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# SPECIAL MEETING NOMINATING COMMITTEE

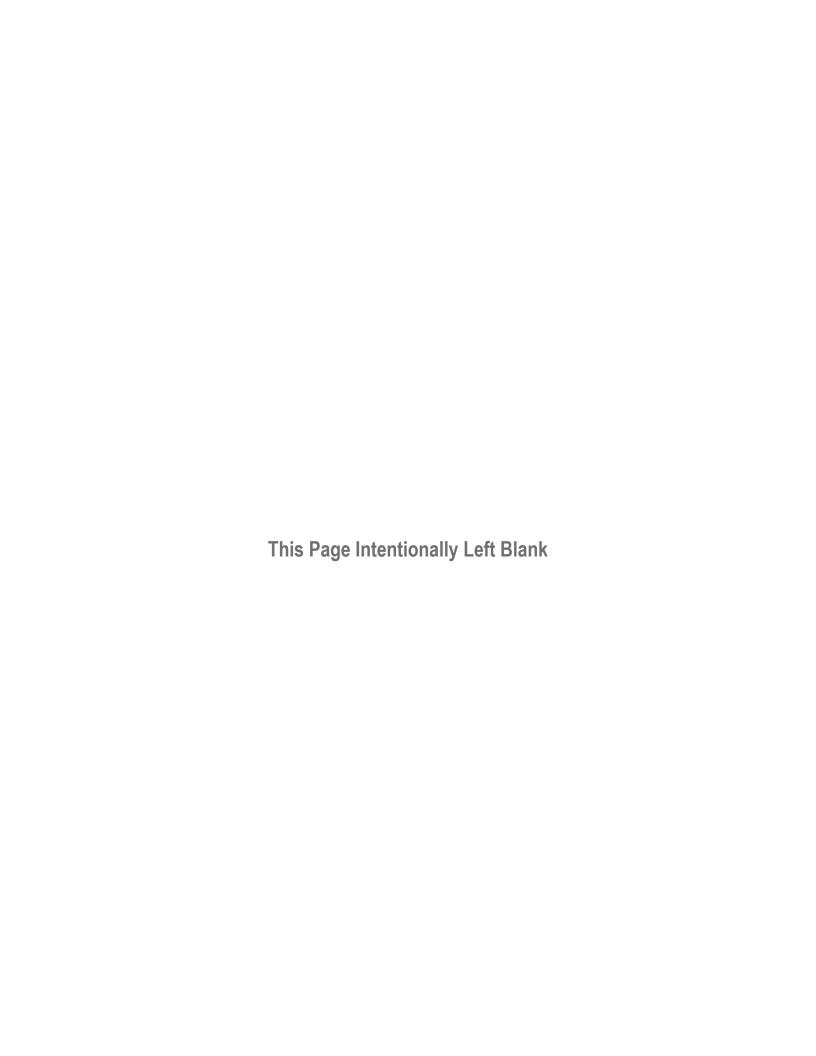
Thursday, August 22, 2019 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

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If members of the public wish to review the attachments or have any questions on any of the agenda items, please contact Tess Rey-Chaput at (213) 236-1908 or via email at REY@scag.ca.gov.

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### Special Meeting of the Nominating Committee List of Participating Members and Meeting Locations

**Date:** Thursday, August 22, 2019

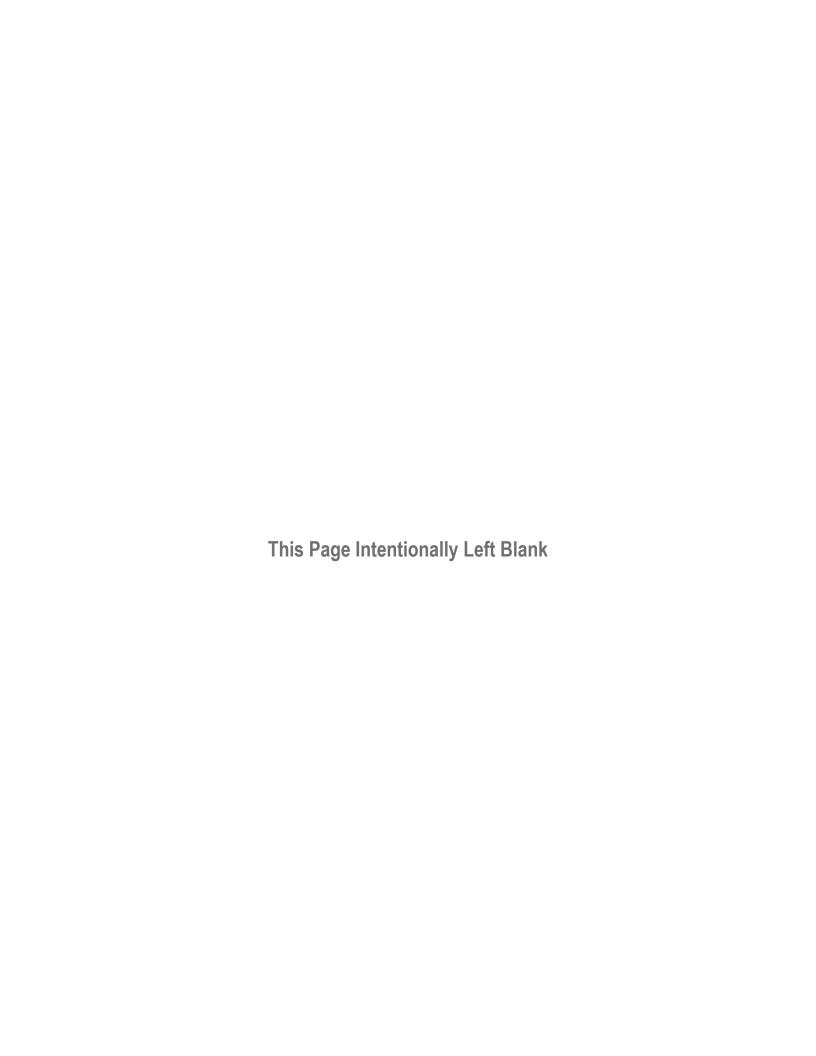
**Time:** 6PM – 7PM

**Location:** 900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700

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Los Angeles, CA 90017

	Member Names	Locations
1.	Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario, SBCTA Immediate Past President and Chair	Ontario City Hall 303 East B Street Ontario, CA 91764
2.	Hon. Margaret Finlay, Duarte, District 35	222 Rim Road Duarte, CA 91010
3.	Hon. Peggy Huang, Yorba Linda, TCA	2501 E. Chapman Avenue, Unit 100 Fullerton, CA 92831
4.	Hon. Frank Navarro, Colton, District 6	650 N La Cadena Drive Colton, CA 92324
5.	Hon. Ben Benoit, Wildomar, Air District	23873 Clinton Keith Rd., Suite 201 Wildomar, CA 92595
6.	Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard, District 45	631 Ivywood Drive Oxnard, CA 93030
7.	Hon. Luis Plancarte, Imperial County	940 W. Main Street, Suite 209 El Centro, CA 92243







Southern California Association of Governments 900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 Los Angeles, California 90017 Thursday, August 22, 2019

### **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

(The Honorable Alan D. Wapner, Chair)

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Members of the public desiring to speak on items on the Special Meeting Agenda must fill out and present a Public Comment Card to the Assistant prior to speaking. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. The Chair has the discretion to reduce the time limit based upon the number of speakers and may limit the total time for all public comments to twenty (20) minutes.

### **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEM**

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1. Nominations for SCAG 2019-20 for Second Vice President Resulting from SCAG Officer Vacancy (Joann Africa, Chief Counsel)

