

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

Legislative Committee

April 13, 2022

Meeting Minutes

(Held virtually via Zoom)

**SBCCOG BOARD CHAIR BOYLES CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:04 P.M.**

**I. Welcome / Self-Introductions**

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

Drew Boyles (El Segundo)

Bernadette Suarez (Lawndale)

Chris Pimentel (El Segundo)

Zein Obagi Jr., Vice Chair (Redondo Beach)

**Also in attendance:**

Jeff Kiernan (CalCities)

David Leger (SBCCOG)

Jacki Bacharach (SBCCOG)

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

**III. March 9, 2022, Meeting Minutes** (*attachment*) – **TABLED**

The Committee agreed to table the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes due to only one member currently present being part of that meeting.

**IV. Update on South Bay Regional Housing Trust & Subcommittee Formation**

Ms. Bacharach reported that SBCCOG Board approved moving forward in the following ways at their April 11<sup>th</sup> Special Board of Directors meeting: 1) request legislation to form the trust; 2) request seed funding via a state budget earmark; 3) Board members will go back to their city councils to gauge interest in being a charter member; 4) form a subcommittee to work on JPA documents and bylaws; 5) Send letters to the SBCCOG informing of their council's intention as soon as possible; 6) Committee Chair Armato would go to council meetings as requested to discuss the item with them.

Chair Boyles added that the motion was supported by all members present except for Torrance who opposed and Palos Verdes Estates who abstained.

Ms. Bacharach also shared that Supervisor Mitchell's office has asked to meet to find out more and explore ways that the County might be able to help.

**V. Update on SBCCOG Proposals for Legislation and Advocacy**

**A. SBCCOG sponsored legislation update**

Ms. Bacharach reported that AB 2074, the micromobility rebate bill, was approved by the Assembly Transportation Committee and is now in the Appropriations Committee. That committee may impose a sliding income scale for rebate eligibility, something the SBCCOG does not support, but will accept if it would not move forward otherwise. AB 2432 was also passed by the Assembly Transportation Committee on their consent calendar and is in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**B. Legislative Matrix – RECOMMENDED BOARD APPROVAL**

1. Federal Bill:

- a. S 3788/HR 6989: “Housing for All Act of 2022” – CHANGE POSITION TO SUPPORT (from support in concept)

Mr. Leger explained that since the March Legislative Committee meeting, bill language has been introduced so staff is recommending a support position. Board Chair Boyles mentioned the issues identified by the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness and that the bill should define clear success outcomes. Committee Member Suarez also asked if there was a way to advocate for funding directly to the SBCCOG/cities. Mr. Kiernan noted that most federal programs follow the Community Development Block Grant program and that in most cases the funding is passed through the state to local jurisdictions. He also added that CalCities is supporting the bill because it gives more flexibility to American Rescue Plan dollars.

**MOTION** by Board Chair Boyles, seconded by Committee Member Suarez, to **SUPPORT** S 3788/HR 6989. Approved without objection.

2. State Bills:

- a. Support

- i. AB 2647 - SUPPORT

Mr. Leger explained that this bill would modify the Brown Act to allow agencies to maintain public notification compliance with the Brown Act if they distribute materials electronically to their Board within 72 hours of the meeting as long as the items are posted online and then subsequently made available for inspection by the public in person the following business day. Committee Member Pimentel noted that he is supportive of modernizing the Brown Act but cautioned that many residents still rely on hard copies and that electronic versions might not work for everyone.

**MOTION** by Committee Vice Chair Obagi, seconded by Committee Member Suarez, to **SUPPORT** AB 2647. Approved without objection.

- ii. SB 914 – SUPPORT

Mr. Leger explained that SB 914 would include domestic violence victims and unaccompanied women within the definition of “vulnerable populations”. It would also require cities, counties, and continuums of care receiving state funding to include these groups in regard to homelessness planning and resources. These populations are un/undercounted within current systems and responses do not appropriately consider some of the special needs of these groups.

**MOTION** by Committee Vice Chair Obagi, seconded by Committee Member Suarez, to **SUPPORT** SB 914. Approved without objection.

- b. Oppose

- i. AB 1976 – OPPOSE

Mr. Leger explained that this bill would allow the California Department of Housing and Community Development to impose fines of \$10,000/day upon cities without an approved housing element as well as complete a compliant housing element on their behalf.

**MOTION** by Committee Vice Chair Obagi, seconded by Board Chair Boyles, to **OPPOSE** AB 1976. Approved without objection.

ii. AB 2097 – OPPOSE

Mr. Leger explained that AB 2097 would eliminate a city’s ability to impose parking requirements on developments within a half mile of public transit and is similar to a bill from the previous session. This bill applies to transit corridors, so almost every location within the South Bay would be subject to the bill.

**MOTION** by Committee Vice Chair Obagi, seconded by Board Chair Boyles, to **OPPOSE** AB 2097. Approved without objection.

iii. 2 ADU related bills: AB 2221 & SB896– OPPOSE

Mr. Leger explained that AB 2221 would restrict a city from establishing front setbacks for ADUs and would prohibit local objective planning standards that conflict with state law. SB 897 would prohibit a city from imposing a height restriction of less than 25 ft for ADUs and also reduces parking requirements in certain situations, including within a half mile of a transit stop.

**MOTION** by Board Chair Boyles, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Obagi, to **OPPOSE** AB 2221 and SB 897. Approved without objection.

c. Oppose unless amended

i. SB 932 - OPPOSE

Mr. Leger reported that this bill requires cities update general plan circulation elements to include bicycle and pedestrian plans and traffic calming plans by 2024 and requires implementation of those plans to begin within 2 years and be fully implemented within 20 years. It also opens cities up to lawsuits by individuals who are injured within the right of way in a collision with a motor vehicle for failure to comply with the provisions of the bill. Ms. Bacharach added that although the SBCCOG supports safety and the general principle of the legislation, the Committee may decide to oppose the bill due to the liability it creates and the further elimination of local control. Committee Vice Chair Obagi agreed with Ms. Bacharach.

**MOTION** by Committee Vice Chair Obagi, seconded by Board Chair Boyles, to **OPPOSE** SB 932.

Ms. Bacharach noted that SB 932 has a hearing date before the upcoming SBCCOG Board of Directors meeting, and asked the Committee if there was any objection to following the previously adopted policy of submitting positions letters based on Legislative Committee recommendations when faced with an issue of timeliness before the next Board meeting. There was no objection by the Committee.

## **VI. Announcements / Adjournment**

Committee Vice-Chair Obagi announced that there was a presentation at the Redondo Beach City Council on Ohm Connect, which is a program that Southern California Edison customers can sign up for to help save electricity and save money. The program notifies participants when a surge in use is coming and incentivizes conservation by providing monetary rewards to those that do conserve. It has proven successful and he recommended the SBCCOG connect with the company to find out more.

Board Chair Boyles adjourned the meeting at 5:49 p.m. to May 9, 2022, at 5:00 p. m.