



RIC
REGIONAL IMPACT COUNCIL

Technical Committee

June 08, 2022 | 11:00 - 1:00PM



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Today's Technical Committee Meeting



Purpose

Review some of the draft Big Moves Workshop each idea to better understand challenges, opportunities to improve and general support



Outcome

General agreement on the current status of each Big Moves
Identify next steps to develop the idea



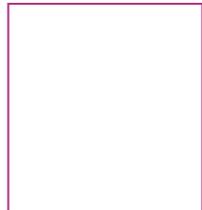
Process

40 minute working session
Full group discussion
Gradients of Agreement



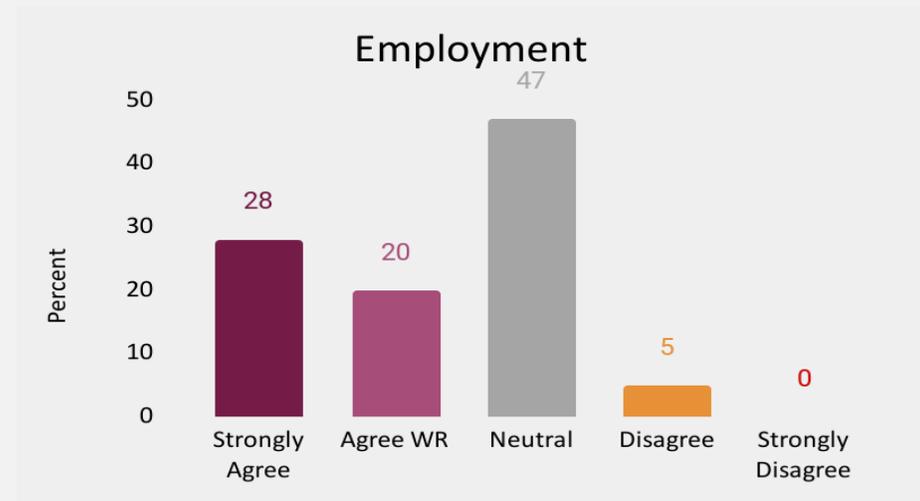
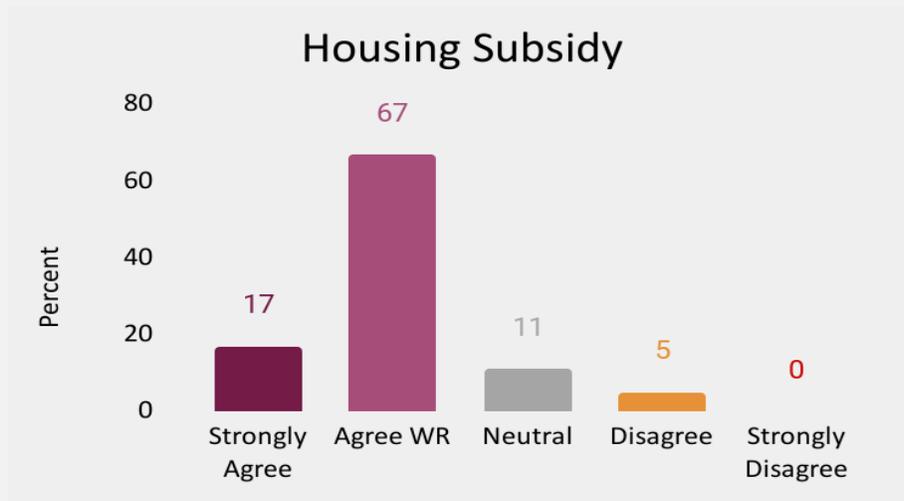
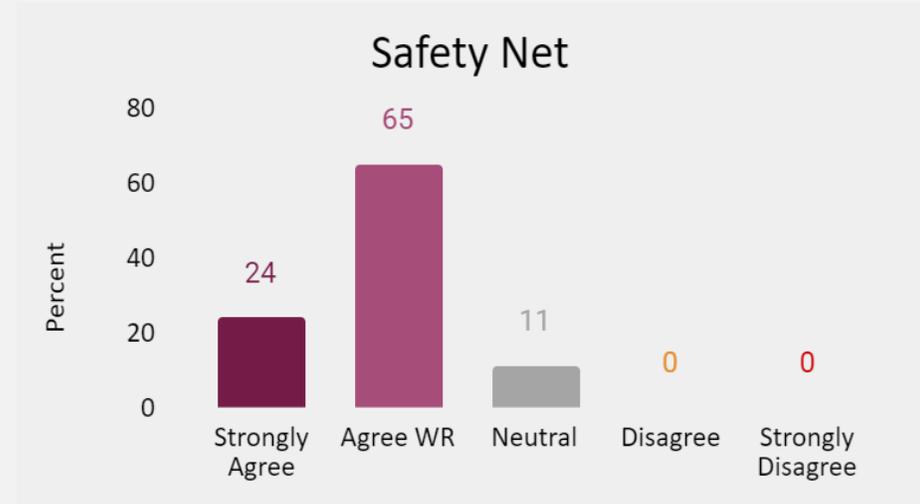
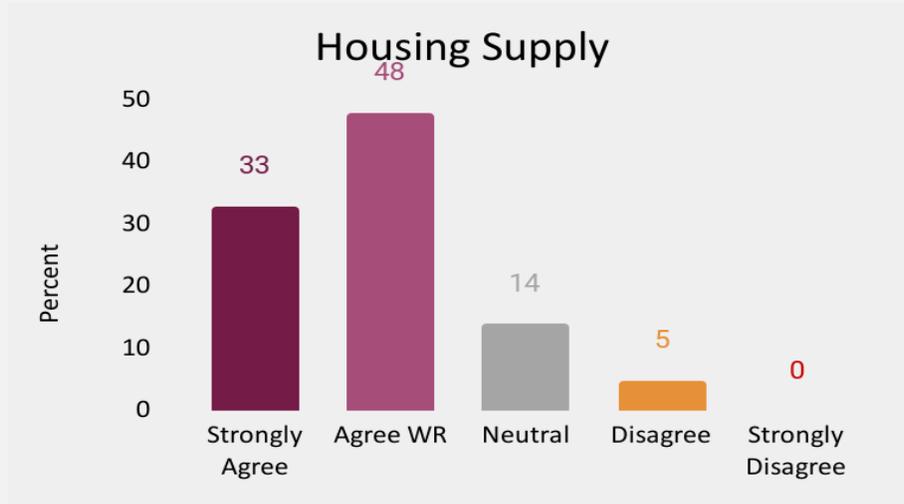
Agenda

