
- VI. **CONSENT CALENDAR (7:05 PM)**  
Matters listed under Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.
  - A. **June Board Meeting Minutes (attachment) – Approve**
  - B. **Resolution 2010-3 Promoting Clean And Energy Efficient Motor Vehicles, Energy Independence, Zero Emission Technologies And Improved Quality Of Life In California (attachment) - Approve**

**C. Support for Equitable Formula for HUD Funding for Homeless Programs (attachments) - Approve**

**D. Status of Legislation upon which SBCCOG has a position (attachments) – Receive and file**

**VII. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Green Idea City: Hermosa Beach's Carbon Neutral Effort (7:10 pm)**

1. Presentation by Hermosa Beach Mayor Michael diVirgilio

**B. Special Metro Update from Chief Executive Officer Art Leahy (7:30 pm)**

**VIII. MONTHLY METRO REPORT**

A. Board member report by Pam O'Connor (7:50 pm)

B. Governance Council report by Ralph Franklin & Jim Goodhart (8:00 pm)

**IX. SOUTH BAY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CENTER UPDATES (8:10 pm)**

A. Update on current programs and activities

B. Status of stimulus projects, Energy Leader program & AB 811 program

**XI. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS (8:20 pm)**

**XII. SBCCOG UPDATE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS – (8:25 pm)**

A. SB 375 status

B. LUV update

**XIII. AGENCY REPORTS (8:35 pm)**

A. League of California Cities (Steve Diels & Cliff Numark)

B. South Coast Air Quality Management District (Judy Mitchell & Stan Myles)

1. Local Government and Business Advisory Group (VACANT)

C. SCAG & Committees (Matt Horton)

a. Energy and Environment (Judy Mitchell, Mitch Ward)

b. Transportation (Steve Diels, Judy Dunlap)

c. Community, Economic, & Human Development (Susan Rhilinger & Daniel Tabor)

d. Regional Council (Judy Mitchell, Judy Dunlap, Susan Rhilinger)

D. Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Report (Mary Ann Lutz)

E. South Bay Cities City Managers' Association (Doug Prichard)

F. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (Susan Rhilinger)

G. South Bay Economic Development Partnership (Don Brann)

**XIII. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (8:50 pm)**

**XIII. AUGUST SBCCOG COMMITTEE MEETINGS & WORKING GROUPS**

Consult web site for specific times and places – [www.southbaycities.org](http://www.southbaycities.org)

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

**Next meeting - Thursday, August 26, 2010**

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## SBCCOG MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2010

CITY	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10
Carson		P			
El Segundo	P	P	P		
Gardena	P	P	P		
Hawthorne	P	P	P		
Hermosa Beach	X	P			
Inglewood	P	P		P	
Lawndale	P		P		
Lomita	P	P	P		
Los Angeles	X	X	X	X	
Manhattan Beach	P	P	P	P	
Palos Verdes Estates	P	P	P	P	
Rancho Palos Verdes		P		P	
Redondo Beach	P	P	P	P	
Rolling Hills	X	X	X	X	
Rolling Hills Estates	P	P	P	P	
Torrance	P	P	P	P	
County of Los Angeles		P	P	P	

P: present

X: inactive (missed last 3 in a row)

Inactive Membership is automatically re-instated by attending a meeting

<b>Number of Active Agencies</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>Quorum Required (50% + 1)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>Number of Agencies Attending</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	

MINUTES  
SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2010  
EL SEGUNDO LIBRARY

Chair Mitchell called the South Bay Cities Council of Governments to order at 7:13p.m. In attendance were the following voting members:

Ralph Franklin, Inglewood  
Ellen Perkins, Palos Verdes Estates  
Anthony Misetich, Rancho Palos Verdes  
Wayne Powell, Manhattan Beach  
Pat Aust, Redondo Beach

Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates  
Tom Brewer, Torrance  
Steve Napolitano, County of Los Angeles  
Dan Rosenfeld, County of Los Angeles

Other Elected Officials

Jim Goodhart, Palos Verdes Estates

Also in attendance were the following persons:

Matt Horton, SCAG  
Alan Patashnick, Metro  
Stan Myles, AQMD  
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG  
Marilyn Lyon, SBESC  
Merna Marshall, SBCCOG Secretary  
Kemberli Clark, El Camino College  
Capri Clark, El Camino College

Anne Karna, CA State/511 LASAFE  
Dan Freedman, Lung Association  
Robert Vinetz, L. A. County Asthma Coalition  
Viggen Davidian, Interis, Inc.  
Mike Bohlke, Pam O'Connor's Deputy  
Don Camph, Aldaron  
Adi Liberman, Lung Association

FLAG SALUTE - LED BY CHAIR JUDY MITCHELL

SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY EL SEGUNDO CITY CLERK

Jacki Bacharach confirmed that the agenda was properly posted in the City of El Segundo.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Jacki Bacharach announced that the Metro Report will be made following Item 8 and noted that Redondo Beach City Manager Bill Workman was not able to attend the meeting and, therefore, the Sister City presentation will be postponed to a later meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

**MOTION** by Board Member Aust, **SECONDED** by Board Member Franklin, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. No objection. So ordered.

- A. May Board Meeting Minutes – Approve
- B. Amendment to Funding Agreement between SBCCOG and Metro for Vanpool Services – Approve
- C. Contract with Iteris for an Implementation Plan and Program Management Services for use of the South Bay Measure R Highway Funds – Approve

- D. Amendment to Extend Contract with Torrance Water Department – Approve
- E. Personnel Actions – Employee status and employee compensation adjustments – Approve
- F. Amendment to Authorization for Contract Approvals – Approve
- G. Quarterly Report of Contracts let by Steering Committee – Approve
- H. Status of Legislation upon which SBCCOG has a position - Approve

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Southern California 511 – Traffic, Transit and Commuter Service Information via a toll-free 511 and Go511.com**

Anne Karna, Communications Manager for LASAFE (Los Angeles Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies), explained that due to the fact that most people now have cell phones, all of the call boxes are no longer needed and will ultimately be removed. She explained that 511 is a phone number (and website Go511.com) designated for traffic information and provides real-time information on regional traffic situations.