Attachment

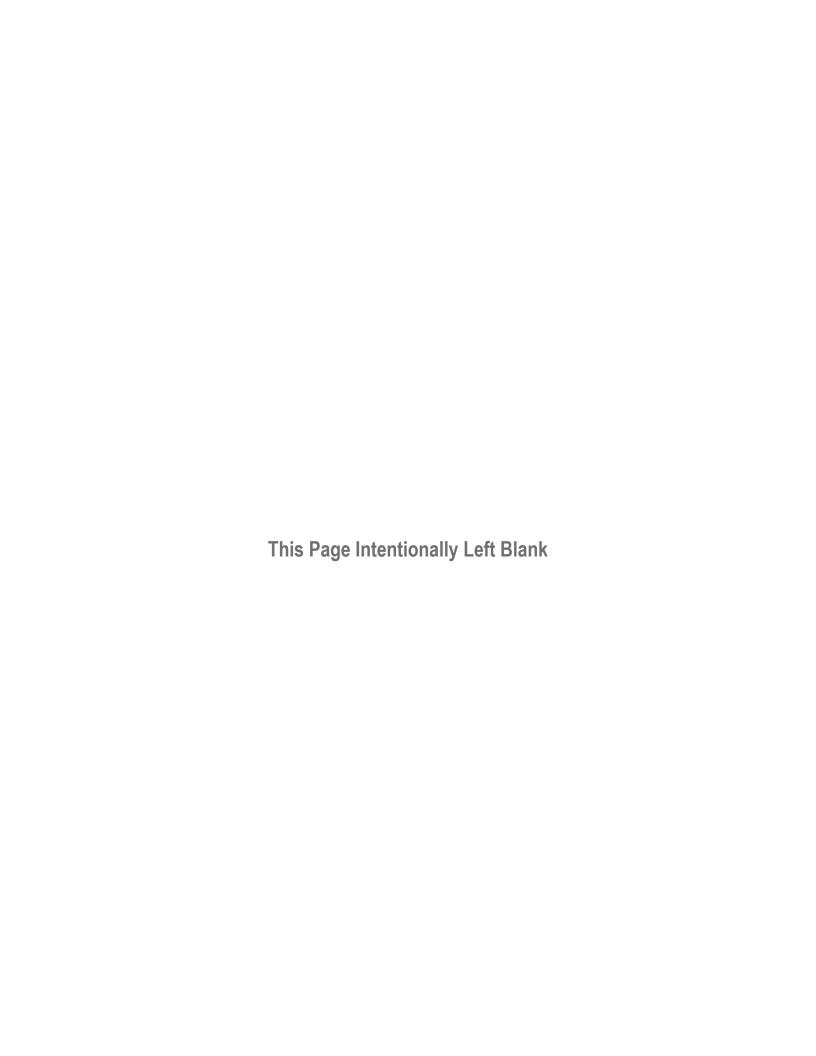
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Recommended Action: The Nominating Committee is requested to consider the applicants and make one (1) nomination for the position of SCAG Second Vice President for the balance of the 2019-2020 term. Thereafter, the Nominating Committee will present its nominee to the Regional Council at its September 5, 2019 meeting.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT/S**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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Southern California Association of Governments 900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700, Los Angeles, California 90017

August 22, 2019

To: Nominating Committee

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL

From: Joann Africa, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services

(213) 236-1928; africa@scag.ca.gov

Subject: Nomination for SCAG 2019-2020 Second Vice President

Resulting from SCAG Officer Vacancy

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The Nominating Committee is requested to consider the applicants and make one (1) nomination for the position of SCAG Second Vice President for the balance of the 2019-2020 term. Thereafter, the Nominating Committee will present its nominee to the Regional Council at its September 5, 2019 meeting.

#### STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports SCAG's Strategic Plan Goal 1 (Improve Regional Decision Making by Providing Leadership and Consensus Building on Key Plans and Policies; Objective C (Provide practical solutions for moving new ideas forward).

### **SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:**

Due to a vacancy resulting from Regional Council member Randon Lane's resignation, SCAG's Nominating Committee is tasked to review applications and nominate one (1) candidate for the now-open Second Vice President position.

According to the SCAG Bylaws Article VI, Section E, "...upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the office of President, First Vice-President, or Second Vice-President, the vacancy shall be filled for the balance of an unexpired term in order of succession by elevating the next remaining Officer to such position, and the President may call for a Special Election to fill the unexpired term of the office of Second Vice-President. Such second Vice-President shall be selected from a list of candidates which shall be prepared by a Nominating Committee structured in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, Section B. In the event of such a Special Election the name of a nominee shall be submitted by the Nominating Committee to the Regional Council for action. If elected, the new Second Vice-President shall take office upon adjournment of that meeting of the Regional Council that included the Special Election."



Staff received applications submitted by five (5) members of the Regional Council by the deadline of Friday, August 16, 2019 at 5:00 pm. The following lists the applications in the order submitted to SCAG staff. It should be noted that one (1) additional application was submitted after the deadline from Regional Council member Steve Hofbauer who submitted his application on August 17, 2019. He indicated that he was unable to submit his application on time because he was in an area that lacked Wi-Fi connectivity but that it was his intent to submit the application within the deadline. His application is included with this report and the Nominating Committee should determine whether to consider it amongst the other applications for the Second Vice-President position.

Candidate 1: Councilmember Jan Harnik, RCTC

Candidate 2: Supervisor Linda Parks, Ventura County

Candidate 3: Supervisor Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County

Candidate 4: Councilmember David Ryu, Los Angeles, RC District No. 51 Candidate 5: Councilmember Clint Lorimore, Eastvale, RC District No. 4 Candidate 6: Councilmember Steve Hofbauer, Palmdale, RC District No. 43

The Nominating Committee is requested to review the applications and make one (1) nomination for position of SCAG Second Vice President. Thereafter, the Nominating Committee will present its nominee to the Regional Council at its September 5, 2019 meeting.

Listed below are the minimum eligibility requirements for a SCAG Officer candidate in accordance with Article VI, Section C of the SCAG Bylaws:

- (1) At the time of the application, the potential candidate must be a representative of a votingeligible Member of the Association who has served on the Regional Council for at least 24 continuous months from when first appointed to the Regional Council or from when elected to serve on the Regional Council through a District election.
- (2) The potential candidate must be actively involved with SCAG.
- (3) The potential candidate must be a local elected official from a SCAG member county, city or CTC.
- (4) Term limits will not prevent the potential candidate from serving a full term in the respective officer position.



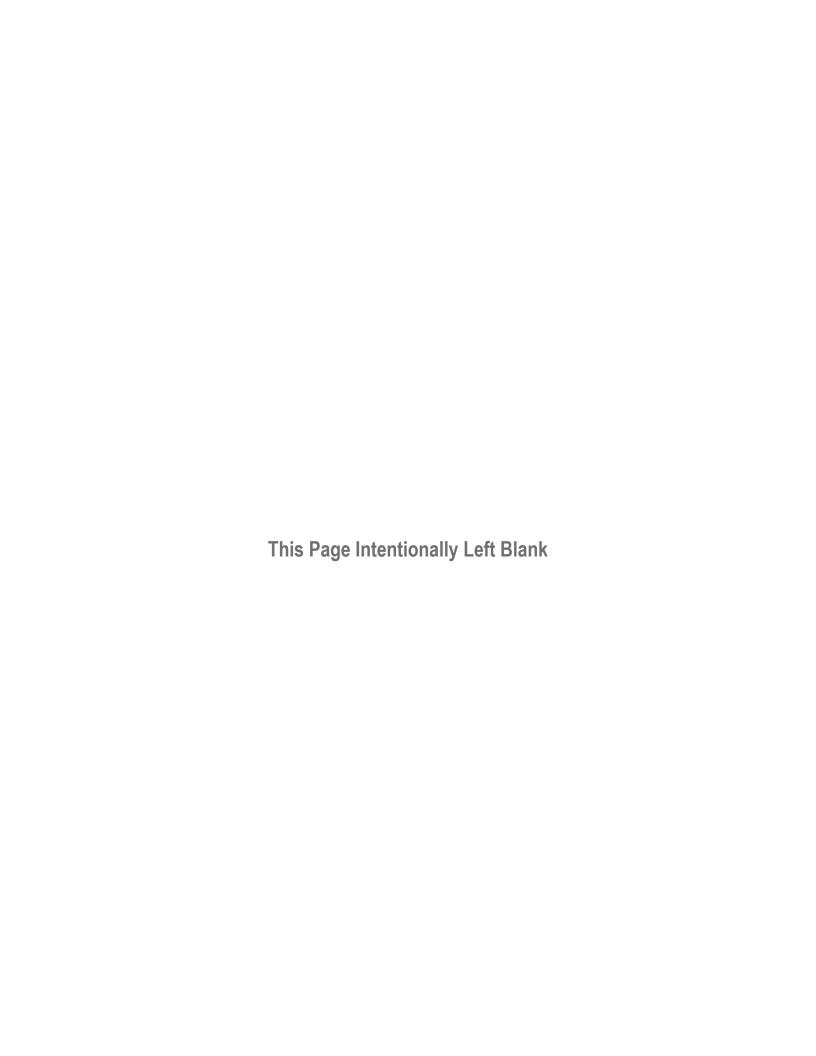
(5) A completed nomination application must be submitted to the Association by the appropriate deadline by either the potential candidate or a colleague on the Regional Council.

Based upon staff's review of the applications, all prospective candidates except for Councilmember Hofbauer whose application was submitted to staff after the deadline have met the minimum eligibility requirements.

The applications submitted by the six Regional Council members are attached to this staff report.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1) Application for Candidate 1: Councilmember Jan Harnik, RCTC
- 2) Application for Candidate 2: Supervisor Linda Parks, Ventura County
- 3) Application for Candidate 3: Supervisor Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County
- 4) Application for Candidate 4: Councilmember David Ryu, Los Angeles, RC District No. 51
- 5) Application for Candidate 5: Councilmember Clint Lorimore, Eastvale, RC District No. 4
- 6) Application for Candidate 6: Councilmember Steve Hofbauer, Palmdale, RC District No. 43



### **Tess Rey-Chaput**

From: SCAG <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 11, 2019 5:08 PM

**To:** Tess Rey-Chaput

**Subject:** SCAG Officer Position: Second Vice President [#2]

I acknowledge I have read the SCAG Bylaws, Article V, Section C, subsection 1-5 as described above; and meet the minimum

that \* eligibility requirements.

