

# **South Bay Cities Council of Governments**

## **Briefing & Breakfast with Legislative District Staff Meeting Notes**

Thursday, October 12, 2017  
South Bay Cities Council of Governments  
Theatre  
Torrance, California 90501

SBCCOG Chair & Torrance Mayor Pro Tem Kurt Weideman called the meeting to order at 8:09 am and proceeded with the flag salute. The following individuals introduced themselves:

### **Elected Officials and Board Members**

Kurt Weideman, Torrance  
Anthony Misetich, Rancho Palos Verdes  
Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates  
Patrick Furey, Torrance  
Kenneth Kao, Palos Verdes Estates  
Robert Sausedo, LA County, SD2

### **Representatives of Legislators**

Jeanette Cheng, US Senator Feinstein  
Cameron Onumah, US Senator Feinstein  
Gabriela Medina, Congressperson  
Barragan,  
Joey Apodaca, Congressman Ted Lieu  
Olina Wibroe, State Senator Ben Allen  
Nita Patel, State Senator Steven Bradford  
Robert Pullen-Miles, Assemblymember  
Autumn Burke  
Christopher Wilson, Assemblymember Mike  
Gipson  
Sarah Patterson, Assemblymember  
Patrick O' Donnell  
Cody Bridges, Assemblymember Al  
Muratsuchi

### **City Staff**

Jacqueline Wu, Palos Verdes Estates  
Eleanor Jones, Torrance

### **Other Agencies**

David Gamboa, CSUDH  
Sharon Green LA County Sanitation District  
Jeff Kiernan, League of CA Cities  
Javiera Cartagena, SCAG  
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG  
Natalie Champion, SBCCOG  
Rosemary Lackow, SBCCOG  
David Leger, SBCCOG  
Steve Lantz, SBCCOG  
Marilyn Lyon, SBCCOG

### **Program Update**

SBCCOG Executive Director Jacki Bacharach provided an update on broadband and shared that the SBCCOG received additional funding from the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB), and Los Angeles County Supervisors Janice Hahn and Mark Ridley-Thomas that will help the SBCCOG work with cities in submitting a request for proposal to find out if there are cost savings and better service with a regional broadband network. Regarding homelessness,

People Assisting the Homeless (PATH was funded by LA County Supervisors Janice Hahn and Mark Ridley-Thomas to work with the SBCCOG) and funding was included for the SBCCOG to assist with special city coordination. This program started in July and the SBCCOG works with cities and service providers such as churches and community groups that have proven to be effective in addressing homelessness in the area. The SBCCOG also conducts trainings including landlord workshops and first responders training with homeless clinics.

Ms. Bacharach mentioned that Metro is working on guidelines for Measure M sub-regional funds in order to spend them on local mobility projects beginning in 2018. The Green Line is also in Measure M and there are currently discussions to finalize the alignment, the environmental impact report, and decisions on when the project can commence. Metro is also developing the Long-Range Transportation Plan and has various subcommittees on which the SBCCOG is participating. Ms. Bacharach noted that the South Bay Environmental Services Center (SBESC) is having issues with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) since the PUC is disrupting cities' ability to complete programs such as street light projects. The PUC is also impacting local government partnerships by making cost-effectiveness the only guideline when assessing the state's goal of obtaining greenhouse gas emission reductions. Ms. Bacharach emphasized that there should be consideration for the leveraging of other funds and whether goals are met for greenhouse gas emission reductions.

Regarding climate action planning, the SBCCOG received a \$1 million grant from the Strategic Growth Council, which ends in December. The conclusion will be to ask city councils to approve, at least in concept, their climate action plans. Ms. Bacharach discussed that the SBCCOG will be sending out requests for letters of support to the legislative offices in order to incentivize slow speed electric vehicle programs. The SBCCOG is seeking to also get a Caltrans planning grant to delve into the feasibility of the Slow Speed Network for the South Bay which was defined in the Metro Slow Speed Study. Lastly, Ms. Bacharach welcomed those in attendance to several upcoming events including the Holiday Light Exchange on November 30-December 1, the Sub-regional Climate Action Planning Forum on December 13 and the General Assembly in February 23, 2018.

The SBCCOG Program update PowerPoint presentation is on the SBCCOG website at:

[http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/legislative\\_staff/PRESENTATION\\_10.12.17%20SBCCOG%20Briefing%20for%20leg.%20staff.pdf](http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/legislative_staff/PRESENTATION_10.12.17%20SBCCOG%20Briefing%20for%20leg.%20staff.pdf)

### **Federal Offices**

**U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein's representative Cameron Onumah introduced Jeanette Cheng**, the new representative replacing Sabiha Khan. Mr. Onumah shared that there were three victims from the South Bay who lost their lives in Las Vegas shooting. The Senator is committed to ending gun violence and introduced legislation that would ban bump stocks. Mr. Onumah cited how tax reform is the big topic of interest in Washington D.C. and the potential elimination of the deduction for state and local taxes. Tax Reform would impact 6 million Californians who claim said deductions, with the average deduction being

\$18,000. He emphasized that 338,000 households benefit from these deductions, of which 90% are middle-class. Mr. Onumah highlighted end of [the Grassley Blue Slip Decision](#), in which the chair of the Judiciary Committee shall not move forward on judge nominations unless the members from the nominee's state submit a blue slip.