Ms. Karna explained that the main goal of the service is to improve mobility and noted there are 511 systems throughout the country. It provides real-time traffic information, traffic speed, accident warnings, road closures, etc. You can plan a trip by giving your start and end points. Carpool match service is also available. She said the system is an interactive voice response (IVR) program with speech recognition software and if you are having trouble using the system you can say “operator” and be transferred to an operator. Currently the system is only in English but within a year or two there will be a Spanish version.

Ms. Karna noted that the website [www.Go511.com](http://www.Go511.com) includes all of the information from the phone system and more, including all cities and city transit provider information, real-time traffic maps with traffic cameras, and park and ride information. They are still in “beta” mode and accepting feedback.

She said the goal is to partner with cities by placing a link on the various websites, videos, tutorials, logos, specialty items, etc.

### **Presentation by the American Lung Association on SB 375 and Public Health**

Dr. Robert Vinetz, with the Los Angeles Asthma Coalition, addressed the Board with a powerpoint presentation regarding Land Use, Climate Change and Public Health.

Dr. Vinetz said that there really is a public health crisis brewing in Los Angeles’ air--which is controlled to a large extent by the choices and decisions we make regarding our homes and businesses. Poor land use decisions create air pollution, climate change, asthma and respiratory illnesses, heart disease, obesity and many other health problems. He said doctors are coming in after the fact and it is their preference to prevent the problems from the beginning. Mold, humidity, and even cockroaches trigger asthma.

Dr. Vinetz reviewed the various impacts from the air that we breathe noting that over 600,000 adults and 240,000 children under age 18 in Los Angeles County have asthma and school absenteeism is the #1 cause from this chronic disease. This results in \$170 billion annually in economic losses.

Dr. Vinetz said his desire is to bring this public health message to those who have some say in what’s going to happen and noted some opportunities to change course. The sustainable communities bill (SB 375) passed in 2008 will establish regional greenhouse gas reduction targets this year to create sustainable community strategies, encourage smart mixed-use, compact growth principles. He noted that clean cars programs in California are being updated this year to require less smog-forming pollution, less greenhouse gases and more zero-emission technology. He reviewed the benefits from sustainable land use and reduced congestion, noting that a result will be reduced obesity rates because kids will be able to play outside more than they currently can.

In conclusion, Dr. Vinetz said that the land use and transportation decisions that are made will have a major impact on air and greenhouse gases and how we live in this area. We can look at wise compact and mixed-use community designs to

get us out of our cars and make our air cleaner and improve our own communities' health. He asked for support of wise implementation of SB 375, support land use and transportation that reduce driving, decrease pollution and encourage public transit, walking and biking; and pass a resolution to show support.

The Board asked questions regarding the Mates-3 study generated by the AQMD that shows high areas of air pollution, whether or not it is a good idea to build housing near transit stations, since many of them are near freeways, and the actions local and state governments are taking to prioritize efforts.

Jacki Bacharach said the draft resolution suggested by the American Lung Association didn't reflect what the South Bay is doing and she asked for direction to work with them to make the resolution reflect what we are doing. She said we have studied traffic impacts in the South Bay and noted that we look at transit differently than other areas because we don't have a large amount of transit. One of our strategies is being tested in the neighborhood electric vehicle demonstration project where five of these vehicles are placed with individuals in the South for their local trips.

Jacki Bacharach said the South Bay has opportunities with the way we develop Measure R highway funding for sustainable living initiatives and we need to come up with something comprehensive that speaks to the South Bay. We are concerned about living between the port and the airport but we don't have the transit oriented development and some of what we have is next to freeways as well. We appreciate and support the efforts of the American Lung Association and plan to bring back a resolution at the next meeting.

Board Chair Mitchell thanked Dr. Vinetz for the presentation and noted that as the newest board member of the AQMD, she can see that the AQMD is doing a lot of things to clean up the air, including experimenting with new vehicles and funding a lot of other experiments as well. She noted that 90% of pollution comes from mobile sources not stationary sources and noted there is a huge correlation between our land use decisions and emissions and we need to think about where we allow things to be built, such as residential buildings next to high vehicle use areas (freeways).

Jacki Bacharach noted that SCAG has a sustainability model just released to help cities identify their housing needs. She said it has a lot of different housing types and assumptions that don't exactly work in the South Bay. She said we will be trying to recalibrate SCAG's model to make it work in the South Bay.

## **ITEMS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

### **Election of Officers**

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Board Members Diels and Numark, recommended by unanimous consent that the current slate of officers just elected in March 2010 be elected for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. They are: Chairman Judy Mitchell, Councilmember, Rolling Hills Estates; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Ellen Perkins, Councilmember, Palos Verdes Estates; and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Susan Rhilinger, Councilmember, Torrance.

**MOTION** by Board Member Missetich, seconded by Board Member Powell, to move slate. No objection. So ordered.

### **2010-2011 Budget – presented at May Board Meeting and changes noted -- Approve**

Jacki Bacharach explained that a new budget was distributed at the meeting indicating changes as follows:

1. Additional grant money has been awarded to the county team working on the implementation of AB 811. It will include additional funding to offset SBCCOG staffing. (line item 8)
2. Measure R Project includes staff time that the SBCCOG will be devoting; also paying Don Camph to manage the project. The money coming to the SBCCOG was inadvertently left out (line item 11).
3. On the expenses, the changes at a previous meeting did not properly reflect the compensation for the GHG consultant and her assistant.
4. Transportation Services not financed out of Measure R were not previously reflected
5. Measure R expenditures for project management are reflected here.

Additional expenses are covered by grant monies.

**MOTION** by Board Member Aust, seconded by Board Member Franklin to approve the Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-11, as amended. No objection. So ordered.

**Legislative Committee Report****Legislation to Consider:**

AB 2317 – support (abatement of a nuisance)

SB 1192 (Oropeza) -- support (airport car rental fee to build a common car rental building at the airport). The recommendation includes that the funding also include transportation to the peplemover.

