



SUMMARY OF OCCOG BOARD ACTION

Following a closed session at its May 27, 2021, Board of Directors meeting, the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) Board authorized legal counsel to file a petition for writ of mandate against the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) challenging HCD’s application of Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) statutes.

Board Vote:

- Support – 15
- Oppose – 0
- Absent – 3

STATEMENT

Attribute to OCCOG Chair, Trevor O’Neil

Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) members are responsible for adequately planning new housing for the current and future residents that will live and work in their communities.

Orange County recognizes that its high-quality transit and job centers make its communities desirable places for many people to live, work and play.

Orange County jurisdictions are currently following the state’s housing statutes and are working hard to update housing elements to meet the number of housing units assigned to them via the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) methodology.

However, OCCOG recognizes that Orange County’s citizens and taxpayers deserve to be treated fairly under the law.

Therefore, on behalf of its members, OCCOG is challenging the Regional Determination established by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

Simply, HCD did not follow the statutes outlined in state law to develop the projected number of units needed in the next eight years to adequately house Orange County’s population.

OCCOG is Orange County’s legally-designated sub-regional planning organization, ensuring that Orange County’s unique perspective is included in the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) federal and state mandated planning efforts. OCCOG’s members include 33 cities and 25 special districts located in Orange County.