



City of Huntington Beach

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MEETING DATE: 12/16/2019

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

SUBMITTED TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

SUBMITTED BY: Oliver Chi, City Manager

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Subject:

Receive and file the monthly status update on the 6th cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process

Statement of Issue:

During the July 15, 2019, City Council Study Session, Community Development staff presented an overview of the 6th Cycle RHNA process and related items of information as directed by the City Council. At the end of the study session, the City Council requested monthly updates on the status of the 6th Cycle RHNA process. This update provides a summary of what has occurred since the last monthly update on November 18, 2019.

Financial Impact:

There is no fiscal impact.

Recommended Action:

Receive and file the monthly Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process status update.

Alternative Action(s):

Provide alternative direction to staff.

Analysis:

On November 7, 2019, the SCAG Regional Council, made up of elected officials from the various SCAG jurisdictions, considered the draft methodology. The Regional Council ultimately voted 43-19 to approve a methodology, proposed by Riverside Mayor Rusty Bailey, which would result in a RHNA allocation of approximately 13,321 units to the City of Huntington Beach. Mayor Semeta, representing the City of Huntington Beach on the Regional Council, voted no on the motion. The approved methodology has been forwarded to HCD for a 60-day review. If HCD approves the methodology, SCAG will then distribute RHNA units to its member jurisdictions. This will most likely occur in February 2020. An appeal period will follow the jurisdictional allocation.

Following the November 7, 2019, Regional Council meeting, the City sent a letter to HCD and SCAG objecting to the Regional Council's action. A copy of the letter is attached to this report.

There are no SCAG Regional Council meetings in December or January. The next Regional Council meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2020.

Environmental Status:

The filing of a status update on the 6th Cycle RHNA process is not a project as defined by Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines and is not subject to CEQA.

Strategic Plan Goal:

Non-Applicable - Administrative Item

Attachment(s):

1. City of Huntington Beach Letter to HCD and SCAG, dated November 20, 2019