

**Martha Alvarez**

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**From:** Mary Kirchwehm on behalf of Bruce Moe  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2019 10:31 AM  
**To:** Martha Alvarez  
**Subject:** FW: Keep MB Fire Department--We Do NOT Support Conversion to LA County Fire

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Subject: Keep MB Fire Department--We Do NOT Support Conversion to LA County Fire

Dear Mayor Hersman and City Council Members,

As Manhattan Beach citizens who's daughter's life was saved by the incredibly skilled and fast responding MB Fire Department, we are 100% behind keeping the department as is, and NOT converting to LA Country Fire. Our safety is an area we should continue to invest in, and should not be a target for cost-cutting.

We support our local Manhattan Beach Fire Department, and will do whatever it takes to keep it independent. We do NOT support conversation to LA County Fire.

We would be very interested to attend and participate in a community meeting to further understand and discuss this topic.

Best regards,

Erika and James Muhlfeld

2808 Maple Avenue  
Manhattan Beach, California

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**From:** Nancy Hersman  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2019 4:02 PM  
**To:** Martha Alvarez  
**Subject:** Fwd: Commenting on Agenda Item for upcoming City Council Meeting 10/15/19

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Dolores Gamble <[gambledolores@gmail.com](mailto:gambledolores@gmail.com)>  
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**To:** Nancy Hersman <[nhersman@citymb.info](mailto:nhersman@citymb.info)>  
**Subject: Commenting on Agenda Item for upcoming City Council Meeting 10/15/19**

Hello Mayor Hersman,  
I tried to eComment on tonight's upcoming City Council Meeting, but was not able to, so wanted to send an email since I will not be able to attend the meeting to comment publicly.

The agenda item is - J. GENERAL BUSINESS

10. Receive Presentation by West Basin Municipal Water District on the Proposed Ocean Desalination Plant to be Located in El Segundo (City Manager Moe). [19-0426](#)

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Regarding this item, I wanted to express that I hope the City Council does not change their earlier position opposing the Desalination project. I have read and commented to West Basin on the Draft EIR. I feel very strongly that this project would be costly and have a very negative environmental impact on our marine life. Desalination should be a last resort for obtaining our water needs, and West Basin is not operating their current water plant at a high level of capacity. This project does not warrant the amount of money that has already been spent on it, and should be put aside. West Basin should continue expanding its grey water processing at high capacity as well as pursuing strong community conservation education and other forms of home grey water systems.

Thank you very much for your attention to this item,  
Dolores Gamble  
MB Resident

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**Subject:** Fire Department

Dear Council members,

As a resident of Manhattan Beach, I am concerned about the potential take over of our Fire Department.

I understand costs, level of service and response times are key issues and we now have information on how they will impact our community.

### Costs

The preliminary cost analysis shows MB residents as a city will pay an additional \$1.3 million plus conversion costs (eg. changing out equipment such as breathing apparatus to be in line with LA County FD) in the first year for LA County Fire Department to take over. Obviously, if we lose five paramedics there should be cost savings, but are the potential cost savings really worth the loss of more medically trained personnel, considering approximately 80% of all Fire Department emergency calls are medical calls.

### Level of Service

With LA County Fire Department's model, we will go from EIGHT on duty Fire Fighter/Paramedics per day to just THREE. Five Paramedics will be replaced with EMTs who have a much lower level of emergency medical training. For example, if I were having an asthma attack and forgot my inhaler and only EMTs were on scene, the EMTs would not be able to administer life saving medication. Similarly, if I was having an anaphylactic emergency and did not have my own Epi-pen with me, an EMT can not administer Epinephrine to me. Only a Paramedic can do that. These are just two examples of true life threatening emergencies where decreasing our level of service with LA County Fire Department's model could prove fatal. LA County Fire Department's model allows for a first call with two paramedics, a second call with one paramedic and a third call with zero paramedics. MBFD allows for all three of these calls to have either two or three paramedics.

### Response Time

We will no longer have our own ambulance and will experience a delay in dispatch of 30-60 seconds. In a true emergency, every second counts.

I appreciate our City Council being fiscally responsible, however 911 calls for emergency medical help have increased over 50% in the last 15 years, so we need to be increasing our FD funding and resources, not trying to cut costs and replace paramedics with EMTs.

My family and I pay a premium to live in this wonderful city and we deserve to continue to receive the premium service our Fire Fighter/Paramedics provide.

Please invest in the people who selflessly provide this service to us and give our new Fire Chief Drum the opportunity to lead our Fire Department.

Best,

Jody and Brandon Gale

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## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Mary Kirchwehm on behalf of Bruce Moe  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2019 10:26 AM  
**To:** Martha Alvarez  
**Subject:** NO to Proposed Telecommunications Facility at Robinson Elementary School

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**Subject:** NO to Proposed Telecommunications Facility at Robinson Elementary School

Dear Mike Matthews & MBUSD School Board,  
We recently sent the letter below to the MB City Council Members to voice our concern about a proposal in consideration to allow a Cell Tower (Sprint) to be installed on the grassy patch of land at the Robinson Elementary School driveway. We'd like to raise your attention to this matter and voice our concern for the health and safety of our school children. It is my hope and expectation that the school board will agree with this position and help to ensure this proposal is denied.

