

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

September 13, 2021

TO: SBCCOG Steering Committee
FROM: SBCCOG Legislative Committee
RE: SBCCOG Legislative Committee Purpose and Goals

Adherence to Strategic Plan:

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

At the first meeting of each new committee formed by the SBCCOG Board of Directors, a set of purpose and goals for that committee were approved.

Purpose: The SBCCOG Legislative Committee reviews, monitors, and recommends positions on State and Federal legislation of interest to the SBCCOG. The Committee also fosters relationships between the SBCCOG and South Bay legislators, agencies, and stakeholders in support and advancement of SBCCOG legislative priorities.

Goals: The SBCCOG Legislative Committees goals include:

- a. Developing an annual legislative agenda including high-priority topics such as:
 - Local control
 - Economic Development
 - Housing/land-use
 - Homelessness
 - Environmental/energy
 - Transportation
 - Technology
 - Public safety
 - Seniors/Older Adults
- b. Monitor and provide direction on SBCCOG legislative agenda/priorities, advocacy efforts, and other legislative matters impacting the South Bay
- c. Monitor legislation and provide recommended positions to the SBCCOG Board of Directors
- d. Develop policy proposals and legislative ideas in support of SBCCOG legislative agenda
- e. Maintain/advance relationships with South Bay legislators at both the State and Federal level
- f. Develop/maintain relationships with non-South Bay cities, COGs, and agencies to identify coalitions and work together in support of/opposition to key legislative issues
- g. Provide direction on quarterly SBCCOG Legislative Briefings

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve the SBCCOG Legislative Committee Purpose and Goals.

PLEASE NOTE: It is intended for the Legislative Committee to report directly to the Board of Directors in the future and not report at the Steering Committee unless there is a time critical item.

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SUBJECT: Guidelines for Taking Positions on Legislation

With the re-establishment of the SBCCOG Legislative Committee and in order for the SBCCOG to be an effective agent on behalf of cities, the SBCCOG Legislative Committee is recommending the following guidelines for taking positions on legislation.

Overriding Principles

The SBCCOG believes that cities must be able to control matters within their own jurisdictions. Therefore, the SBCCOG will take positions on proposed legislation, rules and/or regulations that affect cities' local control. Additionally, the SBCCOG will take positions on issues that directly affect the South Bay.

Issues

The areas of interest that the SBCCOG will monitor are as follows:

1. Governance/Fiscal Impact
2. Transportation & Transit
3. LAX/regionalization
4. Economic Development
5. Housing
6. Livable Communities
7. Environment
8. Homelessness
9. Technology/Broadband access
10. Public Safety
11. Seniors/Older Adults
12. Other issues of interest to the SBCCOG

Process

Staff proposes that the following draft guidelines be considered for taking positions on legislation:

- Legislation to be considered may come from members of the SBCCOG Legislative Committee; any of the other SBCCOG committees and working groups; any member city, the League of California Cities, and other COGs; and outside agencies or organizations such as SCAG, MTA, AQMD, Contract Cities, etc.
- The overriding consideration in taking a position on legislation is that it should involve local control, should affect the South Bay and fall into one of the above issue categories.
- Any member city can request that the SBCCOG take action on legislation important to that city only. If it affects that one city and is not detrimental to any other city in the

organization, the Legislative Committee will bring the issue to the Board of Directors with the committee's recommendation.

- If an issue meets the SBCCOG criteria for consideration but time does not permit waiting for a Board meeting to take a position, the Legislative Committee can take the position and with the notification of the officers, request the SBCCOG Board Chair sign a position statement on behalf of the SBCCOG based on the adopted guidelines. In all such circumstances, the Board would be notified of such actions at its next meeting.
- If an issue arises after the Legislative Committee has met, it may call for a special or emergency meeting to consider the issue at hand. If the Legislative Committee cannot meet soon enough or establish a quorum to take a position on an issue that meets the SBCCOG criteria for consideration, the SBCCOG Board Chair shall confer with the Chair of the Legislative Committee and decide on the appropriate action with notification to the SBCCOG Board Officers. The Board would be notified of such actions at its next meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board approve the guidelines for taking positions on legislation.

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