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The affordable housing crisis in Los Angeles and neighboring counties requires urgent action by the City and the entire region. An unwavering and concerted effort by localities to plan for and commit to meeting the housing needs for households of all income levels is critical to successfully addressing this void that oftentimes contributes to homelessness. Pursuant to the State's "fair share" housing law, which requires cities and counties to plan and zone for needed housing, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is working to update its Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation for 2021 through 2029.

In June 2019, SCAG submitted a RHNA Consultation Package for consideration by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) which recommends zoning for 430,289 units across the six county region through 2029. While these numbers are disputed by other parties, it is clear that there is a dire need for housing in the region. The City should play an active role as SCAG formulates its methodology and proposed allocation of units to be planned for in the City and other jurisdictions throughout the region, prior to the State establishing the final RHNA allocation. The methodology should factor in a social equity adjustment, among other factors, to ensure that growth is distributed in a manner that considers the unique nature of every community and contributes to each locality's success in meeting the region's diverse housing needs. In addition to helping shape RHNA policy, the City should equally advocate for commensurate State and federal funding to ensure that the region's localities can meet RHNA's planned growth.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council instruct the Housing and Community Investment Department, Department of City Planning, and the Chief Legislative Analyst to report to Council with recommendations: (1) on a Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG) Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process that ensures the City's unique needs are considered while SCAG develops and finalizes the methodology and proposed allocation; (2) on how to contribute to a RHNA allocation process that will factor in fair share distribution to ensure that all localities in the region receive equitable housing requirements that are reflective of expected future growth, the backlog of unmet housing requirements, and achieves an appropriate housing allocation mix; (3) to advocate for funding required to meet the RHNA allocations throughout the region; and (4) to report with the projected costs to meet the City's proposed allocation.

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