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Honorable Mayor Carr and City Council Members,

In my opinion, local control of development means keeping the character of our city and protecting the interests of our residents while managing and encouraging growth. Huntington Beach will lose control if we do not appeal the SCAG final RHNA methodology for the 6<sup>th</sup> Housing Element Cycle. **I urge you to authorize our city attorney to file a lawsuit to appeal this assessment.**

Let's keep this description of our city accurate (excerpt from the City website). Do not let SCAG dictate and enforce RHNA numbers based on questionable methodology.

*Huntington Beach offers residents a charming community with ideal weather, a diversified economy overflowing with good jobs, a wide variety of housing, an excellent educational system, boat marinas, numerous parks, and exemplary health care.*

Thank you.

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*"There was never a night or a problem that could defeat sunrise or hope."* – Bernard Williams

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RE: Agenda Item 21-244 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Dear City Council,

Enough is enough! Our city has already wasted way too many resources and emotions on nonsensical lawsuits attempting to sidestep and otherwise shirk our responsibility as a regional partner. The fact that "anticipated litigation" is even being considered (AGAIN!!!) would be comical if it wasn't so dangerous. Huntington Beach's recent history of failed litigation has resulted in overt reputational damage to our community, and perhaps worst of all, has garnered absolutely nothing in return.

There's been money spent, man-hours wasted with nothing to show for it beyond international scorn and mockery. Where we were once known across the world as a premier surfing destination, we are now more notable as "California's Florida": a dysfunctional haven for nutjob, kooks, and malcontents. You'd think that a city trying to reenergize its struggle tourist industry would want to be viewed more favorably by others, but alas, our past legal actions have only served to make potential tourists think twice about coming to our city. YIKES!

I'm not sharing these insights to make a political statement or bolster my "cred" with the woke community. This is simply my experience as a resident who has received numerous communications from friends, family and acquaintances across our state, our country, and across the world asking: "What the hell's going on in HB?" We need to do better, and doing better doesn't involve ongoing legal battles with the State and our regional partners of SCAG.

- Doing better involves being a credible partner in addressing the critical issues confronting southern California.
- Doing better involves shaping a constructive vision for Huntington Beach's future.
- Doing better involves showing leadership and making decisions aimed at ensuring a vibrant future for our community.

I beg you to embrace "Doing Better" and reject another wasteful and counterproductive foray into the fruitless world of frivolous litigation. We can do better, and this would be an excellent moment to start doing better for the sake of our community and our future.

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Regards,  
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