Name \* Jan Harnik

Name of your Riverside County Transportation Commission

SCAG Member

County, City

or County

Transportation

Commission \*

Phone Number (760) 285-7531

**Email \*** <u>jharnik@dc.rr.com</u>

**Application for** 2nd Vice President

Officer

Position \*

Terms of 3 terms

Service

completed on

**SCAG Regional** 

Council, a

minimum of

one full-term

(i.e. a term

equates to two

years on the

Regional

Council at		
time of		
application) *		

Total length of 6 years

**SCAG** service

(indicate

number of

years of

service) \*

When does the 2022

term of your

local elected

position

expire? \*

**Would term** No

limits prevent

you from

maintaining

your local

elected

position? \*

Positions held Regional Council, Transportation Committee, General Assembly Host Committee, Executive Administration at SCAG \* Committee (past), Emerging Technologies Committee, Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee, Scholarship Committee

### 1. Why do you wish to serve as a SCAG Officer? \*

In my years with Southern California Association of Governments, I have learned that the communities represented by SCAG are vastly diverse and certainly unique. Nonetheless, with direct, honest, and respectful (and occasionally uncomfortable) conversation, understanding and planning, we can develop solutions to the issues with which we all grapple. I believe my willingness to tackle difficult subjects and communicate and work with others, will be an asset in this position. The opportunity to raise awareness and understanding of how we impact, complement and depend on each other, and of the very real obstacles our region faces are exciting – no matter how difficult – and something I am highly motivated to do.

### 2. As an Officer, what would you contribute to SCAG? \*

The perspective I bring as a Southern Californian native – from Pacoima to Palm Desert, with numerous stops along the way – is valuable. Today, as a representative from Riverside County and the Coachella Valley, I am aware of the difficulties of transportation and housing in urban, suburban, rural and low–density areas. I recognize the issues presented by our agricultural communities and their importance to our economy and health. Also, I will continue to shed light on the impending health and economic concerns of the Salton Sea that will continue to impact the SCAG region. All of these issues must be part of the Southern California discussion.

Observing and learning from the Officers of SCAG has been an outstanding opportunity. The give and take, the occasional debate (both of which I enjoy), and deliberative thinking, all with the foundation constructed with the strong work of the SCAG staff has helped me grow as a public servant. I will bring a perspective that has developed through my service, experiences with my community and familiarity with the region. My creativity, tenacity and energy with hopefully lead to realistic solutions and I would like to bring those qualities to SCAG in a greater volume than I currently do.

(A) In addition Yes
to attending
regular and
special
meetings of
SCAG's
Regional
Council, will
you be able to
attend other
meetings and
functions of
SCAG, if
reguested? \*

I represent the City of Palm Desert and am active in RCTC and occasionally there may be a scheduling conflict.

professional or personal

(B) What

constraints on

your time or

service that

you

anticipate? \*

4. What are your values and skills that you could bring to SCAG as an Officer? \*

I am open-minded and serve with enthusiasm and respect for the process. Bringing energy, integrity and inclusiveness are invaluable to develop solutions - and implement them. My belief that the greatest investment America has made is public school for everyone underscores my belief that the answers to our issues in our region and beyond lie in quality and relevant education. My public service has been a great teacher and I know that listening and working together brings the highest-quality solutions. The skills that I have learned, and continue to work on, to be an effective and loving parent, apply in all areas of life patience, listening, acceptance, and so many more (ask my children).

5. What is your vision for the future of SCAG and what do you believe needs to be done to accomplish this vision? \*

My vision for SCAG is that the desire to "win" does not mean anyone must "lose". Our cities, counties and agencies must work together to manage our resources, promote health and lift our community members. To accomplish this we must continue to listen and learn. Then to effectuate the vision, we need to remember that our youth are our greatest asset. They always have been. Our "early adopters" will promote and implement the improvements to our physical environment, healthy lifestyles, coupled with acceptance and embracing of difference. Our job today is to include and inspire our youth in the solutions.

you consider the strengths of SCAG? \*

**6. What would** SCAG's strengths lie in participation by representatives and staff and the willingness to tackle new or difficult issues. Also, remaining agile and responsive while addressing weaknesses is a strength. The recent development of the Emerging Technologies Committee is a perfect example. Rather than viewing technology as just something that was happening, our approach is to find ways to cause it to be an asset and a tool for the organization. It defines leadership.

7. What could SCAG improve on? \*

We have heard repeatedly that we must have our voices heard in Sacramento. An annual visit will not get the job done. We know the reasons that Northern California receives more attention and resources - they are constantly seen and heard. Developing a plan to be "the squeaky wheel" is critical. Part of that plan is to respond immediately with presence in Sacramento when needed. And when not in Sacramento, we must work together to send a strong and consistent message that our needs must be met fairly and with realistic approaches.

**Print Your** 

Jan C Harnik

Name

Date Sunday, August 11, 2019

**l acknowledge** by checking this box, my printed name above is my signature for submitting this application.

that \*

### **Tess Rey-Chaput**

From: SCAG <no-reply@wufoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 1:27 PM

**To:** Tess Rey-Chaput

**Subject:** SCAG Officer Position: Second Vice President [#3]

lacknowledge I have read the SCAG Bylaws, Article V, Section C, subsection 1-5 as described above; and meet the minimum

that \* eligibility requirements.

Name \* Linda Parks

Name of your Ventura County

SCAG Member

County, City

or County

Transportation

Commission \*

Phone Number (805) 214-2510

Email \* <u>Linda.Parks@ventura.org</u>

**Application for** 2nd Vice President

Officer

Position \*

Terms of 8 terms

Service

completed on

**SCAG Regional** 

Council, a

minimum of

one full-term

(i.e. a term

equates to two

years on the

Regional

Council at
time of
application) \*

Total length of 16 years

**SCAG** service

(indicate

number of

years of

service) \*

When does the 12/22

term of your

local elected

position

expire? \*

Would term Yes

limits prevent

you from

maintaining

your local

elected

position? \*

as a SCAG

Positions held Audit Committee, Bylaws and Resolution Committee, Nominating Committee, Executive Administration

at SCAG \* Committee and member of TC, EEC, CEHD, Regional Council and General Assembly, represented SCAG on State

**RTAC Committee** 

1. Why do you I have been a member of SCAG for more than a quarter of my life and now that I am in my last term, I want to

wish to serve do what I can for an organization that I admire and that has done so much for our region. I learn something

new everyday at SCAG and am thankful for the relationships and resources, and the good work of our

Officer? \* employees and leadership team.

### 2. As an Officer, what would you contribute to SCAG? \*

I would be a good team player on the Executive Committee guiding SCAG to fulfill its role and assisting our Regional Council and their communities. We are facing some unprecedented challenges in our cities and our region. I would be a voice for providing the tools for those that strive to be a model for others to exemplify, and incentivize positive action for those that are struggling.

As a manager, I want to ensure our Executive Director can take the organization to the next level, and encourage employees strive for excellence and have high morale.

As a leader, I want to make a welcoming environment at SCAG that values our staff, our membership and our partners. I will devote my time to increasing the positive efforts and effectiveness of the organization and work with our membership and staff to achieve this. I will also encourage an atmosphere of rolling up our sleeves and engagement, with a goal of improving the livability of our region. With a Master's in Urban Planning and work experience as a Transportation Planner, as well as having sat on all the SCAG committees, I bring a regional set of tools to assist me and SCAG,. I also have an understanding of city government as a former Planning Commissioner, Councilmember and Mayor of a city of 130,000, and will contribute a knowledgeable understanding of issues with a strong background in policy and problem solving. As a County Supervisor, I bring a wider breadth of resources associated with County government to assist my leadership role at SCAG.

(A) In additio

state, nation, etc.

(A) In addition Yes, I will prioritize being there for SCAG at SCAG offices, and at functions and meetings throughout the region,

regular and

special

meetings of

SCAG's

Regional

Council, will

you be able to

attend other

meetings and

functions of

SCAG, if

(B) What

requested? \*

professional

My Board of Supervisors meetings are on most Tuesdays which is a constraint, unless there are critical issues for SCAG on a Tuesday that needs my presence.

or personal

constraints on

your time or

service that

you

anticipate? \*

4. What are your values and skills that you could bring to SCAG as an Officer? \*

Relationships: Friendships and key relationships with dozens of leaders

Experience: Understanding city and county government, Transportation Planner for public, private and non-profit agencies.

Leadership: Have served as Mayor, Councilmember and Planning Commissioner, Chaired Ventura County Transportation

Commission, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District, Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission, Santa Monica

Mountains Conservancy. Currently Chair of Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance, Vice Chair Clean Power Alliance, Member

Ventura County Behavioral Health Board, California State University Channel Islands Site Authority.

