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**California's Housing Future 2040: The Next Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Sounding Board Meeting #2**

Topics: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) & Furthering Statutory Objectives of RHNA

Monday May 15, 2023, 1:30 – 3:30 PM

California's Housing Future 2040 Background: AB 101 (2019) directs HCD to engage stakeholders and collaborate with the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to develop recommendations related to the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process and methodology. Upon completion of this stakeholder engagement process, HCD will compile its findings and recommendations, and will submit a report to the Legislature by December 31, 2023.

Sounding Board Role: HCD is convening a Sounding Board of approximately 30 stakeholders as part of this stakeholder engagement initiative. This Sounding Board will be focused on a series of specific, technical questions where HCD is looking for targeted ideas or feedback to consider when drafting the recommendation report; the Sounding Board will not be a decision-making body. The Sounding Board will be one of the mechanisms for providing feedback on California's Housing Future 2040: The Next RHNA. All stakeholders will have opportunities to provide feedback throughout the process: 1) Responding to the Survey mentioned above, 2) Providing comments on the topics covered in the Sounding Board meetings, see below, and 3) Providing comments anytime throughout the process to the main email box [CAHousingFuture2040@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:CAHousingFuture2040@hcd.ca.gov) (note HCD appreciates comments by September 15, 2023).

Public Comments: HCD will post Sounding Board agendas on its website one week in advance of Sounding Board meetings. These meetings will not be open to the public, but the public is welcome to submit written public comments regarding the meeting agenda items with the subject line "Sounding Board agenda comment" to [CAHousingFuture2040@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:CAHousingFuture2040@hcd.ca.gov). HCD recommends that comments be submitted at least 24 hours in advance of meetings, but HCD will continue to consider public comments submitted after the meeting. HCD will review and consider all public comments that are submitted and may share submitted public comments with Sounding Board attendees.

Meeting Goals: The goal of this meeting will be to dive deep and create possible ideas for ways to better further the statutory objectives of RHNA.

## Sounding Board Meeting #2 Proposed Agenda

Time	Topic	Who
1:30 – 1:35 PM	<b>Welcome and Review Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HCD staff</li> <li>• Facilitator</li> </ul>
1:35 – 2:10 PM	<b>Furthering All Statutory Objectives Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>HCD is interested in exploring options to better ensure all statutory objectives of RHNA are furthered, while also providing more clarity to Councils of Government (COGs) for implementation. This includes potential amendments to statute to clarify what happens when not all of the objectives are furthered. We've come up with three possible strategies, and would like feedback on these strategies, insights on how these might impact the RHNA process timeline, and other related suggestions. The 3 strategies:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>HCD to create minimum benchmarks for what it means to further each of the five statutory objectives of RHNA</i></li> <li>○ <i>Amend statutory language so that if objectives are not furthered, HCD can adjust the allocation to meet guideline thresholds</i></li> <li>○ <i>Amend statutory language so that if objectives are not furthered, the COG works with HCD to come up with an adjustment that would meet guideline thresholds</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HCD staff (introduce topic)</li> <li>• Facilitator</li> <li>• Sounding Board members</li> </ul>
2:10 – 2:45 PM	<b>AFFH Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How else could the RHNA process be adjusted to elevate AFFH as a goal and produce better AFFH outcomes?</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HCD staff (introduce topic)</li> <li>• Facilitator</li> <li>• Sounding Board members</li> </ul>
2:45 – 3:25 PM	<b>Factors Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>In the 6th cycle HCD saw some instances where factors that were utilized in a COG's allocation methodology didn't align with one or more of the 5 statutory objectives of RHNA. HCD is interested in proposing a</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HCD staff (introduce topic)</li> <li>• Facilitator</li> <li>• Sounding Board</li> </ul>

	<p><i>few changes to the allocation methodology factors, and would like reactions and feedback on these proposals:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Add new AFFH-related factor(s). This could include opportunity mapping tools (TCAC/HCD Opportunity Map). Are there other ideas for AFFH-related factors we should consider?</i></li> <li>○ <i>Narrow the list of allocation factors by limiting them to include only those that directly support the objectives.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>For example, can you foresee potential impacts of statutory changes to remove the cost burden and overcrowding factors?</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Is there a way to modify the development capacity factor to better clarify how COGs or HCD can assess? Can you foresee potential impacts of removing the development capacity factor?</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Are there other factors that should be removed or adjusted?</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><i>members</i></p>
<p>3:25 – 3:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Next Steps and Wrap Up</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>What worked well today?</i></li> <li>● <i>Any suggested format changes for when we meet next?</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>HCD staff</i></li> <li>● <i>Facilitator</i></li> </ul>

Background Reading Materials: HCD has provided the following background reading materials ([available on the RHNA webpage](#)) to help inform the meeting discussion.

These include the following:

- The Statutory Objectives of RHNA
- RHNA Allocation Methodology Factors
- Background on AFFH and the RHNA Allocation Process
  - ABAG Final RHNA Methodology 2023-2031
  - KCAG Final RHNA Methodology 2023

## Upcoming Meeting Schedule

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topics</b>
Meeting #3	Wednesday May 31, 2023	Housing + Transportation Planning Alignment & Climate Change
Meeting #4	Monday June 5, 2023	Process Improvements & Overflow from Previous Meetings