Thank you!  
Schuyler & Dennis Chang

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Schuyler Chang <[schuylerchang@gmail.com](mailto:schuylerchang@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Thu, Oct 10, 2019 at 7:50 PM  
**Subject:** NO to Proposed Telecommunications Facility at Morningside / Homer

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Cc: Dennis Chang - Gmail <[dmhchang@gmail.com](mailto:dmhchang@gmail.com)>

Dear City Council Members,

As residents of Manhattan Beach, parents to children of Robinson Elementary School, and neighbors to Robinson School, we are strongly against the proposal of a telecommunications facility being installed at Morningside Drive at Homer Street – on the land adjacent to Robinson Elementary School. Protecting the health and safety of the community and the students who attend Robinson Elementary School should be the first priority of the City of Manhattan Beach and this proposal should be firmly denied.

The area selected for this project is not only a residential neighborhood but has a higher than usual density of children age 4-11 for 8+ hours per day during the school year. The school is also in use during weekends and summertime with various youth sporting events, public use of the playgrounds and summer camps. The proposed location is directly in front of Kindergarten classrooms and the main entrance to school property. This proposal puts our youth and families health at risk and I do not support it. I ask that the Community Development Department and the City Council put an end to this project.

Thank you,  
Schuyler & Dennis Chang

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## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Phillips Lee <leephillipsmd@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 9:06 AM  
**To:** List - City Council; City Manager  
**Subject:** 19-0410 Consider: a) Awarding RFP #1216-20 to Harbor Interfaith Services for Homelessness

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Homeless Task Force. Homelessness is probably one of the most important issues facing the area right now.

I support the contract being award to Harbor interfaith. Understanding this fits into the larger Manhattan Beach 5 year homeless plan.

What is missing is an Emergency plan if an encampment arises within the city. As you know there is one springing up in Noble Park, Hermosa Beach. Secondly, the City needs to do a better job ensuring the residents' concerns are addressed in any community meetings.

The only solution to homelessness is shelter. That being said Sherri said at the last meeting that if someone wants shelter in Manhattan Beach it is available. The problem is that many homeless do not want shelter.

SBCCOG, Janice Hahn to bring ACCESS Centers to South Bay and make mobile showers available other resources (mail boxes, storage etc. for homeless.

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The solution is not offering more services that prolongs and enables the homeless many of which are mentally ill. Managing homeless on the street until they agree to move is not the answer. A resident who follows the law cannot live on the beach, on others' properties or smoke.

Yes there are more and more services being considered, instead of real solutions. If LA County wanted to solve homelessness it could.

Compassion is shelter. Enforcing safe alternatives for everyone is care and needs a stomach for enforcement. The City council must support the police in enforcing ordinances to maintain quality of life issues.

Lastly, the MBPD does a fantastic and difficult job on the front lines.

Lee Phillips

# **South Bay Cities Council of Governments**

## **Briefing & Breakfast with Legislative District Staff July 11, 2019 Meeting Notes**

SBCCOG Chair & Redondo Beach Councilmember Christian Horvath called the meeting to order at 9:09 am and proceeded with the flag salute. The following individuals introduced themselves:

### **Elected Officials and Board Members**

Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach  
Laura Emdee, Redondo Beach  
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne  
Alex Monteiro, Hawthorne  
Kenneth Kao, Palos Verdes Estates  
Milton Herring, Torrance  
George Chen, Torrance  
Jennifer La Marque, LA County D-4

### **Legislative Staff Representatives**

Brent Robinson, U.S. Senator Harris  
Jeannette Christian,  
U.S. Senator Feinstein  
Joey Apodaca, Congressman Lieu  
Nicolas Rodriguez, Congressman Lieu  
Daryl Sweeney, State Senator Bradford  
Brandon Stansell, Assemblymember Burke

### **City/County Staff**

Eleanor Jones, Torrance  
Greg Grammar Rolling Hills Estates  
George Gabriel, Manhattan Beach

### **Other Agencies**

Lisa Bergland, Carson  
Patricia Donaldson, Hawthorne  
Chamber/SBACC  
Jeff Kiernan, League of CA Cities  
Sharon Green, Sanitation Districts  
Natalie Champion, SBCCOG  
David Leger, SBCCOG  
Steve Lantz, SBCCOG

### **SBCCOG Program Update**

SBCCOG Transportation Director Steve Lantz highlighted the activities of the SBCCOG since the April meeting. Homelessness has been a focus of the SBCCOG, specifically working with LA County Board Supervisor Janice Hahn's office to make mobile showers available on a monthly basis among other resources for homeless in the South Bay. Steve cited the Access Center in Santa Monica, operated through The People Concern, which serves approximately 200 people daily with supportive services, medical and case management, showers and laundry, food among other services. The South Bay is considering this as a model. Additionally, the SBCCOG Homeless Task Force met and discussed grant-funding opportunities for a homeless coordinator and other staff and showcased the Beach cities homeless programs. Steve referenced that the SBCCOG hosts Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi's Homeless Action Group meetings and that information regarding homeless services in the South Bay are available on the webpage <http://southbaycities.org/programs/homeless-services-south-bay>. He shared that the biggest problem is that there are a shortage of homes for the homeless and that this will be an increasing issue focus moving forward.

