

# VALLEY VOICE

The official newsletter of the **San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments**



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## **SGVCOG Governing Board Adopts 2020 Legislative Priorities**

The SGVCOG annually adopts a legislative agenda to shape and guide advocacy efforts on regional issues of significance to San Gabriel Valley cities. The 2020 legislative platform builds on the accomplishments of the 2019 legislative agenda, seeks to accomplish unfinished objectives, and identify emerging issues in the core regional policy areas of water, energy, transportation, homelessness, and environment.

The platform aligns closely with the adopted SGVCOG Strategic Plan and ensures that advocacy is coordinated, effective, and responsive to legislative developments. On Thursday, January 16, 2020, the SGVCOG Governing Board unanimously voted to adopt the 2020 Legislative Priorities. Key summaries of each legislative priority can be found on the next page.

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## SGVCOG Governing Board Adopts 2020 Legislative Priorities (Cont.)

### Transportation and Capital Projects



- Support and/or advocate for funding requests, grant applications, or specific budget earmarks to ensure projects are timely allocated or awarded state and county funds.
- Facilitate discussion of concepts that can improve transit operations, such as dedicated bus lanes, first/last-mile options, and route restructuring.
- Propose and advocate policies, funding, and programs beneficial to San Gabriel Valley transportation and capital projects and programs.

### Homelessness



- Support legislation and funding that promotes solutions to homelessness for those facing mental health and/or substance abuse challenges.
- Support funding for the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Fund and other entities that will create affordable housing for the region.
- Promote the allocation of Measure H resources towards cities' projects and programs that work to solve the homelessness crisis in the San Gabriel Valley.
- Support funding for prevention programs, including innovative local programs instituted by local cities.

### Water



- Continue to advocate and/or pursue legislative solutions for adopting financial capability assessment guidelines in the issuance of MS4 permits that provide an economic analysis of the costs and benefits of water quality improvements.
- Continue to advocate for the establishment of reasonable timelines for compliance with new drinking water standards.
- Pursue legislative fixes that address the challenges that cities face in implementing SB 205 (Hertzberg), including updating the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes.

### Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources



- Support the creation of zero-waste policies and provide support for cities to reduce single-use plastics in the San Gabriel Valley.
- Support community choice aggregates (CCAs).
- Support the reduction of vehicle emissions through increased fuel efficiency, use of appropriate alternative fueled vehicles, and low-emission vehicles in public agency fleets.
- Support the diversification of solid waste management strategies, including conversion technology, that will create new markets and that are feasible given the landscape and conditions of the San Gabriel Valley.

## San Gabriel Valley Cities Mobilize Volunteers for the 2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) partners with cities to conduct a census of the homeless population through Los Angeles County every year. This census is commonly known as the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count.

On the evening of Tuesday, January 21, 2020, over 1,000 volunteers spread out across the San Gabriel Valley to count the homeless population in the region. Volunteer deployment sites were set up in every community in the San Gabriel Valley. Los Angeles County Supervisors Hilda Solis and Kathryn Barger joined several city officials to participate in the Homeless Count in various volunteer deployment sites in San Gabriel Valley.

The annual homeless count takes place at night given that it is the time when individuals experiencing homelessness usually begin to settle in. Counting at night or in the early morning hours reduces the chance of double-counting an individual who has moved from one area to another.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development mandates that all Continuums of Care conduct a census of their homeless population during the last ten days of January. Historically the coldest month of the year, more individuals will be seeking refuge in shelters, which makes it easier for organizations to conduct the homeless count.

Data collected from the annual homeless count will be compiled and analyzed by the University of Southern California. It is expected that the data will be released in May or June 2020.





## SGVCOG to Host Regional Housing Trust and Affordable Housing Forum in February

The SGVCOG is proud to present its Regional Housing Trust and Affordable Housing Forum. This event will bring together elected officials, city staff, and community leaders to explore innovation housing projects and affordable housing funding mechanisms in California. Additionally, the event will highlight details and updates of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust. Speakers and panelists will share innovative building practices, such as bridge housing, modular dwelling units, and micro-community units, and present various funding programs that encourage developments of affordable housing units and accessory dwelling units (ADUs).

The event will take place on **Thursday, February 13, 2020** from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the Glendora Public Library.

### Featured Speakers



**FATHIA MACAULEY**

*Chief Lending Officer, Housing Trust Silicon Valley*

Fathia Macauley provides oversight for Housing Trust's lending programs including Multifamily, first-time homebuyer programs and Housing Trust's Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) programs. Fathia was most recently California Market Lead at Capital Impact Partners, leading strategic planning for affordable housing lending and business strategy for California. She managed a \$70M CA loan pipeline as well as three venture loan funds, including leading Capital Impact's participation in The Bay's Future Fund.



**JENNIFER KIM**

*Housing Innovation Director, Office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti*

Jennifer Kim works to create systems change and supports innovative solutions to expand the supply of supportive housing throughout the City of Los Angeles. She oversees Mayor Garcetti's HHH Housing Challenge, a Request for Proposals that seeks creative approaches to supportive housing development. Prior to joining Mayor Garcetti's office, Ms. Kim served as the housing lead for the Chief Executive Office of the County of Los Angeles.





**LINDA BRAUNSCHWEIGER**

*Chief Executive Officer, Housing Trust Fund Ventura County*

Ms. Braunschweiger has spent over thirty years in finance, affordable housing development, non-profit management and business. She helped orchestrate the formation of HTFVC, raised over \$6 million in public, private and charitable funds, and funded \$9 million in short-term loans of which the majority has already been repaid, producing 365 new affordable housing units. Under her leadership, HTFVC became a certified Community Development Financial Institution at the Federal and State level.



