

**LAS VIRGENES – MALIBU COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
GOVERNING BOARD SPECIAL MEETING**

Monday, August 3, 2020, 8:30 AM

MEETING INFORMATION AND ACCOMMODATION

Pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Orders, which waived certain Brown Act meeting requirements, including any requirements to make a physical meeting location available to the public; and, most recently, the March 19, 2020 Executive Order, which ordered all residents to stay at home. As such, the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments will provide Members of the Public the opportunity to view and participate in the meeting remotely using Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/4714103699> Meeting ID: 471 410 3699

A public agenda packet is available on the COG’s website lvmcog.org. Members of the Public who wish to comment on matters before the Governing Board have two options: 1. Make comments limited to three minutes during the Public Comment Period, or 2. Submit an email with their written comments limited to 1,000 characters to terry@lvmcog.org no later than 8:00 AM on Monday, August 3, 2020. The email address will remain open during the meeting for providing public comment during the meeting. Emails received during the meeting will be read out loud at the appropriate time during the meeting provided they are received before the Board takes action on an item (or can be read during general public comment). For any questions regarding the virtual meeting, please contact terry@lvmcog.org.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Governing Board Members:

Illece Buckley Weber, Agoura Hills, President
Kelly Honig, Westlake Village, Vice President
Karen Farrer, Malibu
Stuart Siegel, Hidden Hills
Alicia Weintraub, Calabasas

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Public comments are limited to three minutes per speaker. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54954.2, the Governing Board is prohibited from discussing or taking immediate action on any item not on the agenda unless it can be demonstrated that the item is of an emergency nature, or the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Member cities may report on issues and action taken related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- B. Report on Retention of Lobbyist

5. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Resolution Opposing Housing Bills – Attachment
Recommended Action: Approve the Resolution Opposing Housing Bills and direct staff to forward it with letters to the COG's area legislators.

6. COMMENTS AND REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Technical Advisory Committee: Wednesday, September 2, 2020, 8:30 AM
Governing Board: Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 8:30 AM

8. ADJOURNMENT

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01
A RESOLUTION OF THE LAS VIRGENES-MALIBU
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO
PROPOSED HOUSING LEGISLATION AND EXPRESSING
SUPPORT FOR ACTIONS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN
LOCAL DEMOCRACY, AUTHORITY AND CONTROL**

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of California, has proposed a number of bills addressing a range of housing issues; and

WHEREAS, the majority of these bills usurp the authority of local jurisdictions to determine for themselves the land use policies and practices that best suit their cities and residents and instead impose mandates that do not take into account the needs and differences of jurisdictions throughout the State, as well as imposing unfunded mandates on jurisdictions for actions that are not in their best interests; and

WHEREAS, for example, the ability of jurisdictions to determine for themselves which projects require review beyond a ministerial approval, what parking requirements are appropriate for various locales within their jurisdiction, what plans and programs are suitable and practical for each community rather than having these decisions imposed upon cities without regard to the circumstances of each individual city is a matter of great import to the five cities of the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments, and

WHEREAS, the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments feels strongly that our local government is best able to assess the needs of our community and objects to the proliferation of State legislation that deprives us of that ability;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE LAS VIRGENES-MALIBU COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments registers its opposition to the following pieces of State legislation, without amendments:

- AB 1279 (Bloom) - Housing Developments. High Resource Areas.
- AB 725 (Wicks) General Plans: housing element: moderate-income and above moderate income housing: suburban and metropolitan jurisdictions.
- AB 2345 (Gonzalez) Planning and zoning: density bonuses: annual report: affordable housing.
- AB 3040 (Chui) – Local planning: Regional Housing Needs Assessment.
- AB 3107 (Bloom) Planning and zoning: General Plan: housing development.
- SB 902 (Weiner) Planning and zoning: housing development: zoning.
- SB 995 (Atkins) Environmental Quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2011: housing projects.
- SB 1085 (Skinner) Density Bonus Law: qualifications for incentives or concessions: student housing for lower income students: moderate-income persons and families: local government constraints.
- SB 1120 (Atkins) Subdivisions: tentative maps.

Section 2. The Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments hereby registers its equally opposition to the current practice of the State legislature of proposing and passing multitudes of bills that directly impact and interfere with the ability of cities to control their own destiny through use of the zoning authority that has been granted to them.

Section 3. The Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments hereby declares that should the State continue to pass legislation that impacts local municipal authority, control and revenue, the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments may support actions that strengthen local democracy and authority.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of August, 2020:

Illece Buckley Weber, President

ATTEST:

Terry Dipple, Executive Director

Proposed letter to Senator Stern and Assemblymembers Bloom, Gabriel and Irwin

August 3, 2020

The Honorable Henry Stern
State Capitol, Room 5080
Sacramento, CA 95814-0050

Re: OPPOSITION TO SELECT HOUSING BILLS

Dear Senator Stern:

On behalf of the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments I am writing to inform you of the Resolution recently passed by the Governing Board, and attached hereto, that expresses our strong opposition to the following housing and land-use bills that have been introduced in the Assembly and Senate:

- AB 1279 (Bloom) - Housing Developments: High Resource Areas.
- AB 725 (Wicks) General Plans: housing element: moderate-income and above moderate income housing: suburban and metropolitan jurisdictions.
- AB 2345 (Gonzalez) Planning and zoning: density bonuses: annual report: affordable housing.
- AB 3040 (Chui) – Local planning: Regional Housing Needs Assessment
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Why should land-use decisions be left to local government? Because the 482 cities in the State are unique and a top-down, one-size-fits-all approach by the Legislature will not work. For example, our cities experienced the devastating 2019 Woolsey Fire that destroyed 1,643 structures, killed three people, and prompted the evacuation of more than 295,000 people. These housing bills will significantly increase density in our cities, which are in or adjacent to Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone is a recipe for disaster. The wild fire danger is compounded by the fact that all five cities have limited evacuation options. Also, economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have decimated city finances, likely leaving them with no means to implement infrastructure projects to accommodate additional housing that increases fire danger and demand on sewer systems, local roadways, parks and more.

Senator Henry Stern
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The Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments acknowledges the state housing crisis but we are concerned that our residents have not been able to provide input to these bills that may significantly impact their neighborhoods. We agree that COVID-19 has made it difficult to hold public meetings as usual but our COG cities have overcome the obstacles. We would like the opportunity to work with you and our other legislative representatives to develop policies that will not only address affordability issues, but also move the State towards more sustainable growth. To that end, we would like to schedule a virtual meeting with you so our residents can be educated on these bills and provide input before you cast your final votes.

Based on the opposition of your constituent cities we are asking you to either vote NO on the aforementioned legislation or exempt our cities from these bills for public safety and fire hazard reasons.

In conclusion, we appreciate the opportunity to have shared our concerns with you. As you have been invited to participate in our September 15th Governing Board meeting, we would like you to address the above-referenced legislation. Should you have any questions or would like to set up a meeting, do not hesitate to contact me or our Executive Director Terry Dipple at (818) 968-9088.

Sincerely,

Illece Buckley Weber
President

cc: City of Agoura Hills
City of Calabasas
City of Hidden Hills
City of Malibu
City of Westlake Village
Assemblymembers Bloom, Irwin and Gabriel
Governor Newsom
Jeff Kiernan, League of Cities