**MOTION** by Board Member Mitchell, seconded by Board Member Aust, to approve recommended action of support for the above-listed bills. No objection. So ordered.

AB 1955 – (de la Torre) expands the definition/classifications of incompatible public offices. Recommend oppose.

**MOTION** by Board Member Mitchell, seconded by Board Member Brewer, to approve recommended action to oppose. All Ayes. No objection. So ordered.

Board Member Mitchell suggested that all of the city councils consider taking action to oppose as well.

Jacki Bacharach said she will send an informational email to cities.

**METRO REPORT**

Mike Bohlke distributed a copy of a motion by Pam O'Connor which was discussed by the Metro Board. He said this issue is a set of policies that the MTA would use a project is running into difficulty and/or cost increases. There was a section (2) that said Metro would still maintain the same sequencing.

Mr. Bohlke said the South Bay Green Line extension is a third-decade project and the way 30-10 is interpreted as creating one large trough of money that the MTA can access to accelerate Measure R projects over the next 10 years. Coming before the Board is a recommendation by staff to amend the Measure R ordinance so that the expenditure plan has laid out in a sequence process when funding for projects would be accessible. This would require an amendment to Measure R so that all of the funding could be accessed as early as 2012 and, therefore, the issue of arbitrary sequencing was called into question in terms of when projects were to be built. The item has been continued to August so there can be greater vetting and review of the items in the measure.

Board Member Rosenfeld said that the Metro Board is very contentious with a lot of competition. The plan being referred to is based on the availability of funds by project by year. The motion was brought up 48 hours ago to throw that out. He said 30-10 is a proposal to advance incremental funding to be available all at once, it actually doesn't exist yet and is based on a significant amount of federal funding.

Board Member Rosenfeld suggested that the letter be changed to include the Crenshaw/LAX line in addition to the Green Line, since it is in the South Bay as well as other areas. Keeping that project on line is important, since it creates the ability to connect the airport to other areas. He said to start projects based on funds being ready could create chaos and they are taking the process cautiously.

Mr. Bohlke said this would not move forward unless 30-10 is put into place and the Measure R amendment is approved. He said given the fact that there's already a 5% diminished sales tax, they are asking where the hit will be spread out and they are trying to make sure that the 5% hit doesn't fall on the shoulders on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> decade projects.

Jacki Bacharach said, unfortunately, the SBCCOG meets the same day as the Metro Board and the agendas come out a week earlier. She indicated the letter distributed this evening that was sent by the SBCCOG to the Metro Board with the approval of the SBCCOG Chairs since the measure could have passed. It wasn't clear that it was going to be tabled and the SBCCOG letter helped raise questions. There are so many things that are unknown for a plan that is going to be adopted and we need time to sit down and talk about what this means. She said we have to watch statements like there is only one rail line that comes into the South Bay. She said Crenshaw is mostly in the central area and the definition is becoming extremely important because it could lead to all kinds of chaos down the road if funding overruns are a concern. These things are really important and could mean millions of dollars in lost funding. She said the line to the Galleria is \$300 million, a small amount compared to the several billion dollars of the entire area and we should be able to build it if we're ready.

Board Member Rosenfeld noted that the Expo line is up to \$100 million over budget and the battle is between the west and east side, with Supervisor Molina insisting that the overrun should be taken from the west side. Mike said the east side extension is the real threat and that's why he wanted to put Supervisor Molina on this motion. He said Crenshaw should be built as planned and the next priority should be the South Bay extension but it is sometimes thought of as being "someone else's project."

### **Artesia Transit Center**

Mike Bohlke said he has been working with staff on this proposal. He said since providing restrooms for Metro is precedent setting, he is trying to distinguish it as an anomaly while others are trying to lump all restroom requests together. He said the problem is getting staff to acknowledge that the project is going to be implemented. Pam is the chair of Planning and Programming and this issue will be agendaized soon. The message from the SBCCOG is that they want to work with the MTA on trying to resolve this issue. He recommended that the SBCCOG place this on the next agenda. He said it is the operations staff that does not want to do this. He encouraged the SBCCOG Board to take a position that the Artesia Transit Center is in desperate need of these facilities so that the Board can point to the SBCCOG saying they recognize the problem. He said he neglected to put a deadline on this and now the staff doesn't feel that there is an urgency.

Board Member Franklin said it was frustrating to give input but not get any feedback so he brought it up again. As the chair for the South Bay Metro Governance Council he will place it on a future agenda.

Board Member Goodhart said many of the residents who do ride the bus ask why there are no restrooms and he recommended the SBCCOG take the initiative to present a letter to Metro. He said this is where cities can make a difference through this organization.

Jacki Bacharach said she will prepare a letter of support and discuss this with Mike and Ralph during the month and return to the SBCCOG at a later date.

### **SOUTH BAY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CENTER UPDATES**

#### **Update on current programs and activities**

Marilyn Lyon reported on SBESC activities (report in packet). She distributed an article reprint from Edison's in-house magazine touting one of the Service Center's events. She congratulated the City of Inglewood as the first city to receive \$59,000 from energy savings projects.

Ms. Lyon reported that as of June 1<sup>st</sup> the Center has an engineer at its disposal to meet with cities regarding projects they are working on, help to get inspections from the utility companies and move their projects along. She reported that the LA County energy program slated to launch September 1<sup>st</sup> will soon have 100% participation (AB 811 program; PACE financing). Even if just one resident in the city wants to take advantage of it, the city has to opt in by passing a resolution. Energy upgrades include items such as proper insulation and ventilation. The program is also focusing on hiring qualified and accredited contractors.

Ms. Lyon noted that significant funding has come through to support this program and certain areas will be in for intensive marketing. She said the entire South Bay will be targeted for intense marketing and we are very excited to be able to use our tools to get the word out. The financing part of this is a very small part because most residents will not qualify since the minimum will be about \$5000 of household improvements. But financial incentives will be available for several energy efficiency improvements in the home.

The program is called "Energy Upgrade California" and Los Angeles County is looking forward to uniting the utilities. Energy efficiency is before alternative energy use.