**MIGUEL RIVERA**

*Associate, Perkins&Will*

Miguel Rivera has worked with public and private agencies and with non-profit developers on projects ranging from large-scale planning efforts to affordable and interim housing facilities and small residential landscapes for low-income residents throughout Los Angeles. Miguel regularly attends community meetings to support affordable housing developments, volunteers at interim housing facilities, and is leading the Los Angeles Studio efforts on affordable/interim housing.



**PAUL CHO**

*Manager, Illumination Housing, LLC.*

Paul Sungmin Cho is the Manager of Illumination Housing, LLC, a social impact investment fund recently established to accelerate homeless housing solutions. He is also a board member of LifeArk Community Inc., a non-profit focused on innovating modular housing for the marginalized communities. In 2008, Paul co-founded The Illumination Foundation (“IF”). IF combines housing and comprehensive wrap-around services to assist homeless families and individuals.



**TUNUA THRASH-NTUK**

*Executive Director, Los Angeles Local Initiatives Support Corporation*

A native Angeleno, Tunua Thrash-Ntuk is a seasoned community and economic development practitioner of more than 15-years with both non-profit and private sector experiences. Her strengths range from community advocacy to asset and real estate development around neighborhood revitalization. Prior to joining LISC, Tunua served as Executive Director of West Angeles Community Development Corporation.

## City of Monterey Park Celebrates Lunar New Year with Festivities



## LABC to Host Annual Sustainability Summit at the University of Southern California



The Los Angeles Business Council (LABC) will be hosting the 14th Annual Sustainability Summit at the University of Southern California on **Friday, March 27, 2020 from 8:00am to 3:30pm**. The summit serves as a high-level convening of business, government, and nonprofit leaders to discuss various pressing topics, including international climate policy, regionalization of the energy grid, California's resiliency strategy in the face of growing natural disasters.



The event is expected to attract more than 1,000 elected officials, city staff, industry leaders, and community leaders. SGVCOG encourages interested individuals and cities to register for the summit via the LABC website at [labusinesscouncil.org](http://labusinesscouncil.org).



## SGVCOG Welcomes New Staff Members

This past month, three new full-time employees joined the SGVCOG. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new employees:



**Ricky Choi**

*Community Relations Coordinator*

Mr. Choi's primary responsibilities include managing the community, government, business and school outreach, media relations and external communications for the Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) program of grade separations and other SGVCOG infrastructure projects and regional programs. With nearly fifteen years of experience in public affairs, community relations, stakeholder engagement and strategic communications, Ricky was previously Senior Project Manager for Lee Andrews Group, a Los Angeles-based public affairs firm.



**Timothy Kirkconnell**

*Regional Homelessness Coordinator*

Mr. Kirkconnell serves as the new SGVCOG Regional Homelessness Coordinator. His primary responsibilities include oversight of initiatives and programs intended to alleviate homelessness. His previous positions have focused on Urban Development & Information Technology policy in Washington D.C. and abroad, in addition to working on Homelessness issues within the County of Los Angeles. Timothy previously served with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce International Division, the U.S.-India Business Council, and the Economic Bureau of U.S. Department of State.



**Samantha Matthews**

*Management Analyst*

Ms. Matthews joined the SGVCOG in January as a Management Analyst. She will be working with policy committees and supporting diverse projects ranging from the SGV Energy Wise Partnership to the regional bikeshare program. Prior to joining the SGVCOG, Samantha worked as a policy researcher and program evaluator at the Committee of Seventy, a nonprofit that advances effective government in Philadelphia. She also worked as an events coordinator at Penn Law, focusing on planning faculty workshops and conferences.



## Committee Meeting Dates:

SGVCOG is governed by a Governing Board that dictates the policies for the organization. Additionally, there are policy committees and technical advisory committees (TACs) that provide guidance to the Governing Board on important matters. To learn more about SGVCOG committees, please visit [sgvcog.org](http://sgvcog.org).

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Monday, February 3, 2020 at 12:00pm  
1000 S. Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, CA 91803

### WATER TAC

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 10:00am  
600 S. Mountain Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016

### HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 8:30am  
1444 W. Garvey Ave. S., West Covina, CA 91790

### PUBLIC WORKS TAC

Monday, February 10, 2020 at 12:00pm  
4900 Rivergrade Road, Irwindale, CA 91706

### WATER COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 10:00am  
602 E. Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA 91016

### EENR COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 1:00pm  
9240 Firestone Blvd., Downey, CA 90241

### TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 2:45pm  
100 S. Vincent Avenue, West Covina, CA 91790

### GOVERNING BOARD

Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 4:00pm  
100 S. Vincent Avenue, West Covina, CA 91790

### CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Monday, February 24, 2020 at 12:00pm  
1444 W. Garvey Avenue, West Covina, CA 91790

### PLANNERS TAC

Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 12:00pm  
1400 E. Mission Blvd., Pomona, CA 91766

## Upcoming Event: Heart of the Foothills

BIKE • WALK • RUN • SKATE • DANCE • PLAY • ART • MUSIC • FOOD • ENTERTAINMENT



SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020 • 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM • FREE EVENT

# HEART OF THE FOOTHILLS

GOLDEN STREETS PRESENTED BY METRO

5 MILES • FAMILY-FRIENDLY • SAN DIMAS, LA VERNE, POMONA