

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

November 18, 2021

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors
FROM: SBCCOG Legislative Committee
RE: Development of 2022 Policy Platform

Adherence to Strategic Plan:

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

At their September 23rd meeting, the SBCCOG Board of Directors approved the Legislative Committee purpose and goals but returned the item to the Committee to provide additional specificity on issue areas and topics of interest. Staff recommends this effort be incorporated into the development of a 2022 Policy Platform. The Policy Platform will provide a broad framework for supporting the SBCCOG's legislative advocacy and will serve as the foundation for recommended legislative positions. The Legislative Committee recommends positions of support or opposition related to the platform statements.

Proposed policy platform statements for areas of interest are:

- Governance/Fiscal Impact
 - o Support measures that promote stable revenue for local governments
 - o Oppose measures that reduce local control
- Transportation & Transit
 - o Support efforts to increase the flexible use of Federal, State, and LA County transportation sales tax measures and funding programs
 - o Support measures that increase funding for local transportation improvements
 - o Support local, subregional, and regional transportation projects that increase mobility, sustainability and reduce GHG emissions such as walking, biking, micromobility, neighborhood electric vehicles, transit, and “the trip not taken”.
 - o Support efficient and sustainable goods movement and home deliveries
 - o Support programs that prepare the South Bay for autonomous vehicles, including personal and freight delivery vehicles
- LAX/regionalization
 - o Support a regional approach to air traffic growth and management
 - o Oppose efforts that induce growth at LAX; Support efforts that minimize the impacts of necessary LAX expansion projects on the South Bay
 - o Support more effective use of the existing LAX footprint
 - o Support more customer focused LAX with attention to signage and access for all ages
- Economic Development
 - o Support measures that restore economic development revenues for cities

- Support measures that ensure the South Bay workforce is prepared for 21st century jobs through workforce development and other training programs
- Support efforts to maintain or grow L.A. Air Force Base/Space Force presence in the South Bay
- Housing
 - Support efforts that incentivize and promote sustainable development
 - Support efforts that promote innovative solutions to the housing shortage
 - Support collaborative regional solutions to the housing crisis
 - Support measures that incentivize the conversion of idle retail to housing
 - Support measures that fund and/or incentivize the creation of affordable housing such as a regional housing trust for South Bay cities or additional voucher strategies
 - Oppose measures that reduce local control over zoning policy and advocate for restoration of control already removed by Sacramento
- Livable Communities
 - Support efforts to enhance the appearance, transportation opportunities, air quality, and overall quality of life in South Bay communities
 - Support opportunities to pilot the concept of Neighborhood Digital Centers with Mobility Hubs
- Environment
 - Support legislation and funding opportunities that promote climate adaptation and resiliency for cities/counties
 - Support measures that promote renewable energy, energy storage, and other efforts to ensure adequate energy supply and system reliability
 - Support the deployment of EV charging infrastructure and incentive programs, especially for EV charger installation at multiple-unit dwellings
 - Support Federal/State incentive programs for electric vehicles, including micromobility, e-bikes, and neighborhood electric vehicles
- Homelessness
 - Support innovative regional/city programs and projects that prevent or reduce homelessness
 - Support efforts to improve coordination between LA County, LA City, the South Bay and agencies such as LAHSA
 - Support State/Federal and other funding opportunities for cities/counties to address homelessness
 - Support programs and techniques proven to increase the likelihood homeless individuals get and remain housed
 - Support efforts to study policy reforms that may address homelessness (such as conservatorships)
- Technology/Broadband access
 - Support efforts to ensure access to reliable high-speed broadband internet to all South Bay residents and businesses
 - Support programs and projects that will increase digital literacy and provide technical training opportunities
 - Support funding opportunities to create SBCCOG Neighborhood Technology Centers

- Public Safety
 - Support legislation and efforts to fund emergency preparedness and recovery efforts at the local level
 - Support community law enforcement methods with fair access and treatment for all
 - Support efforts to enhance public safety
- Seniors/Older Adults
 - Support funding opportunities for cities to become “age friendly”
 - Support programs that help older adults to remain active in their communities
- Other issues of interest to the SBCCOG – other issues can be added by a vote of the Board after recommendation with justification by the Legislative Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve this policy platform for the 2022 Legislative Session.