



# Valley Voice

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## ***SGVCOG Governing Board Adopts White Paper on LAHSA Reform***

On January 21, 2021, the SGVCOG Governing Board voted to adopt a resolution approving the SGVCOG White Paper on Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Reform. The resolution also directed staff to distribute the White Paper to member agencies and encourage adoption. A copy of the White Paper can be found [here](#). The document, which was developed in response to the countywide homelessness crisis and challenges within the current homelessness services system, is organized around the following discussion topics:

- Exploring the causes and impacts of systematic problems with the current homelessness response system, especially as they relate to smaller cities;
- Identifying comprehensive solutions; and
- Confirming the San Gabriel Valley's commitment to best practices and programs and to affirming a willingness to lead the region to a more effective, County-wide coordinated strategy to combat homelessness.

Specifically, the White Paper identifies several systematic challenges, such as a lack of collaborative relationship with smaller cities, a lack of funding for locally-based and supported initiatives and programs, poor communication, and the lack of transparency. To address these problems, the document proposes potential solutions, including increasing representation for smaller cities and providing additional autonomy within the current

system, as well as allowing jurisdictions to pursue independent control of homelessness funds if these strategies are unsuccessful at sufficiently resolving the stated concerns.

In addition to distributing the White Paper to member agencies and other councils of governments, SGVCOG staff are also conducting outreach efforts to Los Angeles County Supervisors, LAHSA, the Measure H Citizens' Oversight Committee, and members of the public.



### ***Pomona Mayor Sandoval Appointed as San Gabriel Valley Representative on Metro Board of Directors***

Earlier last month, Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval was officially appointed by the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee to serve as the San Gabriel Valley representative on the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board of Directors. Receiving unanimous support with 131 weighted votes for the appointment, Mayor Sandoval will serve in the position until January 1, 2023.

Mayor Sandoval was elected as Pomona's Mayor in 2016 and recently re-elected during the November 2020 elections. He also serves as the chair of the SGVCOG Capital Projects and Construction Committee, the chair of the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority, and a member of the SGVCOG Transportation Committee. The Mayor will be replacing John Fasana, who recently retired from the Duarte City Council and served on

the Metro Board of Directors as the San Gabriel Valley representative for 27 consecutive years.

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***SGVCOG to Partner with SGVEP to  
Host Economic Development Webinar***

COVID-19 has severely affected the hospitality and dining industry and other businesses across the San Gabriel Valley. In partnership with the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership (SGVEP), the SGVCOG is excited to host a webinar that provides recommendations and resources for San Gabriel Valley jurisdictions to support business owners and boost their local economies. The event will take place on **Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 11:00am**. The following individuals will serve as key speakers during the webinar:

- **Tunua Thrash-Ntuk**, Executive Director, Local Initiatives Support Corporation Los Angeles (LISC LA)
- **Bob Machuca**, Business Assistance District Director, Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation
- **Trelynd Bradley**, Senior Business Development Specialist, Governor's Office of Business & Economic Development

Cities, business owners, and members of the public are encouraged to attend this event and interested individuals can register for the webinar [here](#).

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# 2021 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ENERGY CHAMPION AWARDS

Saving Energy Today for a Better Tomorrow



## ***SGVCOG Launches 2021 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards***

Last year, the SGVCOG launched the San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards to encourage cities and agencies to implement energy efficiency actions and engage in long-term strategic energy planning activities. As a result, a total of 15 cities and agencies achieved recognizable tiers and received awards for their energy efficiency accomplishments.

Witnessing the success of implementing the awards structure in 2020, the SGVCOG revamped the recognition model and introduced the 2021 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards last month. Requirements for cities and agencies to be awarded include implementing a combination of activities such as attending energy trainings and meetings, benchmarking municipal facilities, and conducting outreach activities. Details of the 2021 Energy Champion Awards can be found on the San Gabriel Valley Energy Wise Partnership website [here](#).

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**[Metro Recovery Task Force Report](#)**

Metro launched a Recovery Task Force in April 2020 to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and recommend actions that can be taken in the wake of the biggest public health crisis in over a century. After considering input gathered from virtual public meetings in July and October, the Task Force delivered a draft of the [final report](#). Cities are encouraged to review the draft report and submit comments [here](#) before February 8, 2021. Questions regarding the Metro Recovery Task Force can be directed to [covid19recovery@metro.net](mailto:covid19recovery@metro.net).



**[Caltrans Sustainable Planning Grant](#)**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) recently released the application guide for the FY 2021-2022 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant. A total of \$34 million will be available for transportation planning projects across California. The program directly supports regional sustainable communities' strategies that aim to achieve the State's greenhouse gas reduction targets. Applications are due February 12, 2021 at 5:00pm and additional information can be found [here](#).



**[SCAG Sustainability Awards Nominations](#)**

SCAG is currently accepting nominations for the 2021 Sustainability Awards. Each year, SCAG honors projects and efforts that best exemplify the core principles of sustainability with awards. The recognized efforts are integral to promoting a cleaner and healthier Southern California and accomplishing the goals of Connect SoCal, which serves as the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. Nominations are accepted [here](#) until Friday, February 26, 2021.

## Upcoming Committee Meetings

**Please be advised that all committee meetings that are held this month will be conducted virtually over Zoom Conferencing. Livestream of each committee meeting**

will be available through the [SGVCOG website](#). Livestream of the Regional Housing Trust (RHT) Board Meeting can be accessed through the [RHT website](#).

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**Executive Committee:** Monday, February 1, 2021 at 10:00 AM

**Homelessness Committee:** Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 8:30 AM

**Regional Housing Trust Board Meeting:** Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 10:30 AM

**City Managers' Steering Committee:** Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 12:00 PM

**Public Works Technical Advisory Committee:** Monday, February 8, 2021 at 12:00 PM

**Water Committee:** Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 10:00 AM

**EENR Committee:** Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 1:00 PM

**Transportation Committee:** Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 2:00 PM

**Governing Board:** Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 4:00 PM

**Capital Projects and Construction Committee:** Monday, February 22, 2021 at 12:00 PM

**Planning Directors' Technical Advisory Committee:** Thursday, February 25, 2021 at  
12:00 PM

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