- Welcome 11:00 AM – 11:05 AM
- Community Partners Council 11:05 AM – 11:15 AM
- Big Moves | Looking back, looking ahead 11:15 AM – 11:25 AM
Updates, timeline and today's meeting
- Concurrent working sessions 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
- Group discussion & Gradients of Agreement 12:30 PM -- 12:55 PM
- Close and next steps 12:57 PM -- 01:00 PM



Recall: April and May meetings

~ 24 draft Big Moves across four areas



Recall: April and May meetings

What We Heard

- Too many ideas, some not Big enough
 - Some things are missing:
 - Larger role of the public sector in housing
 - New private and philanthropic partnerships
 - Tax credit for landlords
 - Housing access challenges
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Where We Are

- Big Moves and Calls for Action
- In depth discussion and development:
 - June 8 Technical Committee meeting
 - July 13 Technical Committee meeting
 - August 10 Technical Committee meeting
- September Launch!

Where We Are: Draft Big Moves

HOUSING

- ELI carve-outs in future funding measures
- Permanent source of funding for operations and services
- Permanent statutory Homekey CEQA exemption
- California rental assistance credit
- Medi-Cal benefit for supportive services

INCOME

- MyBenefitsCal implementation
- Guaranteed Income
- Benefit cliff reforms
- Homeless services / care workforce campaign
- Bay Area RISE: A reimagined regional workforce system

Hearts and minds campaign

Today's Discussion

HOUSING

1. **ELI carve-outs in future funding measures**
2. **Permanent source of funding for operations and services**
3. **Permanent Homekey CEQA exemption**

INCOME

1. **MyBenefitsCal implementation**
2. **Guaranteed Income**
3. **Benefit cliff reforms**

Group 1: Housing Big Moves

- **ELI carve-outs in future funding measures**
- **Permanent source of funding for operations and services**
- **Permanent statutory CEQA exemption**

Group 2: Income Big Moves

- **MyBenefitsCal implementation**
- **Guaranteed Income**
- **Benefit cliff reforms**

Goal

Workshop each idea and discuss support for the Big Move, challenges and opportunities to implementation, timeframe, feasibility etc.