Public Private Partnerships: Established non-profit job training program for people with mental illness (Growing Works) and provided seed money through fundraising, founded Ventura County Discovery Center for children's science education,

Community Engagement: Created three Municipal Advisory Councils (Santa Rosa Valley, Casa Conejo, Somis), started a Waterworks District Community Advisory Committee (Lake Sherwood), convened several Senior Summits at CSUCI for hundreds of senior citizens and service providers, organized Unity in the Community (Oak Park) in response to anti–Semitism, and organized dozens of Quarterly Dinner events on topical issues, led initiatives that protect farmland, parks and open space (SOAR and Parks Initiative), established Santa Monica Mountains Bicycle Tourism Roundtable

Transportation Planning experience with public, private and non-profit agencies and Master's in Urban Planning that has helped me to improve transportation in my district including adding miles of synchronized signals, resolving longstanding gridlock at a regional intersection, and developing a partnership between schools, cities, and the county that created a free popular bus system, and working with bicycle companies successfully championed a new bicycle lane connecting communities that will be installed this year.

Working for the Public Good: Rotary Paul Harris Fellow, Red Cross Honorary Chair – Ride for the Red, National Alliance on Mental Illness Honorary Chair – Ventura County NAMI Walk, Small Business Administration – National Phoenix Award for Public Official of the Year, Ventura County District Attorney – Justice for Victims Award, Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation – Citizen of the Year

Values: Safe streets and neighborhoods, clean air and water, healthy, inclusive, vibrant and resilient communities, and government that cares for society's most vulnerable, encourages public participation, fiscal responsibility, honesty, and transparency.

5. What is your vision for the future of SCAG and what do you believe needs to be done to accomplish this vision? \*

My vision for SCAG is to have an active and inspired membership that works together with expert and helpful staff and public/private partners to make meaningful and lasting benefits for our region by improving transportation, furthering good planning principles, and ensuring healthy, resilient communities, safe streets and neighborhoods.

To accomplish this vision requires clearly stated goals that are embraced by the Regional Council and put forward in the RTP, RHNA and SCS. Agenda items for our committees should address how the item is relevant to the goals. We should continually look at ways to improve effectiveness to achieve further success. Having a few clearly stated goals will make SCAG better understood to those who don't currently know what SCAG does, and focus our resources to effectuate outcomes.

I also want to support our members as they work to improve their communities. SCAG has done a great job in recent years reaching out to its member communities and there is still more we can do to assist our membership. SCAG has much to offer through its experience assisting cities and counties, offering encouragement to leaders and giving them the resources and tools to get it done.

I'd also like to work for organizational efficiencies to reduce waste and duplication, that we maintain clear budgeting, and recognize staff for their good work and that there are opportunities for their growth.

I would also like to increase the positive image people have of SCAG. For example SCAG can increase its image by participating in positive events like Ciclovia and Clean Air Day, and being associated with positive projects such as clean energy vehicles, relieving congestion, innovative housing solutions, and safe bike lanes.

### 6. What would you consider the strengths of SCAG? \*

Over the last decade SCAG has formed new partnerships with industry and agency leaders, and coupled with a savvy staff, increased SCAG's influence in the region. Good working relationships with State agencies including Caltrans, CARB, HCD, the Governor's Office, and legislative leaders goes a long way towards our success. Through grants for projects and planning, the region has benefited from SCAG funding for renewal projects and transportation infrastructure. Our planning processes have emphasized multi-benefits including pedestrian safety, social justice, and affordable housing. Staff has done a great job bringing pertinent presentations that educate and prepare members for understanding SCAG issues, and make us better informed when we go back to our respective communities.

### 7. What could SCAG improve on? \*

- -Work for more multi-benefits in grants and projects, for example investment in lower income and disadvantaged communities, job training, energy conservation, safety, reduced emissions, innovative housing solutions.
- -Emphasize healthy cities and de-emphasize sprawl development.
- -Address urgent issues that face our region, for example homelessness.
- -Join with non-traditional partners for multi-benefits such as water boards, conservancies, schools.

- -Organizationally, enhance financial accounting practices.
- -Heighten regional image: become better known as a local resource (something we've already improved on significantly), have SCAG associated with positive regional projects like popular events, safe bike paths, non-polluting transit vehicles, ending gridlock, partnering with agencies on their positive initiatives
- -Educate members on positive examples of regional planning.

Attach a File



**Print Your** Linda Parks

Name

Date Wednesday, August 14, 2019

I acknowledge by checking this box, my printed name above is my signature for submitting this application.

that \*

### SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE



Ventura County Second District Supervisor Linda Parks was recognized in 2019 by the SBA for her community relations work after Ventura County endured wildfires and a mass shooting.

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### SBA honors Supervisor Parks for role in Ventura recovery

**By Chris Officer** 

Staff Writer

As Ventura County's Second District Supervisor, Linda Parks didn't need to empathize with those affected by 2018's rash of wildfires that ravaged Southern California, because she knew firsthand what it was like to be a victim.

Between 2017 and 2018, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties were hit by three natural disasters, the Woolsey fire, Hill fire and Thomas fire.

"All three fires hit my district," Parks said. "Unfortunately, Ventura County has become an expert on dealing with massive wildfires."

Parks, a resident of Thousand Oaks said even she had to evacuate her home for four nights after the Woolsey and Hill fires ignited in November 2018.

However Parks said she was committed to ensuring residents of Ventura County were safe during the wildfires and helping those affected with the recovery process. During the initial blaze, she helped keep lines of communication open throughout the county by help announcing power outages and alerting evacuated residents when it was safe to return home.

Parks said there were also other situations that arise that required on-your-toes responses, including to ensure water companies had enough supply for firefighters to try and contain the fire.

Due to the evacuations, several residents

evacuated their homes, leaving their sprinkler systems on after leaving. This created a shortage to a city's special district, so Parks took to social media to alert homes to shut and leave their water off.

Even when Parks' district got a handle on the burning fires, she said she then quickly collaborated with Los Angeles County fire officials, pushing residents in danger zones to evacuate.

Now that the smoke has settled, Parks said the rebuilding efforts are moving along, despite still conducting debris removal and dealing with areas heavily contaminated with asbestos. But she added the county recently saw its first building permit approved, and 70 percent of permits have been cleared.

While Parks was dealing in evacuations and wildfire recovery, she was also simultaneously juggling with Thousand Oaks tragedy, the aftermath of the Borderline Bar & Grill mass shooting, which left 12 people dead. The attack took place just hours before the Hill fire was first reported.

After the shootings Parks, despite evacuating her own home, abandoned her office, too. She said when federal agencies came to Thousand Oaks, she immediately cleared everyone out of her office near The Oaks shopping mall and converted it into an outpost.

"They were working out of our office for

unification center at 2 a.m., where potential-



**Title** Ventura County Second District Supervisor

**Tri-county communities** Thousand Oaks, Newbury Park, Westlake Village, CSU Channel Islands, Oxnard Plain, **Naval Base Ventura County** Point Mugu

Location: Westlake Village

Website: www.ventura.org

victims' family members assembled to meet with loved ones.

"There was really no unification happing, just family members there." Parks said. "I just tried to comfort them."

For her efforts, the Small Business But maybe the most difficult time page 15015393 victims low-interest loans, helping November 2018, Parks recalled, was at the unification center at 2 a most long. Administration, which Parks said was on other business rebuilding efforts, recognized





Top, the aftermath of the Woolsey fire. Bottom, memorial for victims of the Borderline mass shooting.

Parks with the 2019 Phoenix Award. It is awarded for outstanding contributions to disaster recovery by a public official, and Parks was honored by both the SBA's national and Los Angeles district office.

"It's not just me who earned the award," Parks said. "This was an award for the county."











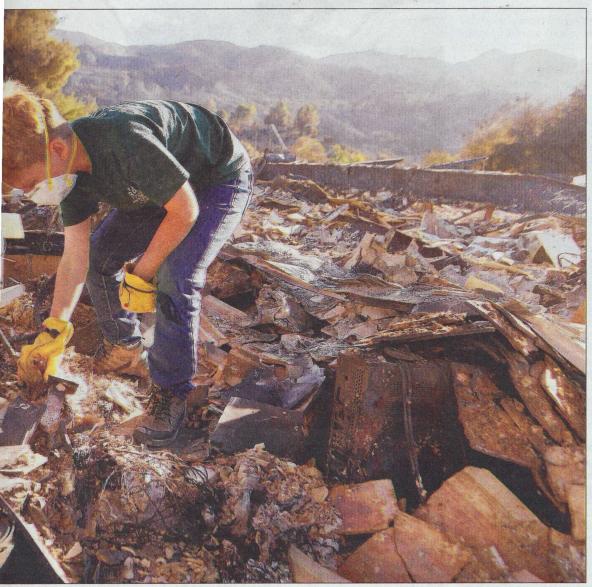


### Scenes from Crime Victims' Rights Week ceremony

County Supervisor Linda Parks accepts an award from District Attorney Greg Totten during the annual ceremony marking National Crime Victims Rights Week at the Ventura County Government Center. Parks was recognized for her work helping Borderline shooting victims.

