

TO: City Council

FROM: Andrew P. Powers, City Manager

DATE: February 22, 2022

SUBJECT: **2022 Southern California Association of Governments General Assembly - Delegate Representative**

RECOMMENDATION:

Designate Councilmember Al Adam as the Delegate Representative and Mayor Bob Engler as the Alternate Representative for the City at the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Conference and General Assembly, which will take place May 4-6, 2022.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No Additional Funding Requested. The City's annual SCAG membership dues, which are included in the Adopted FY 2021-22 General Fund Budget, cover the cost for the Councilmember's participation in the SCAG General Assembly.

BACKGROUND:

Founded in 1965, SCAG is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) under California state law, established as an association of local governments and agencies that voluntarily convene to address regional issues. Under federal law, SCAG is designated as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and under state law, as a Regional Transportation Planning Agency and a Council of Governments.

The SCAG region encompasses six counties (Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura) and 191 cities in an area covering more than 38,000 square miles. The agency develops long-range regional transportation plans, including sustainable communities strategy and growth forecast components, regional transportation improvement programs, regional housing needs allocations, and a portion of the South Coast Air Quality management plans. In 1992, SCAG expanded its governing body, the Executive Committee, to a 70-member Regional Council to help accommodate new responsibilities mandated by the federal and state governments, as well as to provide more broad-based representation of Southern California's cities and counties. With its expanded membership structure, SCAG created regional districts to provide for more diverse

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representation. The districts were formed with the intent to serve equal populations and communities of interest. Currently, the Regional Council consists of 86 members.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

From May 4-6, 2022, more than 1,000 local leaders from throughout Southern California will convene for SCAG's 57th Annual Regional Conference and General Assembly. The General Assembly will be held at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa. This conference will feature presentations and panel discussions on the new technologies to enhance mobility, economic opportunity, and quality of life. The conference brings together state and local elected officials, CEOs, business and civic leaders, transportation and environmental stakeholders, local government staff, and others. The program will also feature the 2022 SCAG Sustainability Awards, which recognizes exemplary transportation and land use projects in the region.

SCAG requires that the City formally designate a delegate and alternate representative to attend the General Assembly. Councilmember Al Adam has represented the City for the last few years and has been involved in the Ventura Council of Governments. Mayor Bob Engler will serve as the alternate representative.

A copy of the staff report must be submitted by March 2022, so that SCAG can officially publish Councilmember Adam and Mayor Engler to the list of delegates.

COUNCIL GOAL COMPLIANCE:

Meets the following City Council goal(s):

B. Provide municipal government leadership which is open and responsive to residents, and is characterized by ethical behavior, stability, promoting public trust, transparency, confidence in the future, and cooperative interaction among civic leaders, residents, business representatives, and staff, while recognizing and respecting legitimate differences of opinion on critical issues facing the City.

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