Hearing from you: Working Sessions

Draft Big Moves: Housing

- **ELI carve-outs in future funding measures**
- **Permanent source of funding for operations and services**
- **Permanent Homekey statutory CEQA exemption**

Draft Big Move ELI Carve-Out in Funding Measures

Description: Reserve a percentage of future local, regional and state funding sources for housing projects that serve households making 0-30% of area median income.

Scale of Impact: Recent local funding measures demonstrate the potential make a significant impact in housing production for ELI households by dedicating resources directly. San Francisco's Proposition C will dedicate an estimated \$317.5 million to housing that serves households making 0-50% of AMI over the next two years. Santa Clara's 2016 affordable housing bond established an explicit goal of 800 units of ELI housing and thus far has resulted in 447 units approved or constructed..

Estimated Timeframe: Funding proposals for housing production have recently advanced at the state level (ACA 14) and are in development at the regional level (BAHFA) and are likely to be proposed at the local level in future election cycles. There are opportunities to implement this Blg Move within the next 6 months and in the coming years as new affordable housing bonds are proposed.

Potential Regional Impact Council Role: Lead

Draft Big Move
**Permanent Source
for Operations &
Services**

Description: Create a statewide permanent source of funding for operations and services in affordable housing projects.

Scale of Impact: Would support the hundreds of Project Homekey sites across the state without a long-term plan for operations support, as well as the thousands of other affordable housing projects in need of subsidy. A permanent source would unlock the scale of affordable housing needed to meet the needs of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness in the state.

Timeframe: Minimum of 1-3 years, depending on legislative and ballot initiative timeframes.

Potential Regional Impact Council Role: Partner

Draft Big Move **Homekey CEQA Exemption**

Description: Make the CEQA exemption created in Project Homekey permanent, to streamline approvals and speed the delivery of housing for people with extremely low incomes.

Scale of Impact: Round 1 of Project Homekey housed 8,000 people in California in less than a year. The program combined a statutory CEQA exemption with other regulatory streamlining benefits, which resulted in 40% of funded acquisitions came online in under 6 months. A permanent statutory CEQA exemption would likely speed housing delivery and quickly house people at risk or experiencing homelessness across the state.

Estimated Timeframe: Pass a bill in the 2023 legislative session; impacts could be realized over the next 3-5 years as projects move forward

Potential Regional Impact Council Role: Lead



Draft Big Moves: Income

- **MyBenefitsCal implementation**
- **Guaranteed Income**
- **Benefit cliff reforms**

Draft Big Move **MyBenefitsCal Implementation**

Description: Coordinate a regional advocacy effort to improve access to public benefits during the MyBenefitsCal migration.

Scale of Impact: Public benefits are widely used by people with extremely low incomes (ELI) in the Bay Area, and reforms to increase access to these benefits would impact tens of thousands of households (not including those households who qualify as Very Low Income and also receive benefits). For example, benefit access improvements would impact the estimated 160,000 ELI households currently receiving CalFresh, and the 23,000 households receiving CalWORKs. These estimates are conservative; changes to improve access through MyBenefitsCal would likely connect new households to benefits, making the potential for impact even greater.

Estimated Timeframe: Advocacy in the next year to influence counties implementation of MyBenefitsCal.

Potential Regional Impact Council Role: Partner

Draft Big Move **Guaranteed Income**

Description: Scale Guaranteed Income, first through a regional guaranteed income pilot, to lay the groundwork for a Statewide guaranteed income benefit through the tax code

Scale of Impact: In the long-term, (5+ years) a guaranteed income delivered as a tax credit could serve over 2 million extremely low and very low income households in California and be administered through the tax system for reach and efficiency. While barriers are being addressed to reach this scale, we can create a regional guaranteed income specifically for extremely low income households that are rent burdened, helping provide support to thousands of families who may not be reached by the existing subsidy and voucher support programs (potentially 1,500 households to start).

Estimated Timeframe: Because the longer term, larger scale effort of a guaranteed income delivered as a tax credit may take many years to successfully implement, an interim solution in the near term (2-5 years) can set the groundwork for bringing a GI to the tax code. This effort could be advanced through organizing, data collection, coalition-building and advocacy in the next few years

Potential Regional Impact Council Role: Partner

Draft Big Move **Benefits Cliff Reform**

Description: Expand the California Earned Income Tax Credit to address benefit cliffs, plateaus and barