

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

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TO: SBCCOG Steering Committee

FROM: Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director

SUBJECT: 2022-2023 Dues and Assessment

Adherence to Strategic Plan:

Goal D: Organizational Stability. Be a high performing organization with a clear path to long-term financial health, staffing continuity and sustained board commitment.

DUES

Per the Bylaws, a 60 day notice is required for any increase in the dues. Since the 2022-2023 budget will be presented to the Board at the May meeting, this is the meeting that a decision to consider raising dues should be made.

The actual Bylaws provision reads as follow: *Dues. The Members of the Council shall be responsible for the payment to the Council annually, of dues and the amounts periodically budgeted by the Governing Board, as and for the operating costs of the Council ("Dues"). Sixty (60) days' notice shall be provided to Members of the date of the meeting at which any increase in the Dues is to be determined for the following year. If an increase in dues is proposed from the previous year, an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the total voting membership of the Governing Board is required to set the new dues.*

ASSESSMENT

For the current year, there has been an assessment in addition to the dues to pay for a regional planner for the SBCCOG to work with Community Development Directors. Community Development Departments have been deeply affected by loss of staff and increased workload.

Jonathan Pacheco Bell started as the SBCCOG's regional planner and has proven very helpful to the Community Development Directors. Besides researching responses to state mandates, two examples of his work are: 1) introducing cities to the ADU Calculator which is free and helps constituents determine how cost effective building an ADU on their property would be and working on its implementation; and 2) finding a potential grant for disadvantaged communities and providing the affected cities with more information. He is implementing the SCAG REAP projects that the SBCCOG has identified. In general, he has been a great resource and has the expertise to provide assistance to cities as needed.

As a reminder – for agencies over 75,000, the assessment is \$9000; from 30,000-75,000, it is \$6500; and for under 30,000, it is \$4000.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve no dues increase for 2022-2023 budget year and that the special assessment for the regional planner continue.