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**SBCCOG MEETINGS: ATTENDANCE 2020**

City	Feb - 20	Apr - 20	May - 20	June - 20	July - 20	Aug - 20	Sep - 20
<b>Carson</b>	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	Hicks	
<b>El Segundo</b>	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles	Boyles		
<b>Gardena</b>	Medina Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka	Tanaka Francis	Tanaka	
<b>Hawthorne</b>	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	Valentine	
<b>Hermosa Beach</b>	Massey	Armato	Armato	Armato	Armato	Armato	
<b>Inglewood</b>	Franklin	Franklin Butts	Franklin	Franklin Butts	Franklin Butts	Franklin Butts	
<b>Lawndale</b>	Suarez		Suarez			Suarez	
<b>Lomita</b>		Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley	Gazeley Waronek		
<b>Los Angeles</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Buscaino	Buscaino		Buscaino	
<b>Manhattan Beach</b>	Stern	Stern	Stern	Stern	Stern	Stern	
<b>Palos Verdes Estates</b>	Kao	Kao	Kao	Kao	Kao	Kao	
<b>Rancho Palos Verdes</b>	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank Alegria	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	Cruikshank	
<b>Redondo Beach</b>	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath	Horvath Emdee	Horvath	Horvath	
<b>Rolling Hills</b>	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	Dieringer	
<b>Rolling Hills Estates</b>	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff	Huff	
<b>Torrance</b>	Rizzo	Chen Furey	Chen	Chen	Chen	Chen	
<b>County of Los Angeles-2<sup>nd</sup> District</b>		Johnson	Johnson				
<b>County of Los Angeles- 4<sup>th</sup> District</b>	LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque	LaMarque		

<b>Number of Active Agencies</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Quorum Required (50% +1)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Number of Agencies Attending</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020  
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Valentine called the Special Meeting of the SBCCOG Board of Directors to order at 6:05pm.

**II. ATTENDANCE****In attendance were the following voting elected officials:**

Cedric Hicks, Carson	Hildy Stern, Manhattan Beach
Chris Pimentel, El Segundo	Kenny Kao, Palos Verdes Estates
Rodney Tanaka, Gardena	Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne	George Chen, Torrance
James Butts, Inglewood	Jennifer LaMarque, SD-4
Jim Gazeley, Lomita	

**The following non-voting elected officials were in attendance:**

Mark Henderson, Gardena

**Also, in attendance were the following persons:**

Scott Mitnick, El Segundo	Kim Turner, Torrance
Bill Whalen, El Segundo	James Lee, Torrance
Erick Lee, Hawthorne	Sarah Patterson, SCAG
Michael Ishii, Hawthorne	Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG
Michael Reyes, Lawndale	David Leger, SBCCOG
Jacob Haik, LA CD-15	Natalie Champion, SBCCOG
Aksel Palacios, LA CD-15	Grace Farwell, SBCCOG
Laura Guglielmo, Palos Verdes Estates	Laurie Jacobs, SBCCOG
Aram Chaparyan, Torrance	Kevin McCarthy, Public

**III. CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE**

The agenda was properly posted in the City of Torrance.

Ms. Bacharach announced that there is a change to the agenda. Board Member Buscaino was called to another meeting and will not be participating in tonight's discussion.

**IV. BOARD DISCUSSION WITH PRESENTER MAYOR JAMES T. BUTTS**

Mayor Butts began his presentation by sharing a brief overview of his life experience so far and how he can understand many of the policing issues from both sides. He explained that he started his career in law enforcement in 1972 and went on to lead three different police departments as Police Chief. Mayor Butts also noted that Inglewood was a stronghold of the Ku Klux Klan until the 1930's with racial covenants until the 1960's. He joined the Inglewood Police Department around the time of "white flight". In his youth, he was pulled over and almost arrested for attempted murder because he was driving a car that looked similar to one the police were looking for. If it was not for his police cadet hat sitting on the passenger seat, he felt that he likely would have not been let go. All of these experiences have provided him a unique point of view that he hopes to share with the Board of Directors.

During his discussion, Mayor Butts touched on the following main topics:

- **Discretion:** Police officers and all legal entities have immense discretionary power that must be used more frequently. Mayor Butts explained that an officer's discretion to not write somebody a ticket or the way a report is written could have enormous ripple effects in an individual's life. Individuals living paycheck to paycheck often don't have the funds to pay for traffic tickets and by using their discretion, an officer could be relieving that person from making decisions on whether to put food on the table or pay the ticket. The way a report is written could dramatically impact future judicial actions. The same discretionary power also exists in the judicial system alongside the same implicit biases that police officers are trained about. Mayor Butts explained that discretion could improve police-community relations by re-building the "guardian" view

of police as opposed to furthering the “us vs. them” that exists in many areas, particularly minority communities.