Regarding the Fiber Network, the SBCCOG did receive funding from Metro and there is funding in the State budget thanks to Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi and there are projects currently underway funded through Measure R and Measure M. American Dark Fiber is the firm that will implementing this program throughout the South Bay and all 15 cities, the Beach Cities Health District, LA Bio Med, South Bay Workforce Investment Board, LA Metro and LA County Department



of Public Works will be linked to this fiber network. Local jurisdictions will have access to regional data and local jurisdiction connectivity. The Fiber Optic Network costs \$1,000 a month for gigabyte services to expand cities bandwidth and provide secure transfer to regional databases. Moreover, each city connects to the fiber ring and can use that to eventually provide high bandwidth to residents and businesses should they so choose. Steve shared that construction begins in September and that by June or July 2020, the fiber network will be operational. He thanked Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi and Senator Ben Allen for securing the \$1.2 million allocation for creating applications to utilize the fiber network.

Steve identified 13 new Measure R projects approved by Metro, totaling over \$37 million and 37 Measure M projects totaling over \$125 million that will go to the Metro Board in September, with Metro staff approving of the majority of the projects. Lastly, Steve noted the SBCCOG is attempting to designate the South Bay region as Age Friendly. Staff is in conversations with AARP since there is currently a city age friendly designation and a possibility to create a new designation for an age friendly region. The SBCCOG relocation to a new facility will take place after December 1 and Board meetings will take place at the Redondo Beach or Torrance Library for the remainder of the year. The General Assembly will take place on March 19, 2020 with a working title, "Intersections: Housing, Mobility, Tech/Access, Commerce and the Importance of Data."

Torrance Councilman George Chen asked about the gigabyte per node and Steve confirmed that each city determines how many nodes they want, with 1 gigabyte per node minimum. Hawthorne Councilwoman Olivia Valentine asked how difficult it is to add gigabytes and Steve stated that cities could add and change at any time, since the fiber network is a government, purchasing program that is scalable through a private company.

The PowerPoint presentation is accessible via the following link:

[http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/legislative\\_staff/PRESENTATION\\_SBCCOG%207.19%20Legislative%20Briefing%20Update.pdf](http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/legislative_staff/PRESENTATION_SBCCOG%207.19%20Legislative%20Briefing%20Update.pdf)

### **City Issues Identified for Discussion and Dialogue**

Chair Horvath opened the meeting up for dialogue with Hawthorne Councilman Alex Monteiro asking if legislative representatives could provide information regarding provision for more funding from the state and federal level for more mental health service accessibility for the homeless, especially since cities depend on the County for such services. Chair Horvath mentioned that at the SBCCOG Homeless Task Force meeting, discussion focused on the need for substance abuse services and mental health services since there are a number of residents that are responding out of fear and anger and directing frustration to frontline providers such as the faith based organizations that cities rely on to help address the gaps in services for the homeless.

### **Federal Offices**

**Representatives U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein Jeanette Christian** discussed how homelessness is a priority and that S.923 - Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act has bipartisan and bicameral support and would designate approximately \$750 million through a grant program within the Health Resources and Services Administration for housing programs that offer comprehensive services and intensive case management for homeless individuals and families. Another focus for the Senator is immigration, with the recent introduction of the Protecting Immigrant Families and Improving Immigration Procedures Act, designed to help protect immigrant children while providing the resources

necessary for the immigration system to work more efficiently. The Senator sent a letter to Department of Homeland Security to address the social media groups that have harmful messages around immigrants. Locally, the City of Torrance brought to the Senator's attention issues regarding the 5G network and the Senator introduced S. 2012: Restoring Local Control Over Public Infrastructure Act which nullifies rules issued by the Federal Communications Commission that revoke state and local authority to regulate telecommunications equipment deployment and to determine the amount of payment for the use of such equipment. Additionally, Jeanette mentioned that the Senator introduced S. 2083: Athletics Fair Pay Act to equalize pay for Olympic athletes. Torrance Councilman Milton Herring asked about the status of the aforementioned immigration bill and Jeanette said they are looking for more sponsors.

