Regional Council (RC)
List of Public Comments
Received **after** 5pm on Wednesday, November 4, 2026

	Date	Sender Name	Organization	Subject Matter
Agenda Item 1 – Regional Housing Needs Determination for the SCAG Region				
1.	2026-11-04	Petra Wilder-Smith	SoCal Resident	Urging SCAG to accept the 7th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND) for the region issued by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and to reject staff's recommendation to object to the number.
2.	2026-11-04	Jacob Pierce	Various Organizations	Urge to accept the RHND from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and to instead continue the important work of prepping for the 7th RHNA Cycle.
3.	2026-11-04	Tracey Alexander Ettinger	SoCal Resident	Urging SCAG to accept the 7th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND) for the region issued by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and to reject staff's recommendation to object to the number.
4.	2026-11-04	Atta Tarki	SoCal Resident	Urging SCAG to accept the 7th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND) for the region issued by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and to reject staff's recommendation to object to the number.
5.	2026-11-04	Claire O'Hanlon	SoCal Resident	Urging SCAG to accept the 7th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND) for the region issued by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and to reject staff's recommendation to object to the number.
6.	2026-11-04	Henry Fung		Oppose staff recommendation to appeal the HCD regional housing needs determination.
7.	2026-11-04	Aryan Ray	SoCal Resident	Urging SCAG to accept the 7th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND) for the region issued by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and to reject staff's recommendation to object to the number.
8.	2026-11-04	Jonah Linder	SoCal Resident	Urging SCAG to accept the 7th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND) for the region issued by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and to reject staff's recommendation to object to the number.
9.	2026-11-04	Casey Langwith	SoCal Resident	Urging SCAG to accept the 7th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND) for the region issued by the California

				Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and to reject staff's recommendation to object to the number.
10.	2026-11-04	Kiersten Stanley	SoCal Resident	Urging SCAG to accept the 7th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND) for the region issued by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and to reject staff's recommendation to object to the number.
11.	2026-11-04	Breanna Hurt	City of La Habra	The City of La Habra supports SCAG staff's and the RHNA Subcommittee's recommendation to appeal the California Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND).
12.	2026-11-04	Emmett Florence	SoCal Resident	Urging SCAG to accept the 7th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND) for the region issued by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and to reject staff's recommendation to object to the number.
13.	2026-11-04	Violet Carne	SoCal Resident	Urging SCAG to accept the 7th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND) for the region issued by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and to reject staff's recommendation to object to the number.
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16.	2026-11-04	Mimi Holt	SoCal Resident	Urging SCAG to accept the 7th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND) for the region issued by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and to reject staff's recommendation to object to the number.
17.	2026-11-04	Chris Tokita	SoCal Resident	Urging SCAG to accept the 7th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND) for the region issued by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and to reject staff's recommendation to object to the number.
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22.	2026-11-05	Michael Woller	SoCal Resident	Urging SCAG to accept the 7th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND) for the region issued by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and to reject staff's recommendation to object to the number.
23.	2026-11-05	Geoff Regalado	SoCal Resident	Urging SCAG to accept the 7th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND) for the region issued by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and to reject staff's recommendation to object to the number.
24.	2026-11-05	Justin J		Opposes effort to reject HCD's Final Housing Allocation
25.	2026-11-05	Isaac Bravo	City of Murrieta	The City of Murrieta supports SCAG filing a formal objection to the California Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) 7th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND).
26.	2026-11-5	Maribeth Tinio	City of Brea	Support to the Objection of HCD's 7th Cycle RHND as public comment for Agenda Item 1.

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The law makes clear that an objection requires demonstrating that HCD's determination is "not a reasonable application" of the statutory methodology and assumptions. Arguing that another methodology is possible does not meet the statute's threshold for an objection. Furthermore, HCD's California's Housing Future 2040 report identifies cost burden as an indicator of pent-up demand, with the

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For these reasons, I urge the Committee and the Regional Council to embrace the RHND issued by HCD, and to reject staff’s recommendation to object to HCD’s sound methodology for arriving at the determination. Thank you for your consideration. Advocates look forward to working with SCAG on a 7th Cycle RHNA methodology that addresses Southern California’s housing needs.