Water Star is the newest program with West Basin Water District and is directed to children; kits to be passed out will contain a lot of useful information regarding water savings. In the pilot phase now and will be available at many different community events during the summer and in the schools during the fall. Available in Spanish.

At a recent vanpool meeting interest was expressed by the attendees that could translate into 20 possible vans.

**BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Board Member Goodhart (PVE) reported that on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, as part of the Disaster Preparedness Subcommittee of Palos Verdes Estates, he went to the first seminar of Area G (with A-H); a large number of the attendees were staff members and the message was that the point of emergency preparedness is to deliver the message that if you don't do this you're going to die. It is important to make it a positive, upbeat message; and Home Depot was there to promote their desire to be available for contracts with cities in order to get repairs quickly. He suggested the Board members talk to their city staffs.

Board Member Powell (Manhattan Beach) announced the 49<sup>th</sup> annual Manhattan Beach Bicycle Grand Prix race sponsored by Chevron. 32<sup>nd</sup> year of Concerts in the Park from 5 to 7 on Sundays.

Board Member Aust (Redondo Beach) announced the summer festival in Rivera Village June 26-27.

Board Member Brewer (Torrance) announced the final fireworks display at Wilson Park on July 4<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 9:30 p.m.

**SBCCOG UPDATE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Sustainable South Bay Strategy – Powerpoint presentation to be presented to several groups in the next couple of months.

SB 375 status: nothing to report. Waiting for CARB to announce their targets.

LUV project report: Jacki Bacharach reported that there are five LUV vehicles deployed. She reviewed a report that shows the positive environmental benefits if people took the neighborhood vehicles under their wing. She also reported that one of the LUV vehicle was hit recently by a Hummer and the vehicle and driver were fine.

**AGENCY REPORTS**South Coast Air Quality Management District (Stan Myles)

Stan Myles reported on AB 2766. He announced the Clean Air Awards are coming up soon and they still need nominations of individuals, cities or organizations from the South Bay.

Local Government and Business Advisory Group – position still vacant.

SCAG & Committees (Matt Horton)

Matt Horton said SCAG is discussing with CARB draft targets that will be out next week. He said there will be outreach sessions and a public comment period before adoption in September. He said the Housing Needs Assessment is tied to 375 and it is important to make those numbers more realistic to the South Bay, noting that while they are planning allocations they are not building mandates.

Chair Mitchell said there will be a meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup> for the draft targets and this will mean something to our communities. After input is received, then they will decide on the final target in September. She said SCAG has taken a position with three other organizations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and what the model should look like. She said we should support that plan. Also, at the last Regional Council they accepted \$1 million from the Prop 84 funds for implementation of SB 375.

Energy and Environment (Judy Mitchell, Mitch Ward).

Chair Mitchell noted that SCAG has a program on safe cycling and a presentation was made by Alan Thompson. There is a page on the SCAG website regarding safe bike paths and it is important for cities doing bike routes to coordinate them with surrounding cities to make it a cohesive plan.

League of California Cities -

Judy Mitchell reported that there are quite a few good applicants for the vacant staff member position and should have someone on board soon.

Regional Council (Judy Mitchell, Judy Dunlap, Susan Rhilinger)

Chair Mitchell announced that the ballot initiative is to be the focus of attention and the desire to not alienate our coalition partners was the reason the League will not take a position on other issues. She also said that the League is seeking applicants for at-large director positions.

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Report (Mary Ann Lutz) – written report provided.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Brown Bag Seminars by Mike Jenkins – July 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Gas Company's Energy Resource Center in Downey – July 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**Next meeting in Rolling Hills Estates at Peninsula Center Library. Please park on the roof from Deep Valley Drive.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Board Member Napolitano, seconded by Board Member Perkins that the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Merna Marshall  
Recording Secretary

## **Resolution No. 2010-3**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS PROMOTING CLEAN AND ENERGY EFFICIENT MOTOR VEHICLES, ENERGY INDEPENDENCE, ZERO EMISSION TECHNOLOGIES AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE IN CALIFORNIA AND FURTHERMORE SUPPORTING THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD'S LEADERSHIP IN THIS AREA.**

WHEREAS, California is experiencing a public health crisis due to poor air quality, with over 90% of Californians living in areas that exceed federal health-based ozone standards; and exposure to elevated levels of ozone and other pollutants such as particulate matter annually contributes to hundreds of thousands of asthma attacks and tens of thousands of hospitalizations and premature deaths due to heart and lung disease; and recent research conducted by the RAND Corporation found that hospital care related to elevated pollution levels in California cost nearly \$200 million from 2005 to 2007;

WHEREAS, higher temperatures resulting from global warming can create conditions that are ideal for the formation of ground-level ozone, a pollutant that causes severe adverse health impacts, including asthma attacks, hospitalizations and even premature deaths; and without significant actions the State of California faces billions of dollars in public health damages; and

WHEREAS, California is expected to face more intense heat waves, more frequent droughts, flooding, agricultural losses, greater energy demand and the potential loss of trillions of dollars in real estate due to sea level rise, increased wildfires and rising temperatures associated with global warming; and

WHEREAS, California depends on petroleum for 97 percent of its transportation needs; and motor vehicles are significant emitters of ozone precursors, particulates and air toxics, and the single largest anthropogenic source of global warming causing greenhouse gas emissions in California; and

WHEREAS, California's Clean Fuels Outlet regulation is being updated to ensure that clean fueling infrastructure is sufficiently deployed to support the new vehicle market so that clean fuels are readily available to meet consumer demand for advanced clean vehicles; and

WHEREAS, California's Clean Cars (AB 1493: Pavley, 2002), Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) and Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) programs reduce petroleum consumption, support new jobs and investments in California's emerging green economy and spur innovation in low and zero emission vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature enacted Senate Bill 375 (SB 375: Steinberg, 2008) to encourage integrated land use and transportation planning that supports air quality and public health goals and emphasizes reductions in vehicle miles traveled and emissions by promoting alternatives to driving, such as practical walking, biking, local use vehicles and innovative transit options; and

WHEREAS, California's history of national leadership is critical to protecting public health, creating a new green economy and spurring action on global warming pollution nationally; and

