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South Bay Cities Council of Governments 20th Annual General Assembly

CARSON – *"Celebrating the Past – Shaping the Future"* is the theme for the 20th Annual General Assembly of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG), to be held Thursday, February 28, 2018 from 9:00am – 3:30 pm (8:30 am registration & exhibits) at the Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center in Carson.

Exhibit Hall: The morning will kick-off with the public, local elected officials, city commissioners, and city staff networking and exploring the exhibit hall that complements the theme; followed by an exciting program lineup.

Program: This year's forum looks at where the South Bay has been – how we have retained our suburban lifestyle – and where it's going, as major sports stadiums and entertainment complexes in Inglewood and Carson, as well as other prominent commercial centers, are being planned. Historians will review changes in the South Bay since WWII and experts will discuss future issues such as: changes in demographics, aging, and diversity; workforce of the future; and civic well-being: coping with change.

Historian Panel: Hon. Jim Osborne, Lawndale Councilmember; Tony Chong, Northrop Grumman historian; Jan Dennis, Local historian; LeRoy Jackson, Torrance City Manager; Monique Sugimoto, PV Library District; & Greg Williams, CSUDH archivist.

Guest Speakers: Tom Bakaly, CEO & Lauren Nakano, Director of Blue Zones Project, Beach Cities Health District; Rick Cole, Santa Monica City Manager; Bob Lanter, Exec. Director of California Workforce Association; Joshua Torres, Senior Policy Advisor, Southern California Edison; Dr. Fernando Torres-Gil, Director of Center for Policy Research on Aging, UCLA's School of Public Affairs.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Patrick Soon-Shiong Exec. Chairman, L.A. Times & Founder of Nantworks

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