



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

May 6, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

Submitted By: Mark J. Gluba, Deputy City Manager

**SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY – SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 751
(ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AFFORDABLE
HOUSING TRUST - RUBIO)**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Approve staff's recommendation to support Senate Bill 751; and,
- 2) Authorize staff to draft and disseminate letters in support of this proposed legislation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

California has an affordable housing crisis, which is especially acute in the San Gabriel Valley due to the high cost of housing in that area, even in formerly affordable communities. Unlike other regions within the County of Los Angeles, the number of homeless people in the San Gabriel Valley has continued to increase. SB 751 will address the housing crisis in the San Gabriel Valley by authorizing the cities within the jurisdiction of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments to enter into a joint powers agreement to create and operate the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust to assist in obtaining affordable housing funding.

FISCAL IMPACT – None

DISCUSSION

SB 751 in its current draft (Attachment 1) would establish the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust to fund housing for low-income and individuals experiencing homelessness in the San Gabriel Valley. The Bill would authorize this regional housing trust to fund the planning and construction of housing for the homeless population and persons and families of extremely low, very low, and low income, including permanent supportive housing.

As a joint powers authority (JPA) comprised of member cities of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust would fund the planning and construction of housing, receive public and private financing and funds, and authorize/issue bonds to support affordable housing solutions in the region.

SB 751 would help to address the homelessness crisis and includes accountability controls by requiring the regional housing trust to incorporate annual financial reporting and auditing

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requirements that show how the funds are advancing the regional housing trust's objectives. The JPA would provide resources to also help member cities meet their Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) requirements.

Should the City Council approve the recommendation above, staff will draft letters articulating the City's position for the Mayor's signature and expedite transmission to the appropriate legislators, the League of California Cities and the City's pro-bono legislative advocate in Sacramento.

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ATTACHMENT: No. 1 – SB 751 Legislative Text