WHEREAS, the South Bay Cities COG and its member cities began inventorying green house gas emissions two years ago in order to be able to set a baseline for actions that would lead to reductions; and

WHEREAS, the South Bay Cities COG and its member cities are demonstrating their leadership and commitment to support these efforts by implementing local strategies such as the implementation of a Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEV) demonstration project, which will reduce cold starts, relieve congestion on the major streets and reduce air pollution; and

WHEREAS, because the majority of South Bay trips are less than 5 miles, a robust neighborhood electric vehicle project has the potential of significantly reducing vehicle related emissions, reducing reliance on imported oil and reducing fuel costs, while helping protect the health and safety of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the South Bay Cities COG asks for the support of the Southern California Association of Governments and the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority to strategically implement the project, the California Energy Commission to help create incentives for the purchase of the neighborhood electric vehicles, and the California Department of Motor Vehicles to modify the California Vehicle Code to allow low-speed vehicles to travel at 35 mph to qualify for the relaxed federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the South Bay Cities Council of Governments encourages the State of California and the California Air Resources Board to establish ambitious but achievable regional greenhouse gas reduction targets as envisioned by SB 375 and to work with local governments to incentivize integrated land use and transportation planning that supports air quality and public health goals and emphasizes reductions in vehicle miles traveled through alternatives to driving, such as practical walking, biking, neighborhood electric vehicles, and innovative transit options; and further be it

RESOLVED, that the South Bay Cities Council of Governments requests the California Department of Motor Vehicles support the South Bay Cities COG's efforts to comply with the goals of SB 375 by allowing low-speed vehicles that travel at 35 mph to qualify for the relaxed federal Motor Vehicles Safety Standards, and the California Energy Commission adopt strong incentives for the purchase neighborhood electric vehicles; and further be it

RESOLVED, that the South Bay Cities Council of Governments urges the State of California and the California Air Resources Board to continue its national and international leadership role in reducing motor vehicle emissions, and in its efforts to promote clean vehicle technologies by moving forward quickly to develop and adopt expanded Low Emission Vehicle (LEV III) standards to reduce criteria air pollutants and greenhouse gases and to strengthen the state's Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) program to protect the health of California's economy, environment and its people.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 22<sup>nd</sup> of July, 2010.

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Judy Mitchell, SBCCOG Chair  
Councilmember, Rolling Hills Estates

ATTEST:

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Merna Marshall, Secretary

## ENDING HOMELESSNESS

Seeking Equitable Funding for Our Communities

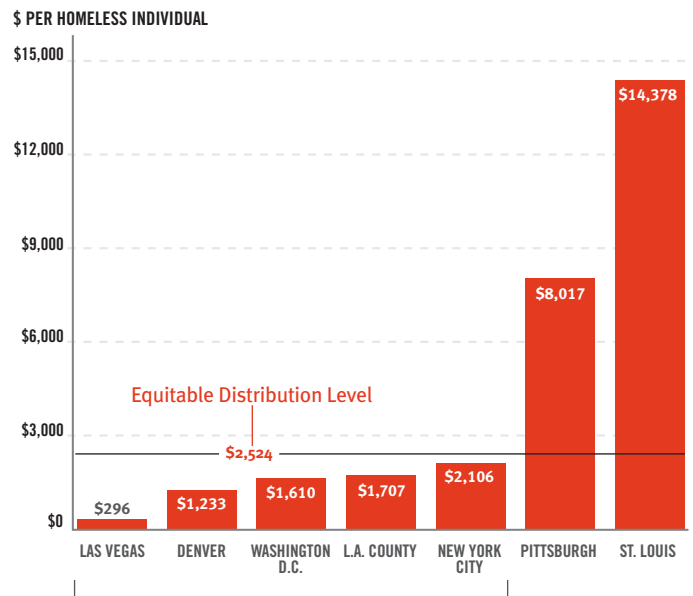
Throughout the nation, more than 600,000 people are homeless on any given night. Yet, for decades, some communities have lost out on millions of dollars in federal funding for homeless solutions because of outdated funding formulas. United Way is actively mobilizing communities nationwide around its recommendation for a new funding formula. We only have a short time to make this happen, so it's critical that we come together now to shape how homeless dollars are distributed for years to come.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is charged with considering revisions to this formula by May 2011. Last year, HUD distributed \$1.877 billion to fund programs across the country through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. If the money were divided equitably between the 600,000 homeless individuals, communities would get \$2,524 per person.\* But because the funding is currently not distributed based on community need, levels vary dramatically from place to place.



*\*Homeless counts are used only to demonstrate funding disparities. We do not recommend using homeless counts to allocate McKinney-Vento funding as there are more objective and accurate measures explained later.*

### EXAMPLES OF CURRENT FUNDING DISPARITY



Top 5 Regions with Largest Homeless Populations

### UNITED WAY ANALYSIS

United Way of Greater Los Angeles strongly recommends that HUD update its funding formula. In order to provide HUD with recommendations on a new formula, we conducted an extensive review of existing research and data, in collaboration with local and national homeless experts. This was done by reviewing academic research on homelessness from the past twenty years and analyzing standardized U.S. Census data for the 25 regions with the largest homeless populations. The analysis demonstrates that three key variables are highly correlated with increased homeless rates in these communities: poverty, lack of affordable housing, and overcrowding.

### FLAWED CURRENT FUNDING FORMULAS

When the McKinney-Vento Act was adopted by Congress in 1987, there was very little research on factors that correlate with high rates of homelessness in a community. To determine community need, HUD utilized two outdated formulas that had been created for community development grants in the 1970s. These formulas include factors such as age of housing stock and population growth lag. Neither of these factors relate to the root causes of homelessness. In fact:

- 75% of the 25 regions with the largest homeless populations have grown in population since 1960. For example, Denver has increased its population by 1.7 million people in the last 50 years.
- There is no research to support the notion that older housing stock leads to higher rates of homelessness. For example, Los Angeles has the second largest homeless population in the country, but only 15% of its housing stock was built before 1940.

