



ACTION ALERT

Urgent Opposition to Budget Cuts Threatening REAP 2.0 Reforms
February 27th, 2024

Dear Members,

I write to you with a matter of grave concern and urgency. Our efforts to advance crucial reforms under the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 program are under threat due to proposed budget cuts. It is imperative that we act swiftly and decisively to oppose these cuts and safeguard the progress our cities have made to date in working to meet housing requirements and regulations.

We urge you to stress the importance of REAP 2.0 reforms and the detrimental impact that budget cuts would have on our ability to address housing challenges effectively by supporting legislation that opposes such budget cuts. The REAP 2.0 reforms are vital for promoting transparency, accountability, and equitable distribution of housing resources across our region. This proposal to cut REAP 2.0 funding would devastate Orange County jurisdictions and numerous other SCAG-region cities, counties, transportation agencies, and tribal governments.

ACC-OC and the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) have provided our own letter and a template letter for your use as well:

- [CLICK TO VIEW ACC-OC AND OCCOG'S LETTER: Protect Dedication Regional Early Action Planning Grant \(REAP 2.0\) Program Funding](#)
- [CLICK TO DOWNLOAD A TEMPLATE LETTER](#)

In addition to opposing budget cuts, we want to bring to your attention the following bills related to REAP 2.0 for legislative support:

AB 2485 (Carrillo): This bill, introduced as a spot bill by SCAG, aims to increase transparency around the data sources, analyses, and methodology used by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to finalize a region's Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) determination.

- [CLICK TO VIEW ACC-OC'S LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR AB 2485](#)
- [CLICK TO DOWNLOAD A TEMPLATE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR AB 2485](#)

AB 2361 (Davies): Introduced to restore the "trade & transfer" option for Orange and San Diego Counties, AB 2361 provides much-needed flexibility in meeting housing targets, particularly in response to challenges faced by our region.

- [CLICK TO VIEW ACC-OC'S LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR AB 2361](#)
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The deadline for action is March 6th. We urge each of you to prioritize this issue and reach out to Orange County legislators to emphasize the importance of protecting funding for REAP 2.0 reforms in their budget recommendations. Your advocacy can make a significant difference in ensuring that our communities have the resources and support needed to address housing challenges effectively. Thank you for your dedication to advancing equitable and sustainable housing solutions in our region. Together, we can make a powerful impact and protect the progress we've worked so hard to achieve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kris Murray', is written over a white background.

Kris Murray
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ACC-OC