**Congressman Ted Lieu's representative Joey Apodaca** discussed the [No Money Bail Act](#) with the intent to incentivize states to move away from money bail systems. Mr. Apodaca shared that many people end up pleading guilty because they have to go to work the next day and cannot afford to pay bail; the current money bail system is costly and poses a moral issue. Regarding intellectual property rights, many artists have small claims but it costs more to fight for intellectual property rights; a small claims board within the U.S. Copyright Office will help to resolve small infringement claims. Under cyber security, the Congressman has been a leading voice and has introduced the [Personal Data Notification and Protection Act](#), in response to the Equifax breach, which would implement a single national breach notification standard across the country. The bill would require that companies notify affected individuals within 30 days of the discovery. In foreign affairs, Mr. Apodaca noted the threat posed by North Korea, and how the Congressman does not think that the President is taking the threat serious.

**Gabriela Medina representing Congresswoman Nanette Diaz Barragán's** shared how the Congresswoman is conducting a listening tour to channel federal dollars for creating more local green spaces. Ms. Medina discussed the following bills: [H.R. 2943 Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grant Program Act](#) would help to create outdoor recreational opportunities in underserved areas including Compton, Carson, and Watts; [H.R.3389 Housing Homeless Veterans Act of 2017](#) will provide aid by increasing the number of low income housing vouchers for veterans; [H.R.3563 Veterans' Pathway to Citizenship Act of 2017](#) would create a more accommodating pathway for veterans to naturalize and seek citizenship, especially considering there are over 10,000 deported veterans south of the border. [H.R. 3456 Military Care Package Program Act](#) will allow military families to send care packages to loved ones at no shipping cost. Additionally, Ms. Medina shared that the Congresswoman supports the following legislation: [H.R.3858 Transportation Infrastructure for Job Creation Act](#), [H.R.3859 Drinking Water Infrastructure for Job Creation Act](#) and [H.R.3770 Community Health Investment, Modernization, and Excellence \(CHIME\) Act of 2017](#). Ms. Medina disclosed that District 44 is one of the most contaminated environmentally sensitive districts in the nation; the district is surrounded by five refineries and the port of Los Angeles and with that comes large transportation emissions. Ms. Medina stated that the Congresswoman opposed the Tesoro Integration, the use of hydrofluoric acid at the Valero Wilmington refinery, and chromium-6 in Compton and North Long Beach. Lastly, Ms. Medina stated that the 44th District holds the third-largest DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) recipient community out of every congressional district in the state of California. She also mentioned that Pastor Reginald Pope and Robert Taylor of the Watts Area Ministers wrote letters to Congresswoman Barragán regarding the deteriorating status of the community post office and how she will monitor this

site and others to ensure federal services are being delivered as needed.

### **State Offices**

**State Senator Benjamin Allen's representative Olina Wibroe** mentioned that there is currently no legislative session and that the office is waiting to see what bills go to the Governor's desk. She shared that Senator Allen got married this past weekend and that the Governor signed into law two of Senator Allen's bills including [SB 249 Off-highway motor vehicle recreation](#) and [SB 50 Federal public lands: conveyances](#). Another bill that the Senator co-authored, [AB 249 The California DISCLOSE act](#), requires campaigns to disclose funders. Ms. Wibroe highlighted some upcoming events including a November 7 South Bay Aerospace Alliance meeting and the November 30 Annual Toy Drive and Holiday Open House. Lastly, Ms. Wibroe mentioned that the Senator is receiving complaints from constituents about sober housing facilities in residential communities, particularly a lack of monitoring and cases of violence and that the Senator will continue to monitor the situation.

**Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi representative Cody Bridges** noted that the Assemblymember has had 10 bills signed by the Governor this year including, [AB 1646](#), [1647](#), and [1649](#) which will mandate a community alert system, a community air-quality monitoring system and codify the Governor's interagency task force on refinery safety. Mr. Bridges stated that [AB 1645](#) would ban hydrofluoric acid and that it is still a two-year bill pending the AQMD rule-making process; [AB 994](#) will allow the Beach Cities Health District to build a new building with only one bidder for the design and construction; [AB 491 California Civil Liberties Public Education Act](#) secures \$3 million for education on the Japanese-American internment during World War II, which will be carried out by the California State Library. Regarding events, tomorrow the Assemblymember will be hosting an informational aerospace hearing on workforce development from 10 am to 12 noon at SoCal ROC.