- **Mentality.** Mayor Butts emphasized his view that police departments must do more to move their officers away from being in a “warrior” type of mindset and to shift to a “community guardian” mindset. He explained that police officers are trained to be ready for danger at every given moment which has led to many of the incidents that have caused recent civil unrest. Some are quick to assume a situation is dangerous and respond with deadly force. He explained that shifting this mentality will help repair relationships with communities. New officers are very “pliable” and easily pick up the values and culture of their department. If they join a department that prides itself on being values based and progressive, the officer picks up on those cues and brings them into the community with them.
- **Accountability and Asking Question.** One of the main points of Mayor Butts’ presentation was that city councils must hold their Police Chiefs accountable. Police Department culture is changed from inside and from the top. As Chief of Santa Monica Police Department, Mayor Butts led numerous changes to the department and worked to infuse the mission, vision, and values of the agency into every single officer. Crime dropped 64% during his tenure as Chief and the city went from \$3.5M in settlements/year to less than \$1,000 when he left.

Mayor Butts urged councilmembers to sit down to talk with their Police Chiefs and ask questions about things such as ticketing; excessive force complaints; who in the department can dispose of complaints. Mayor Butts noted that if a complaint is handled with a response such as “I’ll talk to the officer” and is never officially filed, that is a bad sign as that’s a sign of a department seeking to protect itself. An accountable Chief is also willing to upset the police officers’ union in Mayor Butts’ eyes. Often times, reform efforts are met with statements like “you’re going to piss off the guys” by police union representatives. Mayor Butts explained that the Chief must be willing to piss them off because at the end of the day, they are responsible for the department and are the person that gets called at 2am when an officer shoots somebody. He noted that he experienced this in Santa Monica and explained that as long as he was Chief, the officers would be doing things his way.

Questions should be posed about what training the department uses; does its mission encourage appreciation for human lives and values how individuals are treated?; What metrics are used in promotions?; and ask for information on incidents where the city paid money for misconduct as the Council is entitled to see and read those files. Mayor Butts noted that when these types of questions are asked, the Chief will understand that the Council cares and is watching what happens.

Mayor Butts also shared two videos of police interactions to highlight the dichotomous examples of police department cultures.

- **Phoenix, Arizona Video.** This video showed a recent police interaction with a Black family that made headlines for over-response by the Phoenix Police Department. Mayor Butts noted that this is one of many similar incidents and is a sign of bad police culture. The video is available here: <https://youtu.be/Rxwznb3U010>
- **Portland, Oregon Video.** The portions of this video shared by Mayor Butts highlighted the positive experiences of officers with the Portland Police Department in context of the recent riots. A Black officer shared that the Department and its officers have always been accepting and kind, noting that he has never experienced any racism within the Department. A female officer shared her experience working as part of a team to build relationships with neighbors, businesses, victims, and colleagues. The video is available here: [https://youtu.be/wMe2hou\\_sgE](https://youtu.be/wMe2hou_sgE)

### Questions from the Board of Directors

- Board Member Stern shared some recent police interactions in Manhattan Beach with Mayor Butts and asked for his opinions on the situations. The Mayor explained that each incident is unique and without seeing the reports and incident videos, it’s difficult to say exactly. However, he shared that she and the Council should not hesitate to ask questions of the Chief. He noted that he looked forward to meeting with his Councilmembers as Chief because it gave him an opportunity to show how well the police department was operating. Board Member Stern’s questions and Mayor Butts’ responses are available in the meeting video in their entirety.