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h the rubble of a friend's home after the Woolsey fire burned the Seminole Springs mobile home park.

# nking prevention?

s didn't help Paradise or Malibu. New ideas may be needed.



more than 80 dead. More than Nominating Committee 00 Aug 122, 120 19 re gone.

Page 17 of 38t year's wine country blazes swept across parts of eight counties and incinerated nearly 9,000 buildings

## Grief rattles sleepy suburb

As Thousand Oaks mourns, county supervisor wonders how city will heal.

BY SOUMYA KARLAMANGLA

Linda Parks navigates her car up a winding street and sighs as she points out where fire has scorched the hillsides, now bald and

She usually finds solace in running and cycling in these mountains - "they're kind of like my churches," she says, gazing at them. But she quickly focuses her attention back on the road; there is no time to dwell to-

Parks, a Ventura County supervisor, is meeting with residents of Bell Canyon, an affluent community north of Calabasas where 36 homes were destroyed in a recent blaze. Then, she has to attend a funeral for a 23-yearold killed in the mass shooting in Thousand Oaks. The commitments are just an hour apart, across town.

It's a Saturday, but it's hectic, like all the days since Nov. 8, when a massacre at a bar was followed by devastating fires. When Thousand Oaks, the biggest city in the district Parks has represented for more than 15 years, became a household



KENT NISHIMURA Los Angeles Times

**SEARCH** and rescue teams inspect a site in Paradise. One proposal is a "strategic retreat" from communities that repeatedly burn.



KATIE FALKENBERG Los Angeles Times

REMNANTS of a home on Dume Drive in Malibu. Another proposal is a state commission to oversee development in fire zones.

say, amount to a public safety problem that demands more than the standard fire-safety requirements.

"All of that is important, but there are other things to be thinking about," said Tom Jacobson, a land-use attorney and Sonoma State professor of geography, environment and planning.

There is tension, he acknowledged, between a fire-ravaged community's understandable desire to quickly recreate what it has lost and the need to rebuild in a different way - or perhaps not at all.

But this is literally life and death," he said, and the state needs to assume a greater role in the siting and design of new development in high fire-hazard zones.

We have a lot more ability to predict fire behavior and vulnerability and map those things," he said. "We know stuff that we didn't know before. What do we do about

Max Moritz, a cooperative extension wildfire specialist at UC Santa Barbara's Bren School, has devoted much of his career wrestling with how the nation's most populous state can coexist with fire, an inevitable product of its spectacular wilds.

'It's not a land management and wildland fire management problem. It's an urban planning problem," he said. "It's an issue of where and how we build, and how do you get people out in time.'

[See Prevention, B6]

Parks spent the first hours after the Borderline Bar and Grill shooting at a reunification center trying to comfort family members. Her eyes, a bright bluishgreen, take on a far-off look when she recalls the memory, as though it's too painful. She watched police tell parent after parent that their child had not survived.

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"I'll tell you, after the Borderline shooting, the fires were easy," Parks says as she pulls into Bell Can-

But now that the danger from the Woolsey fire, which torched 1,600 structures across L.A. and Ventura counties, has dissipated, many here are beginning to grapple with how to move forward after such calamity.

Some feel their pain has been minimized, as journalists and public officials alike that catastrophic say weather events and mass shootings are now a regular part of American life. The tragedies seem to have been deemed a new normal, but here, in their aftermath, it feels far from it.

To Parks, that the two disasters descended simultaneously seems like unbelievable bad luck, and she fears the streak is not over. What's next, she thinks: Mudslides? Earthquakes?

"You wonder if another shoe is going to drop," says Parks, 61, "because we've just been hit with so much."

Parks takes the microphone in the Bell Canyon community room, where more than 100 people pack

A quiet woman with a clear voice, Parks was elected to represent the southeastern corner of Ventura County, the part that borders Los Angeles County.

Her schedule is typically filled with meetings with [See Supervisor, B10]

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SHERYL EVANS, 45, continues to search for important items at the Calabasas house she's been renting for six years. She says it's part of the healing process.

### The harm from climate change

A landmark federal report warns of worse wildfires and drought in California. B2

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# County supervisor grieves with her town

[Supervisor, from B1] constituents and other officials. For the last two weeks, though, her duties have been those of crisis management — funerals and news conferences and emergency town halls.

"I know what we're here for, we would rather not be here for," Parks says to the crowd, sighing again.

Tables in the community room are piled with jeans and sweaters, deodorant and toothpaste tubes, stuffed animals and other donations. People wear shirts that say "Bell Canyon Strong."

The Woolsey fire is the first to destroy homes in Bell Canyon, where the first houses were built in 1969, residents say.

"This thing just rips right through," says Tim Brehm, a retired photographer who successfully defended his home from the flames. "This is, by far and away, the fastest-moving fire we've ever experienced."

Parks finishes speaking and rushes out of the neighborhood. On one side of the road, the wispy trees are light green. On the other, frayed and brown.

She says she wants to move power lines underground, since many fires are caused by sparking lines. She also wants to discourage building houses in places deemed a high fire risk.

But many worry that policy changes won't be enough to stop destructive fires. Fire officials say that the effects



AL SEIB Los Angeles Times

"WE'VE JUST been hit with so much," Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks said of the recent mass shooting and wildfire in Thousand Oaks.

of years-long drought and climate change have made it nearly impossible for fire-fighters to contain blazes.

Gov. Jerry Brown recently warned that California is in for more unstoppable mega-fires, calling it a "new abnormal."

One day after the shooting, Parks was evacuated from her home in Thousand Oaks due to fires. She and her husband couch-surfed for four nights until they could return. After seeing how quickly the Thomas fire moved last year, she thought her home might burn down, she says.

"It used to be, it'll hit the coast in three days," she says. "Now, it's, it'll hit the coast in a matter of hours."

Parks, who grew up in Los Angeles, moved to Thousand Oaks in 1988 after having her first child. She came to the city, a sleepy suburb about 40 miles northwest of L.A., for the good public schools, she says.

An urban planner, she rose to political prominence as a champion of preserving open space. She was elected to the Thousand Oaks City Council in 1996 and the Board of Supervisors six years after that.

Now, the children she raised here have moved and are in their late 20s and early 30s — around the same age as most of the victims of the Borderline shooting.

Early Nov. 8, a few hours

after the fatal bullets were fired, Parks found herself at the reunification center because she didn't know where else to go. She spent nine hours there, listening to parents and giving them tissues. There wasn't anything to do but console them.

Twelve people died at Borderline in addition to the shooter, who killed himself.

Nine families waited at the reunification center, but there was no reunification, Parks said. Some were in denial. Some wept.

After sitting alongside the parents for the toughest moments of their lives, Parks knows them intimately. She hugs them at their children's funerals.

She left the reunification center around 11 a.m. and later that day — she's pretty sure it was the same day, though the frenzied timeline has begun to blur — her office was turned into a victims assistance center.

There, she watched police hand parents their dead child's possessions — a son's cellphone and wallet, a daughter's necklace.

She recalls the scene as she drives to the funeral and winces. She can't push the image from her head. She tries to further describe what she witnessed but can barely get the words out.

Many Thousand Oaks residents have expressed similar struggles in dealing with a tragedy that touched so many lives in the community.

Glenn Cohen, a doctor in

Thousand Oaks, said one of his employees was at Borderline that night, but hid in the attic and survived. Ventura County Sheriff's Sgt. Ron Helus, who died in the shooting, was one of Cohen's patients.

Earlier this year, Cohen's teenage daughter was at the local mall during a shooting — another incident that shocked families here.

"We live in an area like this — we all call it 'the bubble' — because we're all supposed to be protected and safe," says Cohen, 52. "We can't be as naive as we'd like to be."

When Parks pulls up to Cal Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, she has only a few minutes to get to the funeral. She starts walking rapidly but then slips off her heels and runs barefoot across the campus to the chapel.

She settles into a pew just before the service begins for Justin Meek, who graduated from the university in May.

Parks knows Meek's mother because she was at the reunification center. Parks has also seen her attending funerals for the other victims. Today, she sits in the front row.

A local singer, Paige Peel, performs a song about the massacre under the chapel's stained-glass windows. Parks heard Peel sing the day before, at another service. She can't listen without crying, she says.

"Why can't the devil stay in hell where he belongs?

And stop trying to settle a deal up here, just move along," Peel sings. "These aren't just walls and a door to walk through and take our own. No. this is our home."

At the end of the service, Parks' eyes are wet with tears.

"Such beautiful young men and women," she says of those killed, shaking her head.

Outside the chapel, in the waning afternoon light, Parks watches as Meek's family releases white doves. She smiles as the birds join together in a flock, flying north.

Parks gingerly steps toward the family. She hugs Meek's mother, a short blond woman with a kind face. The mother tells her that as a boy, Meek had a dove named Grace.