**Robert Pullen-Miles representing Assemblymember Autumn Burke** discussed her five bills on the Governor's desk that were signed, including [AB 1520 Lifting Children and Families Out of Poverty Task Force](#), which seeks to assist the 1.5 million children and families living in poverty by considering safety net programs that have been proven to take families out of poverty. Mr. Pullen-Miles detailed [AB 1083 Transportation electrification](#) and its companion bill [AB 1082](#) that will allow for the expansion of electric vehicle charging stations at schools and beaches to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, [AB 818 New Opportunities for Education through CalWORKs](#) will provide an extension to CalWORKs recipients who are currently enrolled to get their GED. Lastly, Mr. Pullen-Miles discussed [AB 1396](#), which provides clarification in the case of surrogacy or gestational carriers and that the Assemblymember is also hosting an Appointment Seminar on October 18 to help individuals apply for positions on state boards and commissions.

**Sarah Patterson representing Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell** shared the passage of Cap and Trade funding for the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. The member had a hearing on career technical education which

highlighted opportunities and the lack thereof for students to go through the career technical fields which could lead to possible legislation. AB 699 was signed by the governor, which would prevent ICE agents from entering school property. A.B. 1274 which is an extension of the car of tomorrow program funded through smog checks for the cleaning and greening of the ports. He is currently meeting with cities and constituents to determine upcoming legislative package. AB 485 would make shelter dogs and rescue dogs the only dogs for sale through businesses.

**Christopher Wilson representing Assemblymember Mike Gipson** discussed [AB 294](#) which would require mobile home park owners to disclose their name, address and contact at the request of a mobile home owner within 10 business days. As the Chair of the California State Assembly Democratic Caucus, the Assemblymember has addressed issues including affordable housing, transportation, cap-and-trade, [SB 5](#), and Compton College receiving local control. Mr. Wilson noted [AB 1577](#) establishes career technical education programs to be available in all school districts in California from K-12. Lastly, Mr. Wilson emphasized the Assemblymember's desire to have a workshop in partnership with the SBCCOG and the California Air Resources Board to make sure cap-and-trade funding comes to the South Bay.

**Nital Patel representing State Senator Steven Bradford** apologized for the Senator not being in attendance and shared the Senator's 2017-2018 legislative package. Notably, Ms. Patel explained that 14 bills reached the Governor's desk and five have been signed. She highlighted how the Senator is passionate about [SB 620](#) that was signed by the Governor, which allows a court to strike a sentence enhancement for using a firearm during the commission of a felony. Ms. Patel also shared that criminal justice reform is a priority for the Senator, particularly [SB 345](#), which requires specified law enforcement agencies to post publicly available policies and procedures on their websites.

### **City/Agency Comments**

City of Torrance Mayor Patrick Furey introduced the Our Front Porch Initiative internet application that seeks to be replicated throughout the nation, which will allow cities and other agencies to help users identify projects and events happening in their neighborhood, including information on the last time a street was paved, when waterlines are ready for repair, the types of events that are occurring in the neighborhood, etc. He asked for expressions of support for inclusion in their application.

Mr. Weideman introduced Robert Sausedo, the newest SBCCOG Board member, representing the Los Angeles County Supervisorial District 2. Mr. Sausedo emphasized the importance of attending the Appointment Seminar on October 18. Moreover, Mr. Sausedo detailed the [HQ2 proposal from Amazon](#), which is conducting a nationwide search for a second headquarters. LA County has decided to take a regional approach and every district has at least one location that would be submitted as part of the proposal. Mr. Sausedo emphasized that there's a potential for 50,000 jobs and a \$5 billion investment over 10 years that could generate \$76 billion in economic opportunity for Los

Angeles.

Jeff Kiernan of the League of California Cities discussed how the Governor signed 15 bills as part of the housing package and stated that the League will be hosting online webinars and an in-person briefing for cities in Los Angeles County to discuss how the bills will impact the way cities work re: housing. Mr. Kiernan noted that there is a housing bond that has to go to the voters before it's approved and how there is a permanent source of affordable housing dollars in [SB 3](#). He mentioned the [SB 1](#) transportation funding rollout and stated that cities have until October 16 to submit their projects specific to SB 1 to the California Transportation Commission. Furthermore, Mr. Kiernan detailed the [\\$4 billion park bond with \\$200 million going toward cities](#) and [SB 231](#) which adds to the re-definition of sewer in [Proposition 218](#) allowing cities to pass storm water fees without going to the ballot. Lastly, Mr. Kiernan mentioned [AB 649](#) which would take away local discretion and caps the amount charged for cellular towers.

SBCCOG Board Member Robert Sausedo noted that one of the issues with marijuana regulation is how companies handle drug testing and stated that there is a need for consideration of anti-fraud legislation around energy efficiency renewable energy due to the increase of PACE programs by a number of new operators.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business, Chair Weideman adjourned the meeting at 9:33 am until Thursday, January 11, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Natalie Champion  
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