

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Legislative Committee  
October 7, 2021  
Meeting Notes  
(Held virtually via Zoom)

**COMMITTEE CHAIR ARMATO NOTED THAT THERE WAS NO QUORUM BUT BEGAN INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AT 5:07 P.M.**

**I. Welcome / Self-Introductions**

**In attendance were the following voting SBCCOG Board Members:**

Stacey Armato, Chair (Hermosa Beach)

Christian Horvath (Redondo Beach)

**Also in attendance:**

Steve Lantz (SBCCOG)

Natalie Champion (SBCCOG)

David Leger (SBCCOG)

Jeff Kiernan (CalCities)

Ronson Chu (SBCCOG)

**II. Public Comment** – no public comments received.

**III. Consent Calendar**

**a. September 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes** (*attachment*) – Approve

**b. Virtual Meetings: AB 361 Declaration of Imminent Risks Posed by COVID-19 to meeting attendees** (*attachment*) – Receive and File

No action was taken due to the lack of a quorum.

**IV. 2022 Policy Platform Development** (*attachment*)

Chair Armato thanked SBCCOG staff for their work developing the policy platform and offered a couple minor additions and clarifications to the document. She recommended: regarding LAX issues, the SBCCOG should consider supporting the maximized use of the existing airport footprint before any expansion; on housing, that the SBCCOG support collaborative regional solutions and support funding for affordable housing development; and on homelessness, consider supporting efforts that would study policy reforms on issues such as conservatorships.

The item will be presented to the Committee for approval at the next meeting.

**V. Current SBCCOG Legislative Matrix** (*attachment*) – Receive and File

Mr. Kiernan shared that a budget trailer bill contained \$60M to help cities comply with SB 1383 requirements.

**VI. 2022 Legislative Session: Proposals for legislation and advocacy strategies** (*attachment*)

Mr. Leger briefly reviewed the attachment and asked Mr. Chu to share his ideas about potential legislative proposals to help address homelessness. Mr. Chu explained that currently, most Section 8 housing vouchers are provided to individuals who then find a landlord willing to accept the voucher, which is often an obstacle to getting people housed. Mr. Chu went on to explain that in addition to the

traditional Section 8 voucher, the State may want to consider issuing its own project-based vouchers to incentivize the production of affordable housing. The housing voucher would be applied to unit(s) within a development as opposed to an individual, so that the housing unit would remain affordable for any tenant and would essentially guarantee rental income to the developer. The developer would also be able to utilize the voucher income as leverage for commercial financing opportunities.

Committee Chair Armato and Committee Member Horvath asked that SBCCOG staff further refine potential legislative proposals and bring them back to the Committee at the next meeting.

**VII. Draft October Legislative Briefing Agenda and Questions for Legislators** (*Attachments*)

Committee Chair Armato asked Ms. Champion to briefly run through the agenda for the upcoming Legislative Briefing. Ms. Champion reviewed the legislators who have agreed to participate and the draft agenda. Committee Chair Armato and Committee Member Horvath discussed ways to maximize question and answer portions while still allowing the legislators an opportunity to provide their own updates. They also reviewed the questions and comments submitted in advance. Committee Chair Armato and Committee Member Horvath offered to further review the questions and narrow down the list. SBCCOG staff will compile the questions into a Federal/State breakdown and send the document to Committee Chair Armato and Committee Member Horvath to review and revise in advance of the Legislative Briefing.

**VIII. Announcements / Adjournment**

Committee Chair Armato concluded informational reports at 6:10 p.m. to November 4, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.