As people begin to disperse, the elected officials who attended the service chat with one another. They sat together at two funerals a day earlier, and another the day before that. They've never spent this much time together, they joke — they never thought they would have to.

After this is over, they must all get together, one of the officials says. Yes, they'll do something as a group, perhaps share a meal, another says.

Parks nods, adding, in almost a whisper: "And not be at a funeral."

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**RECOGNITION**—Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks accepts a Phoenix Award from representatives of the U.S. Small Business Administration on May 5 in Washington, D.C.

### Local supervisor receives national honor

### Parks given SBA's Phoenix Award

Longtime Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks was in the nation's capital this week to accept an honor from the U.S. Small Business Administration for her work following the Woolsey fire.

The federal agency gave Parks, a Thousand Oaks resident, its 2019 National Small Business Week Phoenix Award, a title it bestows on business owners, public officials and volunteers who display "selflessness, ingenuity and tenacity in the aftermath of a disaster, while contributing to the rebuilding of their communities," according to a news release.

On Sunday, Parks tweeted that the honor was "very hum-

bling, and a reflection of how we as a community rise up from the ashes."

In the release, the SBA credits the supervisor for her actions in the wake of the November fire, which burned 97,000 acres and forced 295,000 residents—including Parks—from their homes.

"Parks cleared out her office and loaned it to county officials for their use as a Victims Assistance Center," the SBA said. "She coordinated several fire recovery town hall meetings for displaced residents. In addition to attending fire briefings with the California governor's office, the Department of the Interior and FEMA, Parks held numerous press conferences urging residents to follow evacuation and safety orders."

The Phoenix Awards were presented to four people in Washington, D.C., in a special ceremony held May 5 to kick off National Small Business Week.

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## Task force begins tackling ways to prevent mass shootings

Kathleen Wilson, Ventura County Star

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Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks, right, is backing a task force that would look for gaps in the system to protect the public and provide mental health care to prevent another mass shooting. (Photo: ANTHONY PLASCENCIA/THE STAR)

A task force formed to prevent mass shootings in the wake of the Borderline attack last year is looking at how to bolster public safety and add treatment options, potentially with recommendations on how to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people.

Called the Task Force on Mental Health & Safety, the panel was established by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors after the killings of 12 victims last November at the Borderline Bar and Grill in Thousand Oaks. The gunman, 28-year-old Ian David Long of Newbury Park, also died from a self-inflicted shot to the head.

Although the criminal investigations of the shootings are expected to take many more months, county officials say the panel can look for gaps in the systems in place for protecting the public and providing mental health care in the meantime.

### MORE ON THE THOUSAND OAKS SHOOTING:

- Hundreds mourn victims of Thousand Oaks shooting (/story/news/courts/2018/11/08/hundreds-mourn-victims-thousand-oaks-shooting-community-vigils/1931302002/)
- Borderline victim's family still wants gun control instead of thoughts and prayers (/story/news/local/2019/01/19/borderline-shooting-victims-family-wants-gun-control-not-prayers/2539480002/)

• <u>Ventura County sheriff's sergeant killed in Borderline shooting struck by friendly fire (/story/news/2018/12/07/ventura-county-sheriffs-office-offer-update-borderline-shooting/2233429002/)</u>

One idea the task force is looking at to expedite the exercise comes out of the Lean Six Sigma method used in industry and government to make continuous improvements.

County Executive Officer Mike Powers said various specialists from public safety, mental health and community organizations would meet in a team event called a "kaizen" to discuss how things work now, the problems they see and strategies to improve performance.

Powers said individuals who work on the front lines would take part. They could include deputy sheriffs and members of a mental health crisis team who respond to homes where someone is at risk of harming themselves or others, he said.

Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks said the event should provide a lot of data that will be "enormously helpful" for the task force.

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In the days after the mass shooting at the Borderline Bar & Grill, this memorial remembered the victims. (Photo: JUAN CARLO/THE STAR)

Parks, who represents the Thousand Oaks area, asked the Board of Supervisors to establish the task force a month after the shooting. Parks suggested then that a panel of experts be brought together to make recommendations on how to prevent and lessen the damage from mass shootings.

She said experts could look into whether police need more body armor to protect themselves, the design of buildings could be changed to minimize harm and issues surrounding access to guns for people with mental illness.

The task force currently is composed mainly of key county officials handling public safety, administrative, policymaking and mental health responsibilities. They include Sheriff Bill Ayub, District Attorney Greg Totten, Probation Director Mark Varela, Public Defender Todd Howeth, Behavioral Health Director Sevet Johnson, other health care officials, Powers and Parks. Thousand Oaks City Manager Andrew Powers is also on the panel.

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Others are being added to represent veterans, courts, state legislators who may be able to help get laws changed, schools and mental health clients plus other organizations.

The task force has met twice, is scheduled to continue to meet monthly and is just beginning its work. A proposed mission statement calls for identifying steps to enhance systems for safety and mental health care to prevent gun violence, but has not yet been adopted. Recommended actions would build on existing strengths of agencies in the county, the draft statement said.

Members of the public are invited to make comments and suggestions for the task force at <a href="https://www.venturacountyrecovers.org/county-of-ventura-task-force-on-mental-health-and-safety/">www.venturacountyrecovers.org/county-of-ventura-task-force-on-mental-health-and-safety/</a>).

The task force's meetings, though, are not open to the public.

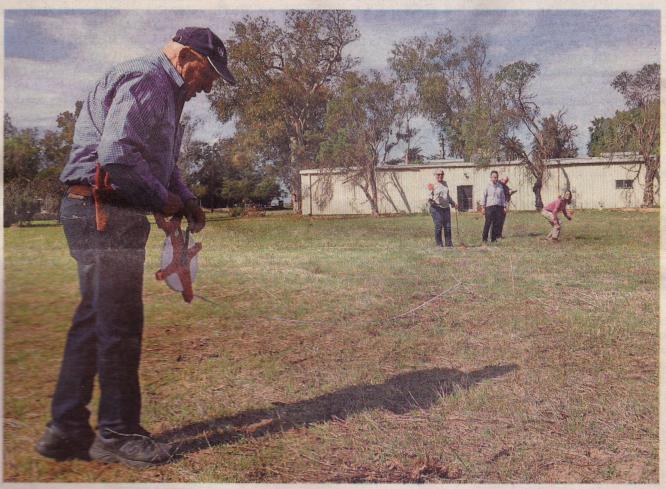
The panel's recommendations will be made public when they are presented to the Board of Supervisors at an undetermined date, county officials said.

#### **AFTERMATH OF SHOOTINGS:**

- \$3.6 million sent to families, survivors in Borderline shooting (/story/news/2019/03/23/3-6-million-sent-families-survivors-borderline-shooting/3248440002/)
- <u>Teen accused of school shooting threat in Ventura (/story/news/local/communities/ventura/2019/03/22/teen-accused-school-shooting-threat-ventura/3253328002/)</u>
- <u>CLU organizes gathering to show support for Muslims after New Zealand shooting (/story/news/2019/03/15/california-lutheran-university-staff-gathering-solidarity-local-muslims/3175834002/)</u>

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# Work project starts to take root



Interim nursery manager Dennis Perry takes measurements on property that will become the Growing Works

The project will provide jobs for people with mental illness. Photos by Chuck KIRMAN/THE STAR

# Camarillo nonprofit nursery will provide jobs for people with mental illness, give employees support, therapy

Claudia Boyd-Barnett Special to Mentura County Sta USA TODAY NETWORK

A nine-acre vacant plot in Camarillo is slated to become a plant nursery and demonstration garden as part of a county-led effort to provide jobs for people with mental illness

The Growing Works Nursery and Demonstration Gardens will be on county-owned land at 1722 S. Lewis Road in Camarillo, close to existing housing for the mentally ill. The nursery is expected to employ 70 to 100 people a year. Employees will receive job training, therapy and ultimately assistance with transitioning intoNotlinating Committee - Aug. 22, 2019 culture-related employment.

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Page 24 ounty Supervisor Linda Parks says she came up with the idea after learning about a similar program in San Luis Obispo County that has been running since 1984.

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### **New Kanan bus shuttle ready to serve community**

August 29, 2013

By Sylvie Belmond belmond@theacorn.com



ON A ROLL-Darren Kettle, Ventura County Transportation Commission executive director, introduces the new Kanan bus shuttle with Linda Parks, Ventura County supervisor.

A new shuttle bus for residents of Agoura Hills and Oak Park is on the move.

The Kanan Shuttle, featuring two 24-passenger shuttle buses with a logo of a leaping mountain lion on the side, will loop back and forth between the 101 Freeway in Agoura and Lindero Canyon Road in Oak Park.

The buses provide a safe and comfortable transit alternative for Oak Park residents of all ages, said officials at a ribboncutting ceremony Monday at Mae Boyer Park.

Ventura County Supervisor championed the service with the help of the Ventura County Public Works Agency, the City of Agoura Hills and First Transit bus company.

All rides are free until November.

