October 6, 2021

India Brookover
Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
900 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1700
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Re:     Support for Adoption of SoCal Greenprint

Dear Ms. Brookover:

On behalf of the Council of Infill Builders, a statewide organization of real estate professionals committed to improving California through infill development, I write to express our support for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) voting to approve and adopt the SoCal Greenprint at its October 7th meeting.

As you know, SCAG developed the SoCal Greenprint in partnership with The Nature Conservancy as an innovative and user-friendly mapping tool to provide data on agricultural lands, access to parks and trails, habitat protection, clean water and air, and food production. Insights from the SoCal Greenprint data can inform local governments, housing advocates, and community groups on the optimal places to focus new home building and associated infill development while improving resilience to climate impacts.

SCAG's approval of the Greenprint will help make that data available to planners, policymakers, and pro-infill housing interests. By compiling and collating more than one hundred existing data sources into interactive maps, the Greenprint can help organizations like ours better advocate for infill development that integrates climate resilience into future growth. The Greenprint allows stakeholders to layer information on agriculture and working lands, the built environment, vulnerabilities and resilience, environmental justice, equity, habitat, and water resources, among others. By containing this information in a centralized data hub, SCAG's approval will make it easier to avoid building new housing in high-fire risk areas and instead enable communities to live more sustainably through infill.

The Council of Infill Builders thanks you for your attention and respectfully requests adoption of the SoCal Greenprint into SCAG's planning framework.

Sincerely,

Meea Kang
Council of Infill Builders