Sincerely,
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Outlook

OPPOSE: CEHD Item 3, Regional Council Item 1 (RHND Objection)

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Dear President Marquez, Chair Rhodes and local leaders:

The attached letter is intended for the written public comment files for two SCAG meetings tomorrow--the CEHD Committee and the Regional Council.

We urge to accept the RHND from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and to instead continue the important work of prepping for the 7th RHNA Cycle. The attached letter is signed by the following organizations:

- People for Housing Orange County
- Abundant Housing LA
- Inner City Law Center
- YIMBY Action
- Faith and Housing Coalition
- Union Station Homeless Services
- Housing Action Coalition
- Safe Place for Youth

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November 4, 2026

Re: Regional Housing Needs Determination for the SCAG Region (Nov. 5 meetings—CEHD item #3, Regional Council item #1)

Dear President Marquez, Chair Rhodes and local leaders:

We, the undersigned organizations, urge you not to recommend an objection to the 7th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND) issued by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). We appreciate SCAG staff's careful review and their agreement with HCD on nearly every component. However, the proposed objection to the cost-burden adjustment fails to establish that HCD's approach is unreasonable, and would substantially understate the region's housing needs.

State Law Requires HCD to Consider Cost Burden at Every Income Level

Government Code section 65584.01(b)(1)(H) directs HCD to consider the share of very low-, low-, moderate-, and above moderate-income households paying more than 30 percent of their income toward housing. Southern California's cost-burden rate of 43.19 percent, compared with 31.45 percent nationally, illustrates the scale of the problem. SCAG's analysis indicates that approximately 57 percent of the cost-burden adjustment comes from moderate- and above

moderate-income households. Excluding them would omit income categories the Legislature expressly included.

Recent legislation reinforces this broad understanding of housing need. In SB 450 (2024), the Legislature encouraged the "development of housing affordable to households at all income levels." SB 684 (2023) found that the housing crisis "consumes an ever-growing share of the paychecks of working families" and, citing the Legislative Analyst's Office, acknowledged effects on "not only low-income residents," including overcrowding, longer commutes, and delayed homeownership. SB 1123 (2024) recognized that "The production of new market-rate housing frees up existing, more affordable housing elsewhere in the region." These findings reinforce the Legislature's recognition that California's housing shortage affects households across income levels.

HCD used a well-documented approach: it applied the gap between regional and national cost-burden rates to existing households, then deducted 259,849 units to avoid overlap with the overcrowding adjustment. SCAG staff accept a comparable approach for overcrowding yet they question whether additional housing will predictably reduce cost burden.

But an objection requires more than a lack of certainty. It requires demonstrating that HCD's determination is "not a reasonable application" of the statutory methodology and assumptions—not simply that a different method would be possible. SCAG staff applied that standard to the vacancy-rate adjustment and found no basis for an objection. HCD's California's Housing Future 2040 report also identifies cost burden as an indicator of pent-up demand, while the region's median home value is 8.46 times its median household income. These facts support accounting for cost burden instead of excluding it.

Housing needs are interconnected: when middle-income households cannot find homes they can afford, they compete for older, lower-cost housing, increasing pressure on lower-income residents. Planning across income levels can help relieve that pressure.

Market-Rate Development Helps Produce Affordable Housing

The 7th Cycle RHND totals 1,359,750 homes, only 17,923 more than the 6th Cycle. Yet lower-income need has increased by 211,410 homes, from 41.6 percent to 56.6 percent of the regional total.

