



Steps to Rescind the Countywide Vision

The Countywide Vision statement, that your city signed, promotes sustainability through social justice/equity, which are higher taxes for environmental programs and for social programs in San Bernardino County.

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Expert Analysis

The American Coalition for Sustainable Communities (ACSC) letter dated January 26, 2018 has been delivered to cities in San Bernardino County. This letter recommends cities rescind the vision resolution that they received, and voted for, from SANBAG (now called SBCOG).

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Asking for Their Business

The Inland Empire Citizens Action Committee (IECAC) letter will be sent to cities in San Bernardino County. IECAC are groups that signed the opposition resolution to the Countywide Vision a few years ago

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Close The Sale: Lobbying

Form a committee to monitor lobbying results for one-on-one pressure of city council members. Goal: a.) Get vision rescission on the agenda for up or down vote. b.) Show up in mass on vote day.



Date: January 26, 2018

To: Council Members

From: Dan Titus, ACSC - FutureEarthUS@gmail.com

RE: *ACSC Bulletin: Sustainable Communities Strategy Recommendations*

Dear Honorable Council Member:

The “SCS” (Sustainable Communities Strategy) part of SCAG’s half trillion dollar 2016 – 2040 RTP/SCS regional plan is centered around social justice and social equity, which are schemes to redistribute tax dollars for environmental programs, the poor and protected classes. SBCOG is tasked with implementing SCAGs vision in San Bernardino through the Countywide Vision. Experts have opined and forecasted for the past few decades that people must “conserve” in many aspects of their lives in order to save the planet from the evils of CO2, the alleged cause of global warming. Central planners have advocated massive changes in population lifestyles to accomplish the goal of reducing CO2. For example, experts claim that the younger people a.k.a. millennials, “embrace quality of space” as opposed to “quality of life” as their credo, opting for a conservation-centric shared-economic lifestyle. It is alleged that they don’t like to drive cars and therefore seek alternative mobility options like walking, biking, and mass-transit. Planners state that millennials prefer to live in apartments in lieu of single family homes, claiming that this is a primary driver for urbanization of suburb communities . This is used to promote the fallacy that Millennial “wants” somehow form a catalyst for centralized planning through the socialist behavior modification scheme called SCS – SCS does not embrace *wants*; it dictates *needs*.

In the introduction of SCAGS 2016 – 2040 RTP/SCS claims that Millennials:

- P12 - Millennials, born between 1980 and 2000, will have an increasingly greater impact on how and where we live and how we travel.
- P13 - Millennials, are already embracing some of these mobility innovations and are likely to be early adopters as new ones emerge.
- P14 - Minimizing transportation and housing costs remains a priority.
- P15 - Direct improvements to the transportation system can increase mobility. Two examples are speeding up train service and relieving congestion on highways. Improving accessibility requires better coordinating our investments for how we use land with our investments for transportation. Developing housing, businesses and other “Transit Oriented Development” around train stations, for example, improves accessibility.

At the SBCOG City Managers Technical Advisory Meeting on January 11, 2018: Hasan Ikhrata, president of SCAG disputes claims in the RTP/SCS:

- ...the reason for increased congestion and declining transit ridership, the transit ridership declining nationally and declining in the SCAG region by a significant percentage including our ridership here in San Bernardino.

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- And one reason is the following statistic, so between 2000 and 2015, the SCAG region added 2.3 million people.
- The same period from 2000-2015, the SCAG region added 2.3 million vehicles, 2.3 million cars which is 4 times the rate of the 80's and 90's.

So this idea that millennials are not loving their car or not loving to live the way the baby boomers is not proving to be the case – Hasan Ikhata

He basically has conceded, because of increased vehicle traffic, that SCAGs predictions are wrong and people are not going to give up their cars in lieu of buses, trains, and bike lanes.

Millennials don't want mass-transit mobility; they want to drive their own car and live in their own house.

The regional SCAG RTP/SCS plan is flawed; therefore, tax increases like Measure M sales tax, SB1 gas tax increase and extending Cap and Trade are flawed. Further, any proposed tax increases to support the plan are false. Therefore,

Why are local Councils of Governments (GOGs), like SBCOG, pushing sustainability and trying to raise taxes and fees, to socially reengineer cities, when they know that plans are flawed?

Recommendations

1. Rescind Countywide Vision Statement (see attached) - The Countywide Vision statement that your city signed promotes sustainability through social justice and social equity in San Bernardino County. We recommend that your city rescind this resolution as an example to the community and to protect taxpayers.
2. Direct staff to avoid all sustainability grants, including grants from SCAG and SBCOG.
3. Cancel your membership in SCAG and SBCOG until they can offer plans void of sustainability elements.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF _____ ADOPTING A
COUNTYWIDE VISION FOR OUR FUTURE

On _____, 2013, on motion of _____, duly seconded by _____
_____ and carried, the following resolution is adopted by _____.

WHEREAS, in Fall 2010, the County of San Bernardino and San Bernardino Associated Governments initiated an effort to engage the county's residents, businesses, non-profits and other governmental agencies in the creation of a Countywide Vision for the future; and

WHEREAS, from October 2010 through May 2011, the County and San Bernardino Associated Governments **facilitated forums** throughout the county and received feedback from thousands of residents, employers, educators, community organizations, and elected and appointed government leaders to identify the vision that the community has for its future; and

WHEREAS, the resulting data was summarized into a Countywide Vision Report, which included the Countywide Vision Statement, a set of core **Vision elements** and **shared values**, and a collection of great examples that demonstrate innovative and **collaborative solutions** to critical issues; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2011, the County Board of Supervisors and the San Bernardino Associated Governments Board of Directors adopted the Countywide Vision Statement; and

WHEREAS, from January 2012 through April 2012, the County and San Bernardino Associated Governments **facilitated discussions** with the community centered on how the core Vision elements can be effectively focused and integrated **to implement our Vision for a complete, sustainable community**; and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2012, the County Board of Supervisors and San Bernardino Associated Governments Board of Directors adopted two initial **regional goals to be achieved by the Countywide Vision** Implementation effort focusing on supporting the cradle-to-career success of every child and establishing the county as a model of business friendliness.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the _____ approves and adopts the following Countywide Vision Statement:

"We envision a complete county that capitalizes on the **diversity** of its people, its geography, and its economy to create a broad range of choices for its residents in how they live, work, and play.

We envision a vibrant economy with a skilled workforce that attracts employers who seize the opportunities presented by the county's unique advantages and provide the jobs that create countywide prosperity.

We **envision a sustainable system** of high-quality education, community health, public safety, housing, retail, recreation, arts and culture, and infrastructure, in which **development complements our natural resources and environment**.

We envision a model community which is governed in an open and ethical manner, where great ideas are replicated and brought to scale, and all sectors **work collaboratively to reach shared goals**.

From our valleys, across our mountains, and into our deserts, we envision a county that is a destination for visitors and a home for anyone seeking a **sense of community** and the best life has to offer."