**HUD's homeless funding formulas include factors such as age of housing stock and population growth lag. Neither of these factors relate to the root causes of homelessness.**

In addition to the criteria not being based on the root causes of homelessness, HUD also uses two formulas, which make the distribution of funds even less consistent and equitable.

### HUD'S CURRENT FORMULAS

#### EXISTING FORMULA A:

- 25% based on population size
- 50% based on poverty
- 25% based on units of overcrowded housing

#### EXISTING FORMULA B:

- 20% based on population growth lag
- 30% based on poverty
- 50% based on units of housing built before 1940

### CREATING A NEW FORMULA

As HUD considers creating a new formula, it should use standardized and objective data related to factors that determine a community's rate of homelessness. One option would be to use local homeless counts. These counts, however, are not standardized and objective enough to be used to determine funding. Additionally, this could incentivize communities to inflate their homeless counts in order to secure additional funding. The homeless counts are therefore useful for community planning, but not for use in a new formula.

Instead, we must look at the socio-economic characteristics of a community that affect rates of homelessness. Researchers call these characteristics "structural determinants." The growing body of research in this field over the last 20 years has found that poverty, lack of affordable housing, and overcrowding are key predictors of homelessness rates.



## NEW FUNDING FORMULA RECOMMENDATIONS

HUD should create one formula to distribute McKinney-Vento funding to all metropolitan areas in the United States. This formula must be simple and transparent, and must solely utilize key structural determinants of homelessness: poverty, lack of affordable housing, and overcrowding.

### Poverty

The new formula must include the population living below the federal poverty line. Poverty and homelessness are unequivocally connected, and the analysis shows a strong and consistent correlation between homelessness and poverty. Individuals living in poverty often must choose between paying for housing and food or healthcare. These impossible decisions force this vulnerable group out of permanent, secure housing and onto the streets. Individuals earning less than \$10,830 annually or families of four with income below \$22,050 annually would fall in this group.

### Lack of Affordable Housing

Secondly, the formula must take into account lack of affordable housing for people living in poverty. Research consistently demonstrates that communities with high rates of homelessness tend to have a shortage of housing that is affordable to people living in poverty.

### Overcrowding

Finally, the new formula must also include the number of overcrowded housing units. People with low-incomes may live in shared housing to alleviate financial hardship, and this unstable housing situation puts individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless. An analysis of the data demonstrates that overcrowded housing is a strong and significant predictor of homelessness in metropolitan communities throughout the country.

Homelessness is solvable but we need the funds to make it happen. Updating the funding formula will ensure a more equitable distribution of dollars across the nation so we can end homelessness for good.

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## GET INVOLVED!

Join us in the campaign to revise the McKinney-Vento funding formula so we can truly address homelessness across the nation. E-mail [fundingformula@unitedwayla.org](mailto:fundingformula@unitedwayla.org) to pledge your organization's or jurisdiction's support.

The Honorable Shaun Donovan  
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Secretary Donovan,

With the passage of the HEARTH Act in 2009, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has been given the opportunity to consider changes to the McKinney Vento funding formula by May 2011. Currently, McKinney Vento funds are allocated to metropolitan areas using two outdated formulas that were created for community development grants in the 1970s. The current formulas include factors that do not relate to the root causes of homelessness, such as age of housing stock and population growth lag. Neither older housing nor greater population growth lag has ever been linked to greater levels of homelessness, nor are they adequate determinants of community need. The current formulas thus result in a distribution of funds that does not equitably address the level of need in communities across the country.

Research demonstrates that poverty, coupled with the housing market conditions related to availability of affordable housing and overcrowding, are the major structural determinants of homelessness. We urge HUD to consider these factors in the creation of a new McKinney-Vento funding formula.

When developing a revised formula, we request the adoption of two major recommendations:

- **Include only key factors directly related to homelessness: poverty, availability of affordable housing, and overcrowded housing.**
- **Create one formula for all metropolitan regions rather than continuing to use multiple formulas.**

A single formula that incorporates poverty, availability of affordable housing, and overcrowded housing will ensure funding is distributed in a way that is far more equitable and effective in addressing homelessness throughout the country.

Sincerely,

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# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

July 12, 2010

TO: SBCCOG Legislative Committee

FROM: Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director

RE: Bills with Position

## ELECTIONS/ LOCAL GOVERNANCE

<p>AB 1717 (De Leon)</p>	<p>Ballot materials: electronic access. This bill would authorize county and city elections officials, if specified conditions are met, to establish procedures to allow a voter to opt out of receiving his or her sample ballot and other ballot materials by mail and instead obtain them via electronic means such as e-mail or accessing them from a county's or city's Internet Web site.</p>	<p>SUPPORT (5/27/10) (Ltr to Sen E &amp; R Comm 6/4/10) (Ltr to Governor 7/9/10)</p>	<p>7/6/10 Enrolled/ To Governor  LCC supports</p>
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## ENVIRONMENTAL

<p>AB 2256 (Huffman)</p>	<p>Product labeling: flushable products. This bill prohibits a consumer product from being labeled as "flushable" if it fails to meet certain standards. Specifically, this bill: 1) Effective January 1, 2012, prohibits a person from packaging or labeling a product as "flushable," "sewer and septic safe" or a similar such phrase, unless the product has been tested &amp; certified by a third party to meet the acceptance criteria for toilet, drainline, sewage pump, septic tank, aerobic system, and municipal wastewater collection and treatment systems clearance as published in the Guidance Document for Assessing the Flushability of Nonwoven Consumer Products, published by the Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry. 2) Makes violation punishable by a fine of up to \$2,500.</p>	<p>SUPPORT (5/27/10) (Ltr to author 6/4/10; Letter to Sen BFED 6/16/10)  LCC supports</p>	<p>6/29/10 Passed Sen. Committee on Environmental Quality</p>
<p>AB 2317 (Saldana)</p>	<p>Local government: nuisance abatement. Existing law authorizes the legislative body of a city or county to establish a procedure to use a nuisance abatement lien or a special assessment to collect abatement costs &amp; related administrative costs. This bill would authorize the legislative body to also collect fines related to the nuisance abatement using a nuisance abatement lien or a special assessment.</p>	<p>SUPPORT (6/24/10) Letter to author 7/07/10  LCC supports</p>	<p>7/1/10 Senate 3rd Reading</p>