- **What is your expectation of the police officers in use of force situations?** Mayor Butts answered that only enough force to overcome the resistance should be used. Officers are not there to punish individuals or teach them a lesson. He added that every department should know that ALL officers have the responsibility to say “enough” when a situation is over and to prevent fellow officers from getting carried away with the rush of adrenaline. The George Floyd incident is likely to start a change in this regard according to Mayor Butts.
- **For a department in transition, are there trainings available to help change officer attitudes?** Mayor Butts explained that no training program or educational course will ever be a panacea. He reiterated his point that a responsive Chief will be the biggest change for a department. He explained that as Chief of Santa Monica’s Police Department, he interviewed every single officer prior to them being hired.
- **What does “reimagining police, police reform, and defund the police” mean to you?** Mayor Butts did not hesitate to share his opposition to these concepts and his view that people using these terms are only showing they have no idea what they are talking about. “Reorganizing” or “retooling” is what you are looking to do.
- **Do you support augmenting police departments with social service workers?** Mayor Butts was strongly in favor of this concept and pointed to his deployment of a homeless liaison program in Santa Monica. However, he added that every officer should be trained to exhibit compassion and has the responsibility to take into account the individual’s situation/mental health issues and to never escalate a situation.
- **What can those cities that contract with LA County Sheriff’s Department do?** Mayor Butts noted that this is more difficult as the Sheriff’s Department is an independent agency, not controlled by a City Council. He noted that Sheriff Station Captains often have little sway over deputies compared to how a Chief oversees their Department’s deputies. For decades, LASD has been plagued with cliques/gangs of officers within stations and unfortunately there has been little done to really address the problem until after these gangs come to light.
- **What do you think is the root cause of the issues we’re seeing?** If we can’t identify and respond to the root cause, we simply continue addressing symptoms of that deep-seated issue. Mayor Butts responded by briefly highlighting the experiences of Black people in the United States. The foundation of the United States economy and its history was built off of slavery, genocide of Natives, and the idea that “might makes right”. For hundreds of years Black Americans picked the cotton on Southern plantations that fueled the textile industries of the North, enriching the white industry and landowners, all while Black people were considered 3/5 of a person by the US government. Upon the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment and the freeing of enslaved Black Americans, police and sheriff departments popped up throughout the country to enforce the status quo. Successful Black communities such as Tulsa, Oklahoma were burnt down to the ground by angry white residents and were run out of town in the early 1900’s. This was followed by Black people not being allowed to vote, which was followed by lack of educational opportunities and the War on Drugs. Arbitrary enforcement of laws and the use of force on certain individuals is what we’ve been seeing most recently. Mayor Butts explained that the generations of inequality have broken the social contract between Black people and the government. The social contract is an implicit agreement among members of the society to cooperate for social benefits, particularly equality in the eyes of the law in the United States. Mayor Butts shared that in his view, until that history is addressed, passing laws to respond to the issue before us today will accomplish little.

For more detail, the full meeting has been uploaded and is available for viewing here: <https://youtu.be/Qxs2CDai7zY>

#### **XI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No public comment was received.

#### **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Valentine adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm to Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom until further notice.

David Leger  
Assistant Board Secretary

**SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020  
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Valentine called the SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

**II. VERIFY QUORUM**

**In attendance were the following voting elected officials:**

Cedric Hicks, Carson	Hildy Stern, Manhattan Beach
Rodney Tanaka, Gardena	Kenny Kao, Palos Verdes Estates
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne	John Cruikshank, Rancho Palos Verdes
Stacey Armato, Hermosa Beach	Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach
Ralph Franklin, Inglewood	Bea Dieringer, Rolling Hills
Bernadette Suarez, Lawndale	Britt Huff, Rolling Hills Estates
Joe Buscaino, Los Angeles CD-15	George Chen, Torrance

**The following non-voting elected officials were in attendance:**

James Butts, Inglewood

**Also, in attendance were the following persons:**

Martha Hurtado, El Segundo	Wally Siembab, SBCCOG
Aksel Palacios, LA CD-15	Steve Lantz, SBCCOG
Jacob Haik, LA CD-15	David Leger, SBCCOG
Kim Turner, Torrance	Natalie Champion, SBCCOG
Greg Farr, Caltrans	Naomi Albert, SBCCOG
Jeff Kiernan, League of CA Cities	Laurie Jacobs, SBCCOG
Mark Dierking, Metro	Larry Kosmont, Kosmont Companies
Sarah Patterson, SCAG	Stephen Sawyer, Charter/Spectrum
Denny Shaw, AQMD	Jim Roos, Public
Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG	Bill Sewell, Public
Kim Fuentes, SBCCOG	

**III. CONFIRM POSTING OF THE AGENDA BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE**

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

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ANY CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Ms. Bacharach reported the following clarifications/updates: Item IX-A is an action item; Three items were mailed out prior to the meeting which were an updated legislative matrix as of the morning, a copy of an SB 1120 opposition letter sent to SBCCOG representatives, and a copy of the new SBCCOG newsletter.

