



Orange County Council of Governments

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To: Honorable Mayors and Council Members of Orange County Cities

From: Marnie O'Brien Primmer, Executive Director

Subject: Nominations for Subregional Representatives to SCAG Policy Committees

On behalf of the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) Board of Directors, I am pleased to announce that the OCCOG Board is accepting nominations for a representative on one of three policy committees at the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). Orange County is one of twelve subregions in the six-county SCAG region, with the OCCOG acting as the subregional planning organization. Each SCAG subregion is allocated seats for representation on SCAG policy committees, and OCCOG is assigned twelve seats. At present one of these seats is vacant and open for representation.

To be eligible for an OCCOG subregional representative seat on SCAG policy committees, a nominee must be an elected official from a city that is a member of SCAG. SCAG policy committees meet at 10:00 a.m. the 1st Thursday monthly at SCAG's downtown Los Angeles location, and are an important part of the regional planning process by providing input and advice to the SCAG governing body, the Regional Council. The term of appointment is for the duration of the successful candidate's term as a duly-elected representative of a SCAG member city. Once selected by the OCCOG board, the successful nominee will have the opportunity to express a preference for appointment to the SCAG Regional Council President who will assign them to a policy committee.

The three policy committees are as follows:

- The Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC), which studies problems, programs and other matters which pertain the regional issues of mobility, air, transportation control measures and communications.
- The Energy and Environment Committee (ECC), which studies, problems, programs and other matters relating to the regional issues of energy and the environment.
- The Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD) which studies problems, programs and other matters relating to the regional issues of community, economic and human development, housing, and growth and these issues' consistency and conformity with regional plans.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please submit a letter by 5 p.m. on Monday, August 6, 2018, to the OCCOG Board of Directors, expressing your interest in the appointment and indicating on which policy committees you would like to serve.



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Nomination letters shall be directed to Marnie O'Brien Primmer, Executive Director, at edocceg@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 949.698.2856.

The OCCOG Board of Directors will consider applications received by the August 6 deadline at its August 23, 2018, Board meeting held from 10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. at Irvine City Hall. Applicants are encouraged to attend in person and will be permitted to address the OCCOG Board prior to Board consideration of the agenda item. In accordance with SCAG bylaws, the OCCOG Board of Directors will submit its recommended nominee(s) to the SCAG President for appointment to a policy committee. The successful candidate should expect to begin serving at the September 6, 2018, SCAG policy committee meetings.

Information about Subregional Representatives is attached. For additional information about each SCAG policy committee and/or to view previous committee agendas, please feel free to access the SCAG website at www.scag.ca.gov.

Thank you for your consideration of this important opportunity to represent the Orange County Council of Governments on regional issues discussion and policy formation.

Information Sheet

Southern California Association of Governments Policy Committees

Background:

Pursuant to the Southern California Association of Governments, (SCAG) bylaws, each SCAG district in the six-county SCAG region has one Regional Council seat. Regional Council members are elected by a vote of the cities in each SCAG district that are members of SCAG. Elections for Regional Council District Representatives are completed every other year, with elections for odd-numbered districts occurring in odd-numbered years, and elections for even-numbered districts occurring in even-numbered years. Each elected SCAG Regional Council member can participate on any policy committee of choice. SCAG bylaws allow for additional Regional Council seats to be assigned to each Board of Supervisors and each county transportation commission member agency. Each SCAG subregion also has an at-large policy committee seat for as many districts that are located in the subregion. These at-large policy committee seats are filled through an appointment by the subregional board and are called Subregional Representatives.

OCCOG Representation on SCAG Policy Committee Seats:

The Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) is one of twelve subregions in the SCAG region, and comprises the Orange County subregion to SCAG. There are twelve SCAG districts within Orange County, allowing for 12 Subregional Representative seats at-large to serve on SCAG policy committees. To be an eligible nominee for a Subregional Representative seat, the nominee must be an elected official from a SCAG member city. There is no term limit for a Subregional Representative seat, provided the appointee continues to be an elected official from a SCAG member city.

Policy Committee Meetings:

The SCAG policy committees meet monthly at the SCAG Main Office in downtown Los Angeles at 900 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1700, Los Angeles 90017. Generally, the policy committees meet the first Thursday of each month. Please note the meeting dates and times for the SCAG policy committees are subject to change. Regular attendance at the monthly policy committee meetings is an important consideration.

Stipends:

Regional Council members receive a \$120 per diem stipend for attendance at SCAG sponsored meetings or events, for a maximum of six (6) per diem stipends per month. Regional Council members are eligible to be reimbursed for mileage (at the prevailing federal reimbursement rate) or public transit expenses for attendance at SCAG-sponsored meetings or events. SCAG provides validation for parking.

Questions?

Should you have any questions on SCAG and/or its policy committees, please feel free to contact Tess Rey-Chaput, Clerk of the Board, at 213.236.1908 or by email at rey@scag.ca.gov.

Information about SCAG and each policy committee is also available on the SCAG website at www.scag.ca.gov.