

Inland Empire

Citizens Action Committee

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To: Councilperson Paul R. Russ
Councilperson Russ Blewett
CC: Two copies for the public record

From: Brett Kahn, Victor Valley Freedom Campaign

Subject: Rescind the Countywide Vision Resolution

Overview

The Inland Empire Citizens Action Committee (IECAC) is a coalition of several groups in the Inland Empire. We *reject* the San Bernardino Countywide Vision and have signed resolutions condemning this because it embraces the progressive agenda of sustainable development (SD); hence, it embraces socialized centralized planning as evidenced in the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), which are recommendations being used by cities, counties and unelected Councils of Governments (GOGs) and stakeholder groups across the State. The Countywide Vision is a regional SD program.

Republicans

The platform of the Republican National Committee and California Republican Party are opposed to the agenda of sustainability and sustainable development. The San Bernardino Republican Central Committee has a resolution opposing this agenda. *Republicans need to be aware of this because if they support these kinds of programs, they will opposing their party.*

Democrats

With the recent passage of the gasoline sales tax and previous implementation of cap & trade tax adding direct costs to consumers of 75 cents and with ensuing fee increases for vehicle registration, Democrats have lost their narrative on Climate Change. The foundation for Climate Change is social justice to help the poor. *Democrats can no longer make the social justice argument.*

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Recap

Back in 2015, you met with us for a presentation by Dan Titus about SD and the Countywide Vision; you subsequently signed and supported our *Opt-Out Resolution & Pledge* regarding the vision. (See attached).

A letter was sent to you, dated January 28, 2018 from Dan Titus titled ACSC Bulletin: Sustainable Communities Strategy Recommendations. One of the recommendations was for the city to rescind the city's Countywide Vision statement resolution.

What We Want

We want you to place on the council agenda an item, for an up or down vote, to rescind Hesperia's Countywide Vision statement resolution on or before, May 15, 2018.

Sincerely,

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Opt-Out Resolution & Pledge

The San Bernardino Countywide Vision Plan

WHEREAS, the San Bernardino Countywide Vision is defined as a “Regional Visioning Plan”, which usurps our elected representative form of government and encourages top-down control; and,

WHEREAS, the San Bernardino Countywide Vision Plan advocates a consensus based decision-making process via unelected businesses, nonprofits, agencies, boards, bodies and commissions via “stakeholder groups”, thereby circumventing the citizen voting process; and,

WHEREAS, the San Bernardino Countywide Vision Plan promotes environmental “sustainability” programs, which are antithetical to free market systems, local property rights and local choice, by defining them as destructive to the environment; and,

WHEREAS, the San Bernardino Countywide Vision Plan promotes social equity through sustainability as a method to reduce standards of living via collective conservation schemes that limit current lifestyles in order to protect resources for future generations; by “looking beyond local interests” and mandating that all benefit equally for the common good; and,

WHEREAS, the San Bernardino Countywide Vision, through its “Cradle-to- Career” goal, aka, Common Core; the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) are a set of academic standards, promoted and supported by two private membership organizations, the National Governor’s Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), as a method for conforming American students to uniform (“one size fits all”) achievement goals to make them more competitive in a global marketplace and compliant “global citizens”;

RESOLVED, _____ hereby acknowledge the overreaching collective nature of the San Bernardino Countywide Vision Plan and supports opposition to the plan, including all of its elements and goals.

Name _____

Title _____

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Title _____

Date: _____

ACSC

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 cites, 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."