Lastly, Ms. Bacharach announced that Mr. Leger will be taking votes via Reverse Roll Call to expedite the voting process while maintaining compliance with the Brown Act.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was received.

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. July Board Meeting Minutes (*attachment*) – Approved
- B. Integrated Pest Control MOU with McGowan Consulting (*attachment*) – Approved
- C. Renewal of Scope of Work with Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (*attachment*) – Approved
- D. South Bay Chamber of Commerce Memberships (*attachment*) – Approved
- E. Status of Legislation of Interest to SBCCOG (*attachment*) – Received and Filed
  1. Information on the Restaurant Act Proposal mentioned last month by Mr. Kalb (*attachment*)
- F. Monthly Reports – Receive and Filed

1. **South Bay Environmental Services Center Report** (*attachment*)
2. **Transportation Report** (*attachment*)
3. **Reports from Outside Agencies**
  - a. League of California Cities & LA Division Legislative Committee (Bea Dieringer & Jeffrey Kiernan)
  - b. South Bay Workforce Investment Board (Chris Cagle)
  - c. SCAG Update Newsletter

Chair Valentine announced she would like to remove Item E from the Consent Calendar. Board Member Dieringer added she would like to pull Items B, C, and D as well.

**MOTION** by Board Member Horvath, seconded by Board Member Hicks, to **APPROVE** Consent Calendar Items A and F. No objection. So ordered.

Board Member Dieringer expressed her concerns about Item B and C. Regarding Item B, some of the language in the contract. Ms. Fuentes explained that the contract is to assist McGowan in their contract goals with local Watershed Management Groups by posting content to the SBESC website. Board Member Dieringer added that her other concern with both Items B and C is the appearance of a quid pro quo for providing information. The response is that the SBCCOG is posting public information for the Watershed Management Group and they are compensated us for that. As for Item D, Board Member Dieringer explained that she had questions about the Chamber memberships but had a conversation with Ms. Bacharach and was informed that these memberships are paid for via contracts/grants.

Chair Valentine had questions about the Restaurants Act proposal as there was little information available. Ms. Bacharach noted that staff will look into the bill number and specifics and will present that at the next Steering Committee meeting.

**MOTION** by Board Member Dieringer, seconded by Board Member Horvath to **APPROVE** Items B, C, and D of the Consent Calendar. No objection. So ordered.

## **VII. PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. Achieving Economic Vitality in a Covid-19 Economy: What South Bay Cities Need to Know**

Larry Kosmont, Chairman and CEO of Kosmont Companies presented on the challenges cities face because of COVID-19; a land use revolution; new rules and new tools; and a look into the future. Mr. Kosmont explained that as we leave the response and relief phases of the pandemic, focus must be made on the long-term economic recovery. Mr. Kosmont also touched on a land use revolution in areas such as hotel, retail, office, residential, and industrial sectors. Mr. Kosmont explained that as two of the biggest hit industries, hotels and retail, continue to suffer, cities will continue to feel economic pain as the median California city collects more than 1/3 of its tax revenue from sales tax and TOT. Those industries have been heavily impacted and also appear to be the longest anticipated recovery timelines as well. Mr. Kosmont went into further detail on many different land use sectors and the challenges and opportunities they face. He took some time to focus on the need to consider rezoning dying retail space with multi-use functionality, such as housing, retail, and entertainment. He also highlighted that the warehouse/logistics industry is able to take advantage of the pandemic as even more purchasing is done online. Amazon has started purchasing old JC Penney locations to serve as mini warehouses that will allow them to offer same-day delivery to most areas of the nation. Mr. Kosmont concluded by touching on post-pandemic economic development tools cities could use such as the reimagination of retail spaces; Development Opportunity Reserve; Sales Tax Assessment Revenue; Special Districts such as EIFD, CRIA, and CFD; and Asset Sales and Public Financing such as selling surplus land or leveraging low interest rates to reduce debt costs. More detail is available in Mr. Kosmont's full presentation online here:

[https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board\\_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION\\_SBCCOG%20-%20Resetting%20Econ%20Dev%20Table%20-%20August%20Board%20Meeting.pdf](https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION_SBCCOG%20-%20Resetting%20Econ%20Dev%20Table%20-%20August%20Board%20Meeting.pdf)

Board Member Buscaino thanked Mr. Kosmont for his presentation and shared that the LA Tourism Bureau is urging residents to eat at three restaurants, visit three museums, and stay three nights at local hotels. If every employed Angeleno participated in this concept, over \$1.4B in economic activity would go back into the LA economy and create 20,000 jobs. He shared the video available at this link:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eeuqCSsm5J3zLJZwiu\\_H-NZHnMbdBfqJ/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eeuqCSsm5J3zLJZwiu_H-NZHnMbdBfqJ/view). Mr. Kosmont added that one thing that all cities can do is help promote the sanitization practices at hotels. Consumer confidence is low

when it comes to going back to hotels, entertainment venues, etc. Efforts to increase that confidence will help industries recover faster.