Income level	6th cycle (2021-2029)	7th cycle (2029-2037)	Change
Lower income (acutely, extremely, very low and low)	558,603 (41.6%)	770,013 (56.6%)	+211,410
Moderate	223,957 (16.7%)	124,839 (9.2%)	-99,118
Above moderate	559,267 (41.7%)	464,898 (34.2%)	-94,369
Total	1,341,827	1,359,750	+17,923

Meeting the resulting need for 770,013 lower-income homes will require public subsidy as well as affordable units and revenues generated through market-rate development. State Density Bonus Law and other tools to develop mixed income projects are dependent on a viable development pipeline. Planning for fewer moderate- and above moderate-income homes risks weakening these tools.

For these reasons, we urge the CEHD Committee and the Regional Council to not recommend an objection to HCD's 7th Cycle determination. Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with SCAG on a 7th Cycle RHNA methodology that addresses Southern California's housing needs.

Sincerely,

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We must highlight that high housing costs are the primary factor motivating community members to move away from our region. We will lose our foundational young Californian workforce who are struggling to survive here in a tough entry level job market impacted by AI. There is no affordable housing for them. The cure is to build more homes, not less.

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Hello SCAG regional council and committee members,
I oppose the staff recommendation to appeal the HCD regional housing needs determination. The new determination is not significantly different from the existing determination, unbuilt and vacant sites can be reused, and new laws allow for an assumed amount of housing to go on empty or underutilized locations. HCD, as staff notes, has the discretion to make their own determination on what is considered cost burdened.

It is important for SCAG staff to have a good working relationship with HCD. At the very minimum, Option 2, which rejects cost burdened as an adjustment completely, is non responsive and only encourage HCD, the new Governor, and the new state legislature to further scrutinize SCAG's role in regional housing. While I disagree with Option 1 I do think that staff can make a reasonable argument that Option 1 is at least plausible and compliant with state law. Option 2 would be a violation of RHND law which requires consideration of adjustments.

Please do your job on housing and reject Option 1 and Option 2 of the staff recommendation, not use anymore staff time on arguing with HCD, and move forward on planning to meet these requirements.

Sincerely,
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Good Afternoon,

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Thank you,

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Southern California Association of Governments
Attn: Regional Council and the Community Economic and Human Development Committee
Sent via Email: ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov

Re: Support for Appeal of HCD's 7th Cycle Regional Housing Need Determination

Dear Regional Council and CEHD Committee;

The City of La Habra supports SCAG staff's and the RHNA Subcommittee's recommendation to appeal the California Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND).

The Subcommittee recommended Option 1, which would limit the cost-burden adjustment to lower-income households. We respectfully urge the Regional Council to pursue staff's Option 2, which would remove the adjustment entirely and result in a regional determination of 855,123 units. The staff report explains that HCD's 504,627-unit adjustment is not based on an economic analysis or model showing how many additional homes would reduce cost burden by a measurable amount. More housing may help affordability, but the report also recognizes that the relationship is not one-to-one. Without that analysis, the adjustment does not establish a transparent, supported connection between the identified cost burden and the number of units added to the RHND.

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The City urges the Regional Council to select Option 2. If the Council proceeds with Option 1, La Habra still supports filing the objection rather than accepting HCD's determination without challenge.

Sincerely,

José Medrano
Mayor, City of La Habra

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La Habra City Council

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4) Vacancy/dereliction tax on the hundreds of under-used commercial lots. Tax them until they sell or build market-rate housing. Market-rate not tax-payer subsidized housing. Everyone in the world will move to LA if we give away taxpayer funded housing. ty

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Sincerely,

MURRIETA SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
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November 4, 2026

Southern California Association of Governments
Attn: Regional Housing Needs Assessment Subcommittee
Sent via Email: ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov

RE: Support for Objection to HCD's 7th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Determination

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The City of Murrieta would like to express its support for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) filing a formal objection to the California Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) 7th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND). While the City recognizes the importance of addressing housing affordability and increasing housing opportunities throughout Southern California, regional housing requirements must be based on reasonable, transparent, and defensible methodologies that accurately reflect housing needs.