**Representatives U.S. Senator Kamala Harris Brent Robinson** discussed the Senator's focus on middle class economics, specifically citing the LIFT (*Livable Incomes for Families Today*) the Middle Class Act, which would provide middle class and working families with a tax credit of up to \$6,000 a year—or up to \$500 a month—to address the rising cost of living. Brent also mentioned the Rent Relief Act, designed to create a new, refundable tax credit for families since renters' wages have remained stagnant and housing costs have increased. Brent mentioned the Fair Housing Act and the need to protect federal assistance by removing barriers to access. The Senator introduced the Safe Housing for Families Act that would require that HUD provide carbon monoxide detectors in public housing units. It would protect low-income residents from carbon monoxide poisoning and help prevent deaths in millions of homes across the country. Brent noted that the bill will be coming to the House floor and that the Senator supports H.R.301 Ensuring Equal Access to Shelter Act which protects the LGBTQ community by prohibiting HUD from implementing a proposed rule that would allow shelter providers to deny transgender and gender non-conforming people equal access to homeless shelters. Additionally, Brent reviewed the Ensuring Quality Access to Legal Defense (EQUAL Defense) Act, a new \$250 million grant program to fund public defense and provide pay parity between prosecutors and public defenders in addition to limiting the workload for public defenders. This bill would also increase opportunities for public servants, providing student loans and cumulative limits to minimize private loan student debt. Lastly, Brent highlighted the Climate Emergency Resolution, which the Senator introduced with Senator Bernie Sanders to address the threat of climate change. Redondo Beach Councilwoman Laura Emdee commented on student and work visas and the need to keep talent here. Joey Apodaca of Congressman Ted Lieu's office shared that their office could assist individuals in processing these types of applications. Torrance Councilman George Chen identified Proposition 47 and the need to understand the root cause of homelessness. Brent responded by sharing Senator Kamala Harris' focus on elementary school truancy, reducing high school dropout rates, criminal justice reform and emphasized the need for restorative justice efforts in order to not leave people on the wayside.

**Representative Nicolas Rodriguez of Congressman Ted Lieu** similarly discussed S.923 - Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act and detailed how this bill is funded for 5 years with \$750 million for grants that would provide assistance for wrap around services to cities, counties and regional authorities like LAHSA. Moreover, the bill would provide housing and mandate requirements around case management load limitation for manageability. The bill also includes provisions for mental health resources and support services, specifically mental health services for children. Nicolas stated the Congressman is working with the County of Los Angeles to get an amendment to the

H.R.2500 - National Defense Authorization Act to allow LA County to build a new homeless shelter at the West Los Angeles Armory, south of the West VA campus. This shelter would provide permanent housing for homeless residents in general. Lastly, Nicolas detailed the progress with the West LA Master Plan and how the Congressman is working with Senator Feinstein and Harris to make it a community for veterans that would include wrap around services, permanent supportive and temporary transitional housing and new medical facilities. The VA has finalized its programmatic environmental impact statement and should be finalizing the master plan, which would include 1200 – 2000 housing units for veterans and families on campus. Construction should begin by the end of 2019 and could last for approximately 10 to 13 years. The VA decided to put out an RFQ for a master developer to streamline the construction, and the developer is Thomas Safran & Associates and Century Housing, who helped develop The Villages Of Cabrio Long Beach VA. There are 4,000 veterans that are homeless in LA County and despite the bad news, LA County's veteran homelessness has gone down.

**Congressman Ted Lieu Representative Joey Apodaca** mentioned the new House majority and noted the disastrous Woolsey Fire that burned in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, prompting the House to pass H.R.2157 - Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, which was signed by the President, a bill that would provide \$17.2 billion in FY 2019 supplemental appropriations to several federal departments and agencies for expenses related to the consequences of recent wildfires, hurricanes, volcanoes, earthquakes, typhoons, and other natural disasters. Moreover, Joey mentioned the House passed H.R. 2476: Securing American Nonprofit Against Terrorism Act to help religious institutions and schools to secure themselves. Congressman Lieu is calling on the Foreign Relations Committee to introduce a bipartisan bill to encourage state and international diplomacy by establishing Office of Subnational Diplomacy at the State Department and coordinate U.S. policy and engagement for subnational diplomacy and provide advisory support. The Congressman, in his capacity on the Foreign Relations Committee, introduced a ban on “low-yield” nuclear weapons to lower the prospect of nuclear war. Moreover, the Congressman is working to introduce a bill for Directed Energy Defense Technology with the United Kingdom to share information to develop directed energy technology to stop potential adversarial missiles. Regarding civil rights, the Congressman celebrated the passage of the historic Equality Act, which would make it illegal to discriminate in housing and employment based on sexual orientation; this was only available in 21 states and if this passes into law, such discrimination would be illegal across the nation. The Congressman also introduced a federal ban on LGBTQ conversion therapy due to its correlations with increased rates of teen suicides; he similarly introduced and got legislation passed as a state senator in California around the same issue making the state the first to implement such a ban. Lastly, Congressman Lieu introduced the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Wildlife Detector Dog Program to combat illegal wildlife trafficking. Participating dogs are trained to detect the scents of a variety of wildlife products that may be illegal to import or sell in the United States such as elephant ivories, sea turtle skins, dried seahorses, python skins, and rhino horns.

### **State Offices**

**Representative Daryl Sweeney from State Senator Steven Bradford's office** noted the passage of California's \$250 billion state budget, which specifically includes an allocation of \$1 billion for homelessness and \$1.4 billion for affordable housing finance and redevelopment. He referenced the Senator's 2019 Legislation Package, specifically detailing SB 747: Banking Development Districts, which seeks to establish a Banking Development District Program

within the Department of Business Oversight to meet the needs of financially disenfranchised Californians who are currently unbanked. Lastly, he shared that during the summer recess, the Senator will be in the district and participating in the Legislative Black Caucus retreat.

**Brandon Stansell of Assemblywoman Autumn Burke's office** noted the 15 bills introduced by the Assemblymember and thanked the SBCCOG for providing support to ensure the passage of AB 147: The Wayfair Implementation and Small Business Relief Act, which codified a Supreme Court decision that would require states to collect online sales taxes from out-of-state retailers. Additionally, Brandon highlighted another chaptered bill AB 91: Small Business Development Center Program-Loophole Closure and Small Business and Working Families Tax Relief which conforms state tax to federal tax policies, bringing in an estimated \$1 billion to the state general fund. AB 91 also expands the Earned Income Tax Credit, providing a major tax relief for working families. The Assemblywoman also supported AB 1054 Public utilities: wildfires and employee protection designed to help utilities cover wildfire damage liabilities through a new \$21 billion liquidity fund. Lastly, Brandon discussed AB 23 Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development: Business Workforce Coordination Unit that would establish the Business Workforce Coordination Unit in the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to engage industry and business on alignment of career technical education courses, workforce training programs, and pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs with regional and local labor market demand. Brandon welcomed those in attendance to the Back to School Health Fair on August 3 where the Assemblywoman plans to give out over 500 backpacks, as well as health screenings to kids in need.

### **League of California Cities Update**

Jeff Kiernan of the League of CA Cities provided a handout focusing on SB 102 and AB 101 which both deal with increasing housing production in California and information on Funding and Programs dealing with Homelessness. The Governor will most likely sign the aforementioned budget trailer bill next week, which will provide due process to cities in front of the judge for approved housing elements and assist with infrastructure. There is an overall budget of \$275 million for homelessness for the state's 13 big cities, with Los Angeles earmarked to receive \$130 million; \$175 million for counties and \$190 million to the continuums of care homelessness service providers. The League opposes SB 330, which is in Appropriations. Jeff identified SB 592 was amended yesterday and dropped the need for cities to pay damages and legal fees for project compliance with general plans. The League supports SB 5 that would provide tax increment financing for the education portion of the property tax, giving cities additional funds for housing and infrastructure. AB 516 restricts when cities can tow vehicles based on the number of parking citations and would prohibit booting vehicles. Cities that receive a complaint about abandoned vehicles for 72 hours must wait an additional 10 business days to tow the vehicle. Jeff cited that the amendments to this bill could lower the additional wait time and the status of the bill in the Senate Appropriations Committee and the need for opposition letters on this bill. The League is working on SB 54 for single use plastic and opposing SB 266 dealing with CalPERS. He noted the e-scooter 2 year-bills and how the SBCCOG and the League both support AB 1286. Lastly, he invited those in attendance to join a webinar next week to review all the bills on July 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 11:30 am.

**Discussion and Public Comment**

George Gabriel of Manhattan Beach inquired about the e-scooters bill that Jeff referenced and Jeff outlined that the scooter company must have a contract with a city prior to placing e-scooters and that said companies cannot waive all the liability to the scooter operator. Jeff also noted AB 1112 would restrict cities use of data collected by e-scooter companies.

LA County District 4 representative Jennifer La Marque mentioned the LA Opera will provide a live simulcast at Columbia Park in Torrance on September 28 at 7:30 pm. Supervisor Hahn is working with the city on the logistics in order to bring opera into communities throughout the Los Angeles County.

Lastly, George Gabriel thanked LA County Supervisor Hahn and the City of Manhattan Beach for their work in incorporating mental health services into the homeless outreach, especially by funding a mental health clinician to assist cities in the South Bay.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 am until Thursday, October 10, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Champion  
South Bay Cities Council of Governments

## Martha Alvarez

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**From:** Nicole Andrews <nic0le.andrews@yahoo.com>  
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SBCCOG, Janice Hahn to make **mobile showers** available other resources (mail boxes, storage etc). for homeless. These type of services will attract and anchor homeless to a city. Think about it, if someone gets mail they will show up everyday.

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Thirdly Diane Wallace acts as a City Council member at large, she has a direct connection to Hershman to discuss CC business, South Bay Cares. On it face it seems unethical

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Laura Emdee, Redondo Beach  
Olivia Valentine, Hawthorne  
Alex Monteiro, Hawthorne  
Kenneth Kao, Palos Verdes Estates  
Milton Herring, Torrance  
George Chen, Torrance  
Jennifer La Marque, LA County D-4

### **Legislative Staff Representatives**

Brent Robinson, U.S. Senator Harris  
Jeannette Christian,  
U.S. Senator Feinstein  
Joey Apodaca, Congressman Lieu  
Nicolas Rodriguez, Congressman Lieu  
Daryl Sweeney, State Senator Bradford  
Brandon Stansell, Assemblymember Burke

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Lisa Bergland, Carson  
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Natalie Champion, SBCCOG  
David Leger, SBCCOG  
Steve Lantz, SBCCOG

### **SBCCOG Program Update**

SBCCOG Transportation Director Steve Lantz highlighted the activities of the SBCCOG since the April meeting. Homelessness has been a focus of the SBCCOG, specifically working with LA County Board Supervisor Janice Hahn's office to make mobile showers available on a monthly basis among other resources for homeless in the South Bay. Steve cited the Access Center in Santa Monica, operated through The People Concern, which serves approximately 200 people daily with supportive services, medical and case management, showers and laundry, food among other services. The South Bay is considering this as a model. Additionally, the SBCCOG Homeless Task Force met and discussed grant-funding opportunities for a homeless coordinator and other staff and showcased the Beach cities homeless programs. Steve referenced that the SBCCOG hosts Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi's Homeless Action Group meetings and that information regarding homeless services in the South Bay are available on the webpage <http://southbaycities.org/programs/homeless-services-south-bay>. He shared that the biggest problem is that there are a shortage of homes for the homeless and that this will be an increasing issue focus moving forward.