Ms. Bacharach asked if there was any analysis done on goods movement and the impact on local travel. Mr. Kosmont explained that at this time, focus has been on the supply chain as it experienced severe disruptions during the pandemic. There is some activity coming back to the US as it's safer to be closer than far away like in China.

## **B. SBCCOG Collaboration with Cities on Adaptation Strategies**

Naomi Albert, a CivicSpark Fellow working with the SBCCOG since last year, presented her work with SBCCOG cities on adaptation strategies. Ms. Albert explained that the adaptation strategies address each city's vulnerabilities to climate change by helping the community adjust, prepare for impacts, and build resilience to changing conditions. The document serves as a resource to help staff update policy documents such as the General Plan or Climate Action Plan. It also helps support city compliance with SB 379 which required climate adaptation planning. Ms. Albert then took some time to review the adaptation strategies and the level of participation of SBCCOG cities. She also touched on the main climate impacts that cities are focused on and popular adaptation strategies chosen by the cities. Ms. Albert concluded her presentation by reviewing some of the next steps which include continued engagement with community members to gather feedback on the documents; city adoption of the strategies through their respective processes; continued implementation of sub-regional strategies; and continued efforts to identify funding to continue adaptation planning and implementation. Ms. Albert's full presentation is available here:

[https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board\\_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION\\_City%20Adaptation%20for%20Board%20Meeting\\_08.27.pdf](https://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/board_directors/meeting/PRESENTATION_City%20Adaptation%20for%20Board%20Meeting_08.27.pdf)

Board Members thanked Ms. Albert for her presentation, her service to the SBCCOG, and wished her well on her future endeavors.

## **VIII. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS**

### **A. Metro Report**

Mr. Lantz reported the following items from the Metro Board meeting: the SBCCOG's Measure M MSP projects were approved; Metro is setting aside \$400k in their budget for public art installation on busses; Revenue Service Hours in the upcoming year will be about 5 million, down from approximately 7 million pre-pandemic. There was considerable discussion on the Crenshaw/LAX line and the challenges that line has faced recently as Metro tries to complete the project. Substandard craftsmanship and other errors have led to construction delays and delays in the significant amount of testing required prior to opening. Metro CEO Phil Washington announced that he was creating a task force to study the implementation of free fares across all of Metro's bus and rail services. Approximately 16% of revenue currently comes from fareboxes which would have to be replaced. This would also have impacts on municipal operators, Access Services, and MetroLink. The task force is expected to return in January with additional information.

Mayor Butts added that he did question how this initiative would be paid for without a direct answer from the CEO. The reality is that this is a significantly different business model that he hasn't quite figured out yet.

Ms. Bacharach added that at the last PAC meeting, there was discussion around the changing of Metro's Congestion Pricing Study to "Traffic Reduction Study" and what she felt was the disingenuousness of that name change. This is something the SBCCOG should continue monitoring.

### **B. Transportation Committee report**

Mr. Lantz reported that there was no Transportation Committee meeting in August.

## **IX. SBCCOG PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS, REPORTS AND UPDATES**

### **A. LA vs. Hate County Campaign – APPROVED**

Ms. Bacharach reported that this is an initiative from LA County that was supported by the Steering Committee. The County is partnering with local artists commissioned to create graphics such as "LA vs. Hate" or "South Bay vs. Hate" that could then be used for multiple purposes. The campaign is about the importance of standing up to hate crimes and hate incidents. The campaign aims to publicize the 211 service to report hate crimes in an anonymous manner. It is not affiliated with law enforcement. From January through July 2020, there were over 250 calls that reported 31 hate crimes. The idea is that the SBCCOG would officially support the program and request a "South Bay vs. Hate" image be created.

Board Member Franklin asked if there was a cost associated with artwork. Ms. Bacharach explained that there is no cost to the SBCCOG.