The shuttle operates Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., running every 15 minutes during school drop-off and pickup times, and every 30 minutes the rest of the day. There are 14 stops along the way. Nominating Committee - Aug. 22, 2019

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"This is a perfect route because everything is along Kanan. You can take it to schools, the park and for shopping," Parks said.

"It's going to reduce traffic, and it's going to be another opportunity to get out of your car, and it will improve the environment."

Oak Park schools Superintendent Tony Knight said the shuttle "will help to mitigate traffic around Oak Park High and Medea Creek Middle School."

The shuttle will benefit students, senior citizens and commuters who rely on Metro buses to travel between Los Angeles and Thousand Oaks.

David Fleisch, director of the Ventura County Transportation Department, said about 120 people have used the shuttle each day since the shuttle started running on Aug. 5.

The service will enhance transportation options provided by Dial-A-Ride, which has been operated by the City of Agoura Hills since 1985. Dial-A-Ride services will continue for elderly and disabled people.

"This will make life easier, hopefully, for all of us," Oak Park Municipal Advisory Councilmember Mike Paule said. "This is a milestone in our community to connect to the rest of the public transit system," he said.

"Not only are we providing congestion relief on Kanan Road, but we're also helping that godforsaken parking lot that we know as the 101," said Darren Kettle, executive director with the Ventura County Transportation Commission.

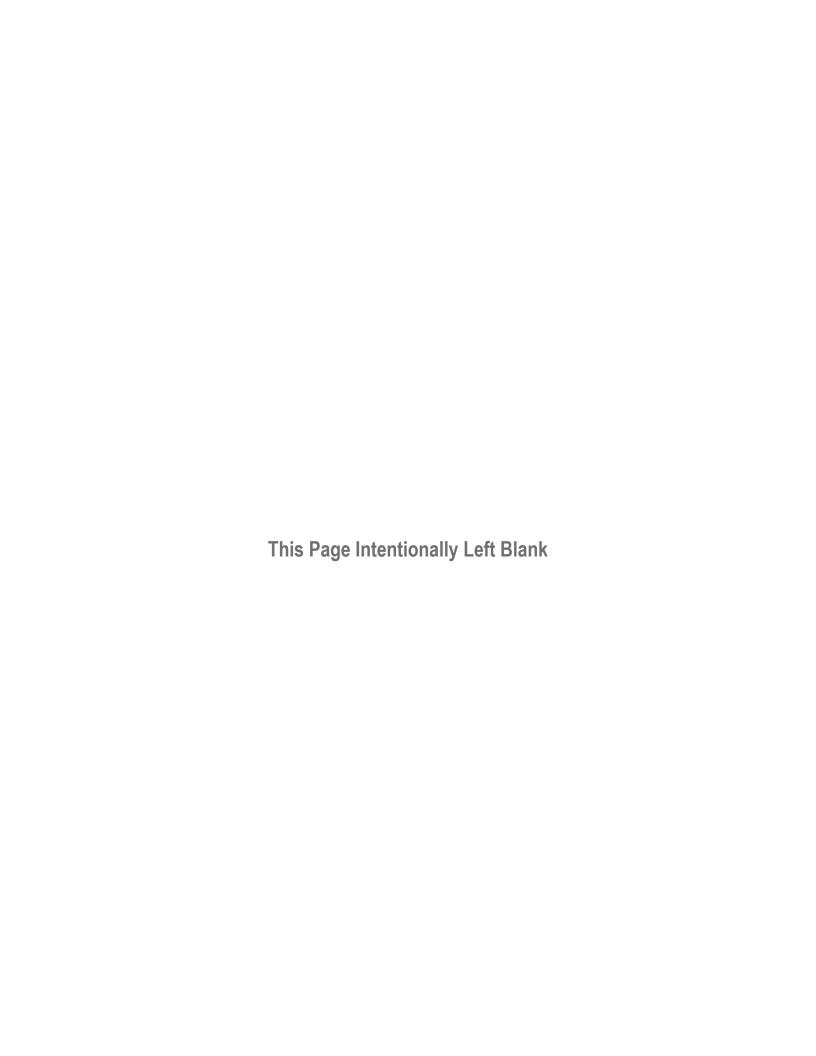
Fleisch said the local shuttle service could be emulated elsewhere in Ventura County.

"The next phase of this is to work with retailers at both ends of the shuttle to promote the shuttle," he said.

Agoura Hills council members and Mayor Denis Weber thanked Parks and Ventura County representatives for their hard work. They hope the new service will encourage Oak Park students to patronize retail centers in their community.

Additional stops may be added in Agoura Hills to provide access to some neighborhoods in that city.

For more information about the Kanan Shuttle Service and schedules, visit www.kananshuttle.com.



### **Tess Rey-Chaput**

From: SCAG <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2019 11:35 AM

**To:** Tess Rey-Chaput

**Subject:** SCAG Officer Position: Second Vice President [#4]

lacknowledge I have read the SCAG Bylaws, Article V, Section C, subsection 1-5 as described above; and meet the minimum

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**Application for** 2nd Vice President

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Position \*

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Total length of 4 years, 8 months

SCAG service

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When does the December, 2022

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**Positions held** Chairman of the Transportation Committee

at SCAG \*

Member of the Legislative / Communications & Membership Committee

Member of the Regional Council

Member of the Executive Administration Committee

Chairman of the Emerging Technologies Committee

Member of the Open Data / Big Data Committee

### 1. Why do you wish to serve as a SCAG Officer? \*

I wish to serve as a SCAG Officer because I believe that SCAG has an important mission in connecting the lives of residents in Southern California. This includes transportation, technology, housing, and many other issues where a regional approach is valuable. SCAG's slogan of "Innovating for a Better Tomorrow" holds a key goal that I also have in ensuring that our residents are well served both now and into the future. As County Supervisor, a former legislator and mayor, I am keenly aware of the needs and challenges of our region and am up to the large task of doing what I can to lead others in finding innovative solutions. I have served at all levels of government, and I have served members of San Bernardino, Los Angeles, and Orange Counties, so I have developed a regional perspective. As an Officer, I would have the opportunity to continue to work with staff and other elected officials in moving our region forward.

2. As an
Officer, what
would you
contribute to
SCAG? \*

My strengths as an officer would come from thinking out of the box. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to bring projects to completion. In my many years of service, I have developed a reputation of someone who works well with others, thinks out of the box and gets things done. This collaborative approach to solving our region's challenges is an asset, and one that I will continue to leverage as an Officer. My broad base of experience in the public and private sector allow me to approach challenges in a unique way, and reach innovative solutions.

(A) In addition to attending

Being engaged is an important part of being a leader, I look forward to playing an active role in moving forward SCAG goals and initiatives.

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I understand that this role comes with additional responsibilities and am ready and able to play an active role upon becoming an officer. The only challenges that I foresee would be possible scheduling conflicts; though, I would prioritize this role in the event of competing priorities. I presently serve as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors in San Bernardino County, and I look forward to bringing that experience to SCAG.

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My reputation as someone who works well with others and gets the job done will be valuable assets in supporting the President and ensuring that SCAG as an organization achieves and exceeds its goals for our region. Regarding values and skill set, I look forward to continuing to bring creative problem solving, leading by example and innovative ideas to the table.

and skills that you could bring to SCAG as an Officer?

as all Officer:

5. What is your vision for the future of SCAG and what do you believe needs to be done to accomplish this vision? \*

There are a number of issues that need to be approached from a regional perspective rather than being in silos in a particular city or county because the issues cross political boundaries. Homelessness, transportation, and the use of technology are three issues that don't recognize city or county lines, and many others exist. Technology has been a personal interest area, one that I have continued to bring to the forefront of our organization's list of priorities and considerations. As a result of creating this dialogue, I asked for a subcommittee to be formed that explored some of the facets of implementing technology to meet our residents' needs. We have scratched the surface of what technology can do to help us solve problems, I believe that this needs to be an ongoing conversation, and will be actively engaged in further exploring as an Officer.

### 6. What would you consider the strengths of SCAG? \*

SCAG is the largest MPO in our nation, with six counties, 191 cities and more than 19 million residents. We serve almost 50% of the total population of California. If our region was a state, we would be 5th largest on the list from the top with almost as many residents as the entire State of New York. The diverse size and scope of the region makes SCAG well-respected in all areas of planning in which it is engaged. SCAG does a phenomenal job of anticipating the infrastructure our region will need to keep up with the demands by residents to stay mobile.

SCAG also does a great job pursuing grant opportunities to improve the lives of residents, and works with our local partners in ensuring that we are heard.

7. What could

Because we serve so many communities, communication with the public is not always a simple task especially **SCAG** improve when it comes to reaching all of our stakeholders. SCAG is doing well in this area, and this is an area that I think that we can continue to improve as our technological capabilities increase. We should focus on nontraditional solutions to some of our regional challenges such as looking to improve goods movement and upgrades to government technological improvements.