Regarding the Fiber Network, the SBCCOG did receive funding from Metro and there is funding in the State budget thanks to Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi and there are projects currently underway funded through Measure R and Measure M. American Dark Fiber is the firm that will implementing this program throughout the South Bay and all 15 cities, the Beach Cities Health District, LA Bio Med, South Bay Workforce Investment Board, LA Metro and LA County Department

of Public Works will be linked to this fiber network. Local jurisdictions will have access to regional data and local jurisdiction connectivity. The Fiber Optic Network costs \$1,000 a month for gigabyte services to expand cities bandwidth and provide secure transfer to regional databases. Moreover, each city connects to the fiber ring and can use that to eventually provide high bandwidth to residents and businesses should they so choose. Steve shared that construction begins in September and that by June or July 2020, the fiber network will be operational. He thanked Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi and Senator Ben Allen for securing the \$1.2 million allocation for creating applications to utilize the fiber network.

Steve identified 13 new Measure R projects approved by Metro, totaling over \$37 million and 37 Measure M projects totaling over \$125 million that will go to the Metro Board in September, with Metro staff approving of the majority of the projects. Lastly, Steve noted the SBCCOG is attempting to designate the South Bay region as Age Friendly. Staff is in conversations with AARP since there is currently a city age friendly designation and a possibility to create a new designation for an age friendly region. The SBCCOG relocation to a new facility will take place after December 1 and Board meetings will take place at the Redondo Beach or Torrance Library for the remainder of the year. The General Assembly will take place on March 19, 2020 with a working title, "Intersections: Housing, Mobility, Tech/Access, Commerce and the Importance of Data."

Torrance Councilman George Chen asked about the gigabyte per node and Steve confirmed that each city determines how many nodes they want, with 1 gigabyte per node minimum. Hawthorne Councilwoman Olivia Valentine asked how difficult it is to add gigabytes and Steve stated that cities could add and change at any time, since the fiber network is a government, purchasing program that is scalable through a private company.

The PowerPoint presentation is accessible via the following link:

[http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/legislative\\_staff/PRESENTATION\\_SBCCOG%207.19%20Legislative%20Briefing%20Update.pdf](http://www.southbaycities.org/sites/default/files/legislative_staff/PRESENTATION_SBCCOG%207.19%20Legislative%20Briefing%20Update.pdf)

### **City Issues Identified for Discussion and Dialogue**

Chair Horvath opened the meeting up for dialogue with Hawthorne Councilman Alex Monteiro asking if legislative representatives could provide information regarding provision for more funding from the state and federal level for more mental health service accessibility for the homeless, especially since cities depend on the County for such services. Chair Horvath mentioned that at the SBCCOG Homeless Task Force meeting, discussion focused on the need for substance abuse services and mental health services since there are a number of residents that are responding out of fear and anger and directing frustration to frontline providers such as the faith based organizations that cities rely on to help address the gaps in services for the homeless.

### **Federal Offices**

**Representatives U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein Jeanette Christian** discussed how homelessness is a priority and that S.923 - Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act has bipartisan and bicameral support and would designate approximately \$750 million through a grant program within the Health Resources and Services Administration for housing programs that offer comprehensive services and intensive case management for homeless individuals and families. Another focus for the Senator is immigration, with the recent introduction of the Protecting Immigrant Families and Improving Immigration Procedures Act, designed to help protect immigrant children while providing the resources



necessary for the immigration system to work more efficiently. The Senator sent a letter to Department of Homeland Security to address the social media groups that have harmful messages around immigrants. Locally, the City of Torrance brought to the Senator's attention issues regarding the 5G network and the Senator introduced S. 2012: Restoring Local Control Over Public Infrastructure Act which nullifies rules issued by the Federal Communications Commission that revoke state and local authority to regulate telecommunications equipment deployment and to determine the amount of payment for the use of such equipment. Additionally, Jeanette mentioned that the Senator introduced S. 2083: Athletics Fair Pay Act to equalize pay for Olympic athletes. Torrance Councilman Milton Herring asked about the status of the aforementioned immigration bill and Jeanette said they are looking for more sponsors.