**MOTION** by Board Member Franklin, seconded by Board Member Horvath, to **SUPPORT** the LA vs. Hate campaign. No objection. So ordered. (Manhattan Beach was not present during the vote.)

**B. South Bay Fiber Network**

Ms. Bacharach reported that the core ring is operational, and the full project should be completed by the end of December.

**C. SCAG Regional Early Action Program funds to accelerate housing**

Ms. Bacharach explained that SCAG will be working with the COGS to fund ideas to help promote housing. Ideas were solicited from the cities. One proposal being considered is the identification of commercial sites that could most likely location convert to multi-purpose with residential components. Further coordination with SCAG staff is needed. Mr. Siembab added that he has been on webinars recently that illustrated the State's sole focus on building housing and not looking at things like Larry Kosmont discussed earlier.

**D. Senior Services**

Board Member Huff announced that the next meeting is Tuesday September 22 from 9:30-11:30am via Zoom. There will be a discussion on the standalone Department of Aging being considered in LA County.

**E. Homeless Services**

**1. MOU with Redondo Beach (attachments) – APPROVED**

Ms. Bacharach reported that the MOU is between the SBCCOG and City of Redondo Beach for their Homeless Court program. This is part of the Innovation Funds received from LA County. The Board of Directors previously approved the use of these funds, this is the contract documentation that is required.

**MOTION** by Board Member Tanaka, seconded by Board Member Buscaino to **APPROVE** the MOU. No objection. So ordered. (Manhattan Beach was not present for the vote.)

Ms. Bacharach also shared the new logo for Homeshare South Bay, which is a pilot project being funded through the Innovation Funds that aims to prevent homelessness by housing somebody needing housing with somebody with extra space. The SBCCOG is looking for an intern to help work on this project.

**F. Tech Talk**

Ms. Bacharach gave an overview of the first Tech Talk but noted that it wasn't exactly what the cities were looking for based on survey results. The goal of these workshops will be to look into services that will build off the SBFN and bring more services to the cities.

**G. Special Board Meeting on Policing and Public Safety in the South Bay**

Chair Valentine shared that she thought it was a very informative meeting. Mayor Butts explained that he provided a brief "nuts and bolts" presentation on being a partner with your city's police chief, a rudimentary understanding of police culture, and how that creates the situations we're seeing today.

Ms. Bacharach added that survey results for this meeting were all very positive and expressed interest in continuing the dialogue.

Board Member Buscaino thanked the Board for leading this much needed discussion right now.

**H. Other**

No other items were discussed.

**I. Pandemic Update - sharing/discussion**

Board Member Buscaino shared that Mayor Garcetti signed a directive that works to create contactless government centers that aims to move as many public facing services online/contactless. This could be items such as permitting/plan checks.



## **X. AGENCY REPORTS**

**NOTE: Oral reports are only made to clarify or amplify written attachments. All reports that were submitted or handed out are available online here: <https://www.southbaycities.org/committees/board-directors/board-directors-meeting-64>**

- A. Metro Service Council Report by Don Szerlip** – No report given.
- B. SCAG Committees** – No meetings in August
  - 1. **Energy and Environment** (Judy Mitchell, Jim Osborne)
  - 2. **Transportation** (James Gazeley, Drew Boyles)
  - 3. **Community, Economic, & Human Development** (Mark Henderson, Frank Zerunyan & Mark Waronek)
- C. Air Quality Management District** (Judy Mitchell, Joe Buscaino & Denny Shaw)  
Board Member Buscaino provided a brief update including the upcoming Aliso Canyon settlement that will install monitoring systems at schools and other sites as well; incentives for mobile source conversions; and efforts to work with ships in the Ports of LA and Long Beach to implement more electric conversion efforts as ports are on course to be a huge source of pollution in coming years.
- D. Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission** (Bill Brand/Kenneth Kao) – No report given.
- E. Stormwater Funding**
  - 1. CCCA/LCC Stormwater Funding Options Committee – No report given.
- F. South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce** (Olivia Valentine) – No report given.
- G. South Bay Aerospace Alliance** – No report given.
- H. KHHR (Hawthorne Airport) Committee re: Community Impacts**
- I. California Association of Councils of Governments** – No report given.  
Ms. Bacharach announced that CALCOG is going to be working with the League of CA Cities to consider Brown Act amendments that would allow for hybrid in-person/virtual meetings going forward.

## **XI. UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements were made.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Valentine adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm to Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom until further notice.

David Leger  
Assistant Board Secretary