

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

June 12, 2017

TO: Steering Committee

FROM: Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director

RE: Staff response to proposal to form SBCCOG Public Safety Committee

Adherence to Strategic Plan

Goal B: Regional Advocacy. Advocate for the interests of the South Bay.

Board member Bea Dieringer has requested that the SBCCOG form a Public Safety Committee. Her description of the committee's purpose accompanies this memo.

STAFF RESPONSE

- A. *The SBCCOG role is to add value and not duplicate what other agencies are doing.* For that reason, we have tried to reduce our role in taking positions on legislation except when they are extremely high priority since that is the role of the League of California Cities and other city organizations. The first three items in the accompanying memo are currently done by other agencies with subject area experts who research the issues.
- B. *There is already a South Bay Police Chief's group.* The SBCCOG would be able to disseminate tips but the Police Chief's group is the place that they would come from. Our committee wouldn't have the expertise to develop the tips and best practices. The same would be true for obtaining group discounts.
- C. *Committees need 4 elected officials to attend.* We are not getting quorums at the committees that have been formed this year such as the Homeless Services Committee.
- D. *There is a cost to forming new committees.* We have recently formed the Homeless Services Committee, Senior Services Working Group, Coyote Management Working Group, Short Term Rental Task Force and Regional Broadband Working Group. Each of these working groups takes time and uses staff resources. Using the Coyote Management Working Group which takes less staff time than the others as an example - it is approximately 5 hours per meeting for the Executive Director with about 3 hours for approximately 2 support staff. For 4 meetings a year, this staffing equals approximately \$5000 for each working group that meets quarterly.
- E. *The 2017-2018 budget does not include the funding and staff resources to add more special working groups or committees.*

RECOMMENDATION

That the request for the Public Safety Committee be denied and that a request by made to the South Bay Police Chiefs to use the SBCCOG to get the word out re: public safety tips or other information s as needed.