

**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

A Joint Powers Authority

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TELECONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA**

Tuesday, January 17, 2012 – 2:30 p.m.

TELECONFERENCE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION LOCATIONS

City of Glendale, City Hall

613 E. Broadway, Ste 200
Glendale, CA 91206

City of Los Angeles, City Hall

200 North Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

City of Santa Clarita, City Hall

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Santa Clarita, CA 91355

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Arletta Maria Brimsey, Deputy City Attorney, City of Los Angeles

CALL TO ORDER — San Fernando Valley Council of Governments (SFVCOG)

1. CALL TO ORDER — ROLL CALL — Ara Najarian, Chair
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time members of the public can address the San Fernando Valley Council of Governments Board of Directors (Board) regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the agency that are not separately listed on this agenda, subject to time restrictions, by filling out a Public Comment Card and submitting that card to the Secretary. Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak on agenda items at the time the item is called for discussion. No action may be taken on items not listed on the agenda unless authorized by law. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Board in writing and only pertinent points presented orally.

SPECIAL CALENDAR

The Board of Directors may take action on the following item(s):

3. REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES, EXTENSION, TRANSITION AND REFORM - The recent ruling (6-0) of the California Supreme Court in the case of *CRA v. Matosantos*, upheld ABX1 26, a bill to eliminate redevelopment agencies in the state of California. The Court struck down ABX1 27, which would have allowed them to remain in operation so long as they made substantial payments to the state. At issue was whether AB 1x 26 violated Proposition 22, the constitutional amendment to protect redevelopment funds from state raids, which passed in 2010.

While many California cities are working on transition, on January 11, 2012, the Los Angeles City Council voted not to act as the successor agency to the Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency, citing concerns that liabilities could exceed \$100 million. The 9-3 City Council vote included dissents from Councilmen Ed Reyes, Eric Garcetti and Richard Alarcón. Council members Jan Perry and Bernard Parks were absent. Proposed actions include support for an amended version of SB659 (Padilla-Hernandez)

Action Requested: Review, develop, consider and adopt recommendations to relevant agencies and officials that would provide for the orderly transition and extension of operations of existing Redevelopment Agencies in the State of California; and further begin the process to also make recommendations for comprehensive reform of Community Redevelopment Agencies in the State of California. Direct staff to work with member development departments, statewide organizations agencies and officials toward implementation.

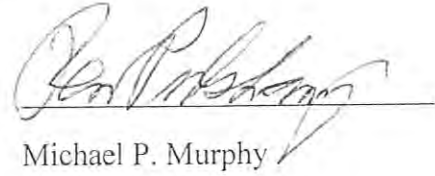
4. ADJOURNMENT

Section 54953(b) of the Ralph M. Brown Act authorizes the conduct of meetings by legislative bodies through teleconferencing under specified circumstances.

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
AGENDA REPORT**

SUBSEQUENT NEED

City Manager Approval:



Item to be presented by:

Michael P. Murphy

DATE: January 10, 2012

SUBJECT: STATE LEGISLATION-SB 659

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

RECOMMENDED ACTION

City Council adopt a "support" position for Senate Bill 659 (Padilla) or any similar legislation extending the redevelopment dissolution deadline beyond February 1, 2012, and transmit letters of support to the bill's author, Santa Clarita's State Legislative delegation, appropriate Legislative committees, Governor Brown, the League of California Cities, and the California Redevelopment Association.

BACKGROUND

On December 29, 2011, the California Supreme Court ruled in the redevelopment litigation - CRA v. Matosantos and the Court upheld ABX1 26 which eliminates all redevelopment agencies throughout the state of California. The California Supreme Court also struck down ABX1 27. This bill would have allowed agencies to remain in operation as long as they made payments to the state. Both of these bills were passed as part of the 2011-12 state budget.

As part of the Supreme Court's ruling, redevelopment agencies are to be dissolved on February 1, 2012. If agencies are dissolved on February 1, 2012, successor agencies are charged with winding down redevelopment agency activities, including dissolving and liquidating assets, and eliminating workers available to carry out redevelopment activities. Due to the lack of clarity in the state statutes, the dissolution process will likely lead to substantial protracted litigation. The dissolution process could take years, leaving no opportunity for local agencies to pursue or implement an alternative to redevelopment.

On January 6, 2012, Senator Alex Padilla announced he is working with members of the Legislature to amend and pass SB 659 which would postpone the February 1, 2012, dissolution deadline in order to preserve the ability to develop a new job creation and neighborhood renewal program.

If enacted, the legislation would postpone the February 1, 2012, deadline until April 15, 2012, allowing for a responsible discussion about the future of redevelopment. This bill came to the attention of the City Council after the agenda was posted for the January 10, 2012, City Council meeting. The final bill language for the extension of the dissolution deadline is currently being finalized and is expected to be in print later this week.

Immediate action of the City Council is necessary as the Legislature will begin deliberation on the extension legislation as early as this week with the intent of acting on the bill prior to February 1, 2012.

The City of Santa Clarita and the League of California are committed to working with lawmakers to create a new program that is appropriately focused on job-creation, environmentally sustainable growth, affordable housing, and the elimination of blight and economic disparity. City staff recommends a support position to the City Council on behalf of SB 659 or any similar legislation extending the redevelopment dissolution deadline beyond February 1, 2012.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS

1. Adopt an oppose position on SB 659
2. Take no position on SB 659
3. Other direction as determined by the City Council.