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

<p>SB 1362 (Simitian)</p>	<p>Vehicles: automated traffic enforcement systems. Requires a city or county utilizing automated traffic enforcement (ATE) systems, such as red light cameras, to post signage of such systems at the site of the ATE system as well as every major entrance point to that city or county. Requires cities and counties to post information regarding the safety rationale for using the ATE system and to make that information available to the public.</p>	<p>OPPOSE (5/27/10) (Ltr to author 6/4/10; Ltr to Asm Trans 6/16/10)  LCC opposes</p>	<p>6/30/10 Assembly Appropriations Comm.</p>
<p>AB 2290 (Bradford)</p>	<p>CDCR: inmates: summary parole. This bill would require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, not less than 45 days prior to the release of such an inmate, <i>or as soon as practicable</i>, to notify, <i>via the Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS)</i>, the local law enforcement agency of the jurisdiction to which the inmate is to be released regarding the scheduled release.</p>	<p>SUPPORT (3/25/10) (Ltr to Asm Pub Safety 4/9/10; Ltr to Sen Pub Safety 6/16/10; Ltr to Sen. Approps. Comm 7/9/10)</p>	<p>6/22/10 Senate Appropriations Comm.</p>

**REVENUE**

<p>AB 155 (Mendoza)</p>	<p>Local government: bankruptcy proceedings. Under existing law, any taxing agency or instrumentality of the state may file a petition and prosecute to completion bankruptcy proceedings permitted under the laws of the United States. This bill would provide that a local public entity may only file under federal bankruptcy law with the approval of the Calif. Debt &amp; Investment Advisory Commission, as specified.</p>	<p>OPPOSE (3/26/09)  (Ltr faxed to Asm Local Gov Comm. 3/30/09 &amp; to Asm Approp. Comm 4/29/09 &amp; Sen Local Gov Comm 6/22/09 &amp; Sen Approp Comm 4/22/10)</p>	<p>7/1/10 Senate Inactive File  LCC - oppose</p>
<p>ACA 9 (Huffman)</p>	<p>Local government bonds: special taxes: voter approval. This measure would change the 2/3 voter-approval requirement for special taxes to, instead, authorize a city, county, or special district to impose a special tax with the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the tax. It would also lower to 55% the voter approval threshold for a city, county, or city and county to incur bonded indebtedness, exceeding in one year the income and revenue provided in that year, that is in the form of general obligation bonds to fund specified public improvements.</p>	<p>SUPPORT (5/28/09) (Ltr to Asm Approps 6/30/09)</p>	<p>7/11/10 Assembly Inactive File</p>

<p>SB 625 (Wright)</p> <p>SB X6 2 (Calderon)</p>	<p><i>CURRENTLY_-</i> Crimes: bail: release on own recognizance. <i>TO BE AMENDED:</i> to address Online travel companies tax payments to state that a city, county or city and county shall not levy or collect a tax on the privilege of occupying a room or rooms or other living space in a hotel, inn, or tourist home or house, motel or other lodging either directly or indirectly on either booking or travel services provided by a travel agent or intermediary or on any facilitation charges to those services. Intent is not to change fees to cities but to not have TOT on auxiliary services (such as mini-bar).</p> <p>Transient occupancy taxes: assessment and collection. Would create a special exemption to the “pay first” rule for various online travel companies seeking to challenge a disputed amount of transient occupancy tax (TOT) that is owed to the local jurisdictions.</p>	<p>MONITOR UNTIL AMENDED THEN OPPOSE (3/25/10)</p> <p>OPPOSE (3/25/10)</p>	<p>6/15/09 Assembly Public Safety Committee <b><u>As of 7/12/10, not amended</u></b></p> <p>4/19/10 Senate Revenue &amp; Taxation Committee</p>
<p>SCA 18 (Liu)</p>	<p>Local Government: property related fees. Includes fees for stormwater management programs to those exemptions already included in Proposition 218. It would make it easier for cities to fund and comply with new and increasingly stringent storm water quality permit requirements adopted by the regional water quality control board.</p>	<p>SUPPORT (6/25/09) (Ltr to author 8/3/09)</p> <p>LCC supports</p>	<p>7/1/10 Senate 3rd Reading</p>

TRANSPORTATION

<p>SB 1192 (Oropeza)</p>	<p>Airport Rental Facility Charge. Would expand the definition of customer facility charge to include a fee that is required by an airport to be collected for the purpose of financing, designing, and constructing terminal modifications to accommodate and provide customer access to common-use transportation systems, as specified. Reports &amp; audits to legislature required</p>	<p>SUPPORT (6/24/10) (Letter to Assembly Approp.7/07/10)</p>	<p>7/11/10 Assembly 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</p> <p>Emphasize in our support that funding should be included not only for the rental car facility but also for the peplemover</p>
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OTHER

<p>SB 972 (Wolk)</p>	<p>Indemnity Design professionals. Restricts a city’s ability to contract with a design professional by prohibiting the city from asking the design professional to defend that city if they are sued because of something the design professional did or failed to do.</p>	<p>OPPOSE (5/27/10) LCC opposes (Ltr to author 6/4/10; Ltr to Asm Jud 6/16/10)</p>	<p>7/11/10 Assembly 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</p>
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FEDERAL

