



City of Huntington Beach

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MEETING DATE: 1/21/2020

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 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 December 16, 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 RHNA methodology. The Regional Council voted to approve an alternative 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. Following the November 7, 2019, Regional Council meeting, the City sent a letter to HCD and SCAG formally objecting to the Regional Council's action.

The approved methodology was forwarded to HCD for a 60-day review on November 14, 2019. It is anticipated that HCD will respond to SCAG in mid-January. SCAG will then review HCD's comments

and recommend a Final RHNA Allocation Methodology for adoption. The next step in the SCAG adoption process is for the RHNA Subcommittee to consider the Final RHNA Allocation Methodology for recommendation to the Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee (CEHD) and the Regional Council at its next meeting on February 24, 2020. The RHNA Subcommittee will also discuss and adopt RHNA appeal procedures at this meeting. The RHNA Subcommittee will then forward its recommendation on the Final RHNA Allocation Methodology to the Regional Council. The Regional Council is expected to consider the Final RHNA Allocation Methodology at its March 5, 2020, meeting. Once adopted, SCAG will allocate the RHNA units to its member jurisdictions pursuant to the adopted Final RHNA Allocation Methodology. Jurisdictions will then have 45 days to submit an appeal.

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):

N/A