The City appreciates the work of SCAG staff and the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Subcommittee in evaluating HCD's determination of 1,359,750 housing units. However, we share the concerns identified in the staff report regarding HCD's application of the housing cost-burden adjustment, which accounts for 504,627 units, or approximately 37 percent of the region's total determination.

While the RHNA Subcommittee recommended Option 1, which would limit the cost-burden adjustment to lower-income households, the City respectfully encourages the Regional Council to consider Option 2, which would remove the cost-burden adjustment entirely and establish a revised regional determination of 855,123 units. This alternative recognizes that HCD's methodology already incorporates substantial adjustments addressing existing housing needs, including overcrowding, homelessness, and market vacancy, without introducing an additional supply requirement that lacks a clearly demonstrated relationship to improved affordability.

Furthermore, the City remains concerned about the cumulative impacts of increasingly substantial housing allocations on local governments. Cities must balance housing obligations with infrastructure capacity, economic development, employment opportunities, and the preservation of a diverse and sustainable land-use framework. Importantly, local governments do not directly construct the vast majority of housing and are largely dependent on private-sector investment, market demand, economic conditions, and development feasibility to achieve housing production goals.

While cities can establish appropriate zoning, streamline permitting processes, and create opportunities for residential development, they cannot compel private developers to construct housing, particularly when market conditions do not support new investment. Housing requirements that are not adequately supported by data or that fail to account for prevailing market conditions risk imposing unrealistic expectations on local jurisdictions. Such requirements place

additional pressure on local planning efforts, including the identification of suitable housing sites, infrastructure planning, and the preservation of commercial and employment-generating properties essential to the long-term economic sustainability of our communities.

The City of Murrieta remains committed to responsible housing planning and recognizes the importance of regional collaboration in addressing California's housing challenges. However, these efforts must be guided by realistic assumptions and sound analysis that recognize the responsibilities and practical constraints faced by local jurisdictions.

Accordingly, the City respectfully urges the Regional Council to pursue Option 2 and formally object to HCD's determination pursuant to Government Code Section 65584.01. Should the Regional Council elect to proceed with Option 1, the City would nevertheless support filing an objection rather than accepting HCD's determination without further consideration.

Thank you for your continued leadership and advocacy on behalf of Southern California's local governments.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the City of Brea, please see attached Letter of Support to the Objection of HCD's 7th Cycle RHND as public comment for Agenda Item 1.

Thank you,

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Sent via Email: ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov

Subject: **Support for Objection of HCD's 7th Cycle Regional Housing Need Determination**

Dear Members of the Regional Council and CEHD Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. The City of Brea supports SCAG's objection to the California Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) 7th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND) of 1,359,750 units.

Two alternatives were provided to the RHNA subcommittee with respect to potential objection of the RHND. The RHNA Subcommittee recommended Option 1, which would limit the cost-burden adjustment to lower-income households and result in a total of 1,081,926 units for the region. The City of Brea respectfully urges the Regional Council to adopt Option 2, which would remove the cost-burden adjustment entirely and result in 855,123 units. Based on the Staff Report, HCD's cost-burden adjustment adds 504,627 units, however HCD's methodology includes uncertainty in the relationship between cost burden and additional supply and does not estimate how much new housing would be needed to reduce cost burden by any particular amount. Without further analysis, the adjustment does not justify the cost burden it identifies to the number of additional units.

The adjustment is also very broad. SCAG estimates that 57 percent of it comes from moderate- and above-moderate-income households, the groups for which RHNA provides the fewest tools to improve affordability. Requiring cities to identify zoning capacity for additional units would unfairly burden jurisdictions like Brea that have planned for housing in good faith. It would require additional sites and zoning capacity, further

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eroding local control. It would also increase pressure to convert commercial and industrial land that supports local jobs and the economic activity our communities rely on. That outcome works against the state's own goal of placing housing near employment.

The City of Brea urges the Regional Council and CEHD to select Option 2. If the Council adopts Option 1, Brea still supports filing the objection rather than accepting HCD's determination without challenge.

Sincerely,



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