<p>HR 1191 (Inslee)</p> <p>S.1336 (Murray)</p>	<p>To amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide for disposal of controlled substances by ultimate users and care takers through State take-back disposal programs, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit recommendations on drug labels for disposal by flushing, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>SUPPORT (3/25/10) (Ltr sent to authors 4/9/10)</p>	<p>HR 1191 3/16/2009 Referred to House Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.</p> <p>S. 1336 6/24/2009 Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.</p>
<p>HR 1521 (Lofgren)</p> <p>S 1192 (Wyden)</p>	<p>Cell Tax Fairness Act of 2009 - Prohibits states or local governments from imposing any new discriminatory tax on mobile services, mobile service providers, or mobile service property for five years after the enactment of this Act. Defines "new discriminatory tax" as a tax imposed on mobile services, providers, or property that is not generally imposed on other types of services or property, or that is generally imposed at a lower rate.</p>	<p>OPPOSE (7/23/09) (Ltrs sent to authors 7/30/09)</p> <p>LEAGUE OPPOSES</p>	<p>HR 1521 6/9/09 House Subcommittee Hearings Held</p> <p>S. 1192 6/4/09 Referred to Senate Committee on Finance</p>
<p>HR 1618 (McGovern) S. 779 (Lautenberg)</p>	<p>Safe Highways and Infrastructure Preservation Act - Safe Highways and Infrastructure Preservation Act – concerning limits on length and weight limitations for vehicles operating on Federal-aid highways, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>SUPPORT (previous position on issue of truck weights) (Letters sent to several congressmen &amp; 2 Senators 5/20/09)</p>	<p>HR 1618 3/20/09 House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit</p> <p>S. 779 4/28/2010 Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine. Hearings held.</p>
<p>HR 3734 (Sires)</p>	<p>Urban Revitalization and Livable Communities Act. Requires the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to establish an urban revitalization and livable communities program to provide federal grants to eligible general purpose local governments for various park and recreation purposes, including grants for rehabilitation and construction, innovation, at-risk youth recreation, and recovery action programs.</p>	<p>-SUPPORT (5/27/10) (Ltr to House subcomm 6/8/10)</p> <p>LCC supports</p>	<p>11/16/2009 Referred to House subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities</p>
<p>HR 4812 (Miller)</p>	<p>Local Jobs for America Act – From the amount appropriated under section 111, the Secretary, acting</p>	<p>SUPPORT (5/27/10)</p>	<p>HR 4812 3/22/10</p>

S. 3500 (Brown)	through the Employment and Training Administration of the Department of Labor and in consultation with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, shall provide funds to States, units of general local government, and community-based organizations to save and create local jobs through the retention, restoration, or expansion of services needed by local communities.	(Ltr to House subcomm 6/16/10)	Referred to House Subcommittee on Workforce Protections 161 House co-sponsors (including Richardson & Waters)  S. 3500 6/16/2010 Referred to Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
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**July 2** - Last day for **policy committees** to hear and report bills (J.R. 61(b)(13)). **Summer Recess** begins on adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been passed (J.R. 51(b)(2)).

**Aug. 2** - Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess (J.R. 51(b)(2)).

**Aug. 13** - Last day for **fiscal committees** to hear and report bills to the Floor (J.R. 61(b)(14)).

**Aug. 16 - 31 - Floor session only.** No committee may meet for any purpose (J.R. 61(b)(15)).

**Aug. 20** - Last day to **amend** on the Floor (J.R. 61(b)(16)).

**Aug. 31** - Last day for **any bill** to be passed (Art. IV, Sec 10(c), J.R. 61(b)(17)). **Final Recess** begins on adjournment (J.R. 51(b)(3)).

**Sept. 30** — Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before Sept. 1 and in the Governor's possession on or after Sept. 1 (Art. IV, Sec.10(b)(2)).

**Dec. 6** — 2011-12 Regular Session convenes for Organizational Session at 12 noon (Art. IV, Sec. 3(a)).

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# South Bay Cities Council of Governments

July 12, 2010

TO: SBCCOG Legislative Committee  
FROM: Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director  
RE: New Laws & Dead Bills

## **NEW LAWS**

### ELECTIONS/LOCAL GOVERNANCE

AB 1668 (Knight)	Local government: city councils. Existing law requires a city council to, within 30 days of a vacancy in an elective office, fill that vacancy by appointment or call a special election to fill the vacancy, as specified. This bill would require the city council to, within 60 days of a vacancy in an elective office, fill that vacancy by appointment or call a special election to fill the vacancy, as specified.	SUPPORT (5/27/10) (Ltr to author 6/4/10) (Ltr to Governor 6/26/10)  LCC supports
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### REVENUE

ABX8 6 (Budget Comm)	Transportation Finance. These bills provide the necessary statutory changes in the area of transportation finance in order to address the fiscal emergency declared by Governor Schwarzenegger pursuant to the California Constitution. They make a swap of tax revenues and expenditure of related funds.	OPPOSE (3/25/10)
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# DEAD BILLS

## ENVIRONMENTAL

<p>AB 1594 (Huber)</p>	<p>Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Peripheral Canal. Prohibits the construction of a peripheral canal, as defined, that conveys water from a diversion point in the Sacramento River to a location south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, unless expressly authorized by the Legislature.</p>	<p>OPPOSE (3/25/10) (Ltr to Asm Water, Parks &amp; Wildlife 4/1910)</p>
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## PLANNING

<p>SB 1112 (Oropeza)</p>	<p>Redevelopment: plan amendment. This bill only applies to the Carson Redevelopment Agency and would authorize the agency to extend the time limitation on the effectiveness of a redevelopment plan and on the payment of indebtedness and receipt of property taxes for not more than 10 years if the agency determines, based on substantial evidence that, among other conditions, at least 25% of the project area is property where the agency is authorized to take action to remedy or remove a release of hazardous substances pursuant to existing law .</p>	<p>SUPPORT (5/27/10)</p>
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## OTHER

<p>AB 1955 (de la Torre)</p>	<p>Public Officers. Incompatible Offices. This bill adds two examples of situations in which public offices are incompatible: 1) When an office has eminent domain power over property that is under the other office's jurisdiction. 2) When an office has the power to set a fee or a rate or impose a tax or a levy that may directly or indirectly affect the other office. AB 1955 deletes the current declaration that a member of a multimember body holds an office that may audit, overrule, remove members of, dismiss employees of, or supervise another office when the multimember body has any of these powers over the other office or over a multimember body that includes that other office. Instead, the bill says that a member of a multimember body holds an office that may exercise powers over another office when the multimember body has powers over the other office or over a multimember body that includes the other office.</p>	<p>OPPOSE (6/24/10) (Ltr to Sen Local Gov Comm 6/26/10)</p>
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