**Representatives U.S. Senator Kamala Harris Brent Robinson** discussed the Senator's focus on middle class economics, specifically citing the LIFT (*Livable Incomes for Families Today*) the Middle Class Act, which would provide middle class and working families with a tax credit of up to \$6,000 a year—or up to \$500 a month—to address the rising cost of living. Brent also mentioned the Rent Relief Act, designed to create a new, refundable tax credit for families since renters' wages have remained stagnant and housing costs have increased. Brent mentioned the Fair Housing Act and the need to protect federal assistance by removing barriers to access. The Senator introduced the Safe Housing for Families Act that would require that HUD provide carbon monoxide detectors in public housing units. It would protect low-income residents from carbon monoxide poisoning and help prevent deaths in millions of homes across the country. Brent noted that the bill will be coming to the House floor and that the Senator supports H.R.301 Ensuring Equal Access to Shelter Act which protects the LGBTQ community by prohibiting HUD from implementing a proposed rule that would allow shelter providers to deny transgender and gender non-conforming people equal access to homeless shelters. Additionally, Brent reviewed the Ensuring Quality Access to Legal Defense (EQUAL Defense) Act, a new \$250 million grant program to fund public defense and provide pay parity between prosecutors and public defenders in addition to limiting the workload for public defenders. This bill would also increase opportunities for public servants, providing student loans and cumulative limits to minimize private loan student debt. Lastly, Brent highlighted the Climate Emergency Resolution, which the Senator introduced with Senator Bernie Sanders to address the threat of climate change. Redondo Beach Councilwoman Laura Emdee commented on student and work visas and the need to keep talent here. Joey Apodaca of Congressman Ted Lieu's office shared that their office could assist individuals in processing these types of applications. Torrance Councilman George Chen identified Proposition 47 and the need to understand the root cause of homelessness. Brent responded by sharing Senator Kamala Harris' focus on elementary school truancy, reducing high school dropout rates, criminal justice reform and emphasized the need for restorative justice efforts in order to not leave people on the wayside.

**Representative Nicolas Rodriguez of Congressman Ted Lieu** similarly discussed S.923 - Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act and detailed how this bill is funded for 5 years with \$750 million for grants that would provide assistance for wrap around services to cities, counties and regional authorities like LAHSA. Moreover, the bill would provide housing and mandate requirements around case management load limitation for manageability. The bill also includes provisions for mental health resources and support services, specifically mental health services for children. Nicolas stated the Congressman is working with the County of Los Angeles to get an amendment to the

H.R.2500 - National Defense Authorization Act to allow LA County to build a new homeless shelter at the West Los Angeles Armory, south of the West VA campus. This shelter would provide permanent housing for homeless residents in general. Lastly, Nicolas detailed the progress with the West LA Master Plan and how the Congressman is working with Senator Feinstein and Harris to make it a community for veterans that would include wrap around services, permanent supportive and temporary transitional housing and new medical facilities. The VA has finalized its programmatic environmental impact statement and should be finalizing the master plan, which would include 1200 – 2000 housing units for veterans and families on campus. Construction should begin by the end of 2019 and could last for approximately 10 to 13 years. The VA decided to put out an RFQ for a master developer to streamline the construction, and the developer is Thomas Safran & Associates and Century Housing, who helped develop The Villages Of Cabrio Long Beach VA. There are 4,000 veterans that are homeless in LA County and despite the bad news, LA County's veteran homelessness has gone down.

**Congressman Ted Lieu Representative Joey Apodaca** mentioned the new House majority and noted the disastrous Woolsey Fire that burned in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, prompting the House to pass H.R.2157 - Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, which was signed by the President, a bill that would provide \$17.2 billion in FY 2019 supplemental appropriations to several federal departments and agencies for expenses related to the consequences of recent wildfires, hurricanes, volcanoes, earthquakes, typhoons, and other natural disasters. Moreover, Joey mentioned the House passed H.R. 2476: Securing American Nonprofit Against Terrorism Act to help religious institutions and schools to secure themselves. Congressman Lieu is calling on the Foreign Relations Committee to introduce a bipartisan bill to encourage state and international diplomacy by establishing Office of Subnational Diplomacy at the State Department and coordinate U.S. policy and engagement for subnational diplomacy and provide advisory support. The Congressman, in his capacity on the Foreign Relations Committee, introduced a ban on “low-yield” nuclear weapons to lower the prospect of nuclear war. Moreover, the Congressman is working to introduce a bill for Directed Energy Defense Technology with the United Kingdom to share information to develop directed energy technology to stop potential adversarial missiles. Regarding civil rights, the Congressman celebrated the passage of the historic Equality Act, which would make it illegal to discriminate in housing and employment based on sexual orientation; this was only available in 21 states and if this passes into law, such discrimination would be illegal across the nation. The Congressman also introduced a federal ban on LGBTQ conversion therapy due to its correlations with increased rates of teen suicides; he similarly introduced and got legislation passed as a state senator in California around the same issue making the state the first to implement such a ban. Lastly, Congressman Lieu introduced the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Wildlife Detector Dog Program to combat illegal wildlife trafficking. Participating dogs are trained to detect the scents of a variety of wildlife products that may be illegal to import or sell in the United States such as elephant ivories, sea turtle skins, dried seahorses, python skins, and rhino horns.

### **State Offices**

**Representative Daryl Sweeney from State Senator Steven Bradford's office** noted the passage of California's \$250 billion state budget, which specifically includes an allocation of \$1 billion for homelessness and \$1.4 billion for affordable housing finance and redevelopment. He referenced the Senator's 2019 Legislation Package, specifically detailing SB 747: Banking Development Districts, which seeks to establish a Banking Development District Program

within the Department of Business Oversight to meet the needs of financially disenfranchised Californians who are currently unbanked. Lastly, he shared that during the summer recess, the Senator will be in the district and participating in the Legislative Black Caucus retreat.

