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**California's Housing Future 2040: The Next Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Sounding Board Meeting #4**

Topics: Group Quarters, Process Improvements, & Transparency

Monday June 5, 2023, 12:30 – 2:30 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 (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. 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 find possible ideas for ways to improve the RHNA process (appeals, subregions, and others) and to increase transparency.

Sounding Board Meeting #4 Proposed Agenda

Time	Topic	Who
12:30 – 12:40 PM	Welcome and Review Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCD staff • Facilitator
12:40 – 1:05 PM	<p>Determination – Capturing the Housing Needs of Populations Living in Group Quarters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Are there ways to better account for the housing needs of people who live in group quarters in the RHNA process?</i> • <i>Which of the following types of group quarters, if any, would you like to see included in the Regional Housing Needs Determination (and thereby also available for credit in the APR)?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>College/University Student Housing</i> ○ <i>Correctional Facilities</i> ○ <i>Emergency and Transitional Shelters</i> ○ <i>Group Homes</i> ○ <i>Mental (Psychiatric) Hospitals</i> ○ <i>Military Group Quarters</i> ○ <i>Nursing Facilities</i> ○ <i>Religious Group Quarters (Abbeys, Convents, Missions, Monasteries, etc.)</i> ○ <i>Residential Treatment Centers</i> ○ <i>Workers’ Group Living Quarters (ex: migratory farm worker camps, construction workers’ camps, etc.)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCD staff (introduce topic) • Facilitator • Sounding Board members
1:05 – 1:25 PM	<p>Subregion Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>HCD is interested in removing the subregion process from statute or significantly altering how it works.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Does the extra work required by the subregion process lead to substantive improvements to the effectiveness of RHNA?</i> ○ <i>Would you support removing the subregion process?</i> ○ <i>Do you have ideas for how the subregion process could be</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCD staff (introduce topic) • Facilitator • Sounding Board members

	<p><i>significantly altered to facilitate administrative efficiencies while furthering the 5 statutory objectives?</i></p>	
<p>1:25 – 1:50 PM</p>	<p>Appeals Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>HCD is considering a few possible ideas for how to make the appeals process more effective at furthering the 5 statutory objectives of RHNA while reducing the administrative effort. HCD is interested in any feedback on these proposals, or other ideas to improve the appeals process:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Narrow the circumstances under which jurisdictions can appeal the RHNA methodology to only those that impact the methodology inputs (ex: fixing errors in the data)</i> ○ <i>Amend statute to prohibit jurisdictions from appealing the overall methodological approach</i> ○ <i>Amend statute to clarify the procedure in the case that no appeals are filed to reduce confusion regarding the subsequent timing and events.</i> ○ <i>Increase HCD oversight over the appeals process</i> ○ <i>Amend the section of statute that constrains the timeline by which COGs must wrap up the public hearing on any appeals.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>HCD staff (introduce topic)</i> • <i>Facilitator</i> • <i>Sounding Board members</i>
<p>1:50 – 2:20 PM</p>	<p>Transparency & Other Process Improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How could the Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND) process be improved to increase transparency and to increase the public’s understanding of HCD’s process?</i> • <i>How could the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process be improved to increase transparency?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Are there ways to set requirements or standards regarding community engagement that would increase the transparency of the allocation methodology</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>HCD staff (introduce topic)</i> • <i>Facilitator</i> • <i>Sounding Board members</i>

	<p>development process? Suggestions for how COGs could better communicate with their communities and stakeholders?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there ways to simplify the RHNA process to make it easier for the public to understand? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggestions for how to clarify and simplify the process in statute? 	
2:20 – 2:30 PM	<p>Wrap Up and Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Next Steps for the California’s Housing Future 2040: The Next RHNA Initiative</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>HCD staff</i> • <i>Facilitator</i>

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:

- Background on the RHNA appeals process
- Background on the Subregion Process