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Thursday, August 15, 2019

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Total length of SCAG service (indicate number of years of service) *	4
When does the term of your local elected position expire? *	December 31, 2020
Would term limits prevent you from maintaining your local elected position? *	No
Positions held at SCAG *	Member, Regional Council
1. Why do you wish to serve as a SCAG Officer? *	My history with SCAG dates back almost fifteen years to when I served as Supervisor Yvonne Burke's SCAG deputy, and it has been a pleasure, since being elected to the Los Angeles City Council, to sit on the board as a Regional Council Member. The City of Los Angeles has not always consistently engaged with SCAG at a leadership level and I would like to change that as an officer on the Executive Committee. As a SCAG Officer, I will be better able to keep the City of Los Angeles engaged on critical regional policy discussions and decision—making.
2. As an Officer, what would you contribute to SCAG? *	As an experienced member of SCAG, through my time on the Regional Council and as a staffer, I believe SCAG's core mission is vital to helping craft policies at the City and County levels that will ensure the growth and vitality of the region in the years to come. I bring fifteen years of institutional knowledge to the role and as an Officer and I hope to not bring the perspective of the largest jobs and housing hub in the region to the Board, but also advocate on behalf of the organization and region at the state and federal levels.
(A) In addition to attending regular and special	Yes, I intend to SCAG meetings and functions as my role as an Officer.  Nominating Committee - Aug. 22, 2019
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(B) What professional or personal constraints on your time or service that

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My role as an LA City Councilmember means that I represent nearly 300,000 constituents. I have an obligation to attend Los Angeles City Council and Committee meetings, as well as ensuring that I meet with and listening to constituents and community organizations. However, as stated above, I intend to make role as a SCAG officer a priority and proudly represent not only the residents of District 51 but the Southern California Region at the state and federal levels.

### 4. What are your values and skills that you could bring to SCAG as an Officer? \*

My prior experience as a staff member to Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Burke has shaped my views and approach to regional policy making. As an elected official, I've carried that experience into my day-to-day work. I enjoy getting into the weeds on large policy issues and advocating for policies that will benefit the greater community. When I first ran for office, I emphasized the need to restore trust in government and prioritized community engagement. As an Officer, I hope to preserve and promote those values and help SCAG better engage the public about crucial regional policy decisions as well as maintaining transparency in the decision making process.

#### 5. What is your vision for the future of SCAG and what do you believe needs to be done to accomplish this vision? \*

Los Angeles is currently in a transportation and housing crisis, and I believe that SCAG's role in regional housing and transportation policies is going to increase as the State adds more teeth to the RHNA process and uses transportation as a factor for local housing strategy. This crisis opens up room for improvement and change throughout the levels of government and my vision is for SCAG to take this mantle on fully and advocate with the State and locally for a RHNA vision and process that is future–looking. Additionally, as RHNA becomes more important, I believe SCAG should look at a larger educational campaign on what SCAG is and how the RHNA numbers we approve impacts local communities so that we can get the public more engaged.

you consider the strengths of SCAG? \*

6. What would SCAG is a powerhouse because it brings together all of the agencies in Southern California. This platform allows neighboring jurisdictions to easily work together to address issues felt beyond city or county borders.

7. What could SCAG improve

SCAG makes big decisions that have substantial impacts as they trickle down to local jurisdictions, and yet many people are not aware of how these are made and when in an easy to digest way. Even many local elected officials struggle to always understand the intricacies of SCAG's work. Better diluting this work into digestible policy summaries and seminars would help bring transparency and engagement to the process.

**Print Your** 

David E. Ryu

Name

on? \*

Date

Friday, August 16, 2019

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### **Tess Rey-Chaput**

From:SCAG <no-reply@wufoo.com>Sent:Friday, August 16, 2019 4:55 PM

**To:** Tess Rey-Chaput

**Subject:** SCAG Officer Position: Second Vice President [#6]

I have read the SCAG Bylaws, Article V, Section C, subsection 1–5 as

described above; and meet the minimum eligibility requirements.

Name \* Clint Lorimore

Name of your SCAG Member County, City or

County Transportation Commission \*

Eastvale, District 4

**Phone Number** (951) 520–5832

Email \* <u>clorimore@eastvaleca.gov</u>

**Application for Officer Position \*** 2nd Vice President

Terms of Service completed on SCAG Regional

Council, a minimum of one full-term

(i.e. a term equates to two years on the Regional

Council at time of application) \*

Total length of SCAG service (indicate number of 4

years of service) \*

When does the term of your local elected

position expire? \*

December 2022

Would term limits prevent you from maintaining

your local elected position? \*

No

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Positions held at SCAG \*

**Executive Administration Committee** 

Chair - Legislative Communications and Membership Committee

Transportation Committee

District 4 Representative to the Regional Council

Scholarship Committee

1. Why do you wish to serve as a SCAG Officer? \*

I have a strong commitment to SCAG and wish to take on a larger role within

the organization.

2. As an Officer, what would you contribute to SCAG? *	As an Officer of SCAG, I would contribute my time and efforts in support of the organization's mandate and policy priorities.
(A) In addition to attending regular and special meetings of SCAG's Regional Council, will you be able to attend other meetings and functions of SCAG, if requested? *	Yes
(B) What professional or personal constraints on your time or service that you anticipate? *	I maintain a full time job. While I do have flexibility in my work schedule as a salaried employee, there are at times availability constraints. This being said, I take my elected responsibilities seriously and adjust my calendar accordingly.
4. What are your values and skills that you could bring to SCAG as an Officer? *	I bring a commitment of service, dedication to the task at hand and the ability to work collaboratively through contentious issues.
5. What is your vision for the future of SCAG and what do you believe needs to be done to accomplish this vision? *	My vision for the future of SCAG is that the organization take a larger role in influencing the discussions and outcomes surrounding its policy priorities and areas of expertise. SCAG should be the indispensable tool that policy makers come to when searching for solutions to problems facing the state and the region. We get to such a place by improving upon our advocacy efforts and leveraging and promoting the expertise of staff already employed at the organization.
6. What would you consider the strengths of SCAG? *	SCAG has many strengths. The two that I would like to highlight are SCAG's Staff and SCAG's Board Members. The professionalism and competence of SCAG's staff is second to none. Staff's expertise, combined with the policy and decision making acumen of the Board make for a powerful organization.
7. What could SCAG improve on? *	One area that the organization can improve is in the area of advocacy. A deeper pursuit of SCAG's policy priorities at the State and Federal level would pay huge dividends for the region we serve. Too often SCAG is forced to play defense as opposed to providing innovative policy solutions for the problems facing our region.
Print Your Name	Clint Lorimore
Date	Friday, August 16, 2019
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### **Tess Rey-Chaput**

From: SCAG <no-reply@wufoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 17, 2019 8:45 PM

**To:** Tess Rey-Chaput

**Subject:** SCAG Officer Position: Second Vice President [#7]

I acknowledge that \* I have read the SCAG Bylaws, Article V, Section C, subsection 1-5 as described above; and meet the minimum eligibility requirements. Name \* Steve Hofbauer Name of your SCAG Member County, City or Palmdale / NCTC County Transportation Commission \* **Phone Number** (661) 609-7456 Email \* shofbauer@cityofpalmdale.org Application for Officer Position \* 2nd Vice President Terms of Service completed on SCAG Regional Yes Council, a minimum of one full-term (i.e. a term equates to two years on the Regional Council at time of application) \*

Total length of SCAG service (indicate number of 9

years of service) \*

When does the term of your local elected 2020

position expire? \*

Would term limits prevent you from maintaining

your local elected position? \*

No

Positions held at SCAG \* RC

CEHD Member RHNA Committee

**Transportation Committee** 

1. Why do you wish to serve as a SCAG Officer? \* I am a firm believer in collaborative regional governance. Our collective efforts are able to achieve more than the sum of our individual efforts

2. As an Officer, what would you contribute to SCAG? *	I would like to bring my knowledge of planning, and experience in transportation and housing to benefit the region.
(A) In addition to attending regular and special meetings of SCAG's Regional Council, will you be able to attend other meetings and functions of SCAG, if requested? *	Yes, I have been actively engaged in many areas already.
(B) What professional or personal constraints on your time or service that you anticipate? *	Other than my official duties at the city, I am committed to the position
4. What are your values and skills that you could bring to SCAG as an Officer? *	I bring the ability to seek common ground among diverse interests.
5. What is your vision for the future of SCAG and what do you believe needs to be done to accomplish this vision? *	I believe scag can play a critical and expanded role in working with the rural and smaller communities to play a stronger role in regional planning.  Communication and mentoring is the key to accomplishing this
6. What would you consider the strengths of SCAG? *	The diversity of experiences and depth of knowledge of the RC and committee members is unparalleled in any other organization.
7. What could SCAG improve on? *	Generally, communication issues can always be improved on. Most conflict is often the result of lack of understanding of others roles or perspectives.
Print Your Name	Steven D Hofbauer
Date	Friday, August 16, 2019
I acknowledge that *	by checking this box, my printed name above is my signature for submitting this application.