**Brandon Stansell of Assemblywoman Autumn Burke's office** noted the 15 bills introduced by the Assemblymember and thanked the SBCCOG for providing support to ensure the passage of AB 147: The Wayfair Implementation and Small Business Relief Act, which codified a Supreme Court decision that would require states to collect online sales taxes from out-of-state retailers. Additionally, Brandon highlighted another chaptered bill AB 91: Small Business Development Center Program-Loophole Closure and Small Business and Working Families Tax Relief which conforms state tax to federal tax policies, bringing in an estimated \$1 billion to the state general fund. AB 91 also expands the Earned Income Tax Credit, providing a major tax relief for working families. The Assemblywoman also supported AB 1054 Public utilities: wildfires and employee protection designed to help utilities cover wildfire damage liabilities through a new \$21 billion liquidity fund. Lastly, Brandon discussed AB 23 Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development: Business Workforce Coordination Unit that would establish the Business Workforce Coordination Unit in the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to engage industry and business on alignment of career technical education courses, workforce training programs, and pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs with regional and local labor market demand. Brandon welcomed those in attendance to the Back to School Health Fair on August 3 where the Assemblywoman plans to give out over 500 backpacks, as well as health screenings to kids in need.

### **League of California Cities Update**

Jeff Kiernan of the League of CA Cities provided a handout focusing on SB 102 and AB 101 which both deal with increasing housing production in California and information on Funding and Programs dealing with Homelessness. The Governor will most likely sign the aforementioned budget trailer bill next week, which will provide due process to cities in front of the judge for approved housing elements and assist with infrastructure. There is an overall budget of \$275 million for homelessness for the state's 13 big cities, with Los Angeles earmarked to receive \$130 million; \$175 million for counties and \$190 million to the continuums of care homelessness service providers. The League opposes SB 330, which is in Appropriations. Jeff identified SB 592 was amended yesterday and dropped the need for cities to pay damages and legal fees for project compliance with general plans. The League supports SB 5 that would provide tax increment financing for the education portion of the property tax, giving cities additional funds for housing and infrastructure. AB 516 restricts when cities can tow vehicles based on the number of parking citations and would prohibit booting vehicles. Cities that receive a complaint about abandoned vehicles for 72 hours must wait an additional 10 business days to tow the vehicle. Jeff cited that the amendments to this bill could lower the additional wait time and the status of the bill in the Senate Appropriations Committee and the need for opposition letters on this bill. The League is working on SB 54 for single use plastic and opposing SB 266 dealing with CalPERS. He noted the e-scooter 2 year-bills and how the SBCCOG and the League both support AB 1286. Lastly, he invited those in attendance to join a webinar next week to review all the bills on July 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 11:30 am.

**Discussion and Public Comment**

George Gabriel of Manhattan Beach inquired about the e-scooters bill that Jeff referenced and Jeff outlined that the scooter company must have a contract with a city prior to placing e-scooters and that said companies cannot waive all the liability to the scooter operator. Jeff also noted AB 1112 would restrict cities use of data collected by e-scooter companies.

LA County District 4 representative Jennifer La Marque mentioned the LA Opera will provide a live simulcast at Columbia Park in Torrance on September 28 at 7:30 pm. Supervisor Hahn is working with the city on the logistics in order to bring opera into communities throughout the Los Angeles County.

Lastly, George Gabriel thanked LA County Supervisor Hahn and the City of Manhattan Beach for their work in incorporating mental health services into the homeless outreach, especially by funding a mental health clinician to assist cities in the South Bay.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 am until Thursday, October 10, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **Martha Alvarez**

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**Subject:** If it ain't broke, don't fix it

### **If it ain't broke, don't fix it by Robert Bush**

### **If it ain't broke, don't fix it Manhattan Beach Fire Department should not switch services to Los Angeles County Fire Department.**

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**The Manhattan Beach Fire Department has two fire stations consisting of thirty career Firefighters and five part-time support personnel who are trained to provide the highest level of fire, medical and rescue assistance.**

Manhattan Beach new fire chief - Daryn Drum is 30-year veteran of emergency services and most recently served as Division Chief of Administrative Services for Heartland Fire & Rescue, a consolidated fire district near San Diego,

Jan Dennis (Manhattan Beach Historian) is opposed to outsourcing fire services to the county, because of the close relationship between the local fire department and the community they service. Jan Dennis wrote a book about the history of Manhattan Beach Fire Department.

Big Government (Los Angeles County) stimulates plenty of images and emotions and they're generally negative with words like bureaucratic, inefficient and intrusive,

Los Angeles County Fire Department starts off with high quality of service, but as time goes by, prices go up substantially and service goes down and the city will not maintain the quality of service it currently enjoys.

The following cities in the South Bay have decided to go with L.A. County because of their size and budget problems:

Carson, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lomita and all four cities on the Palos Verdes Peninsula have decided to turn the firefighting and emergency response services over to Los Angeles County to balance their budgets.

El Segundo voters soundly rejected the idea to switch fire services. Redondo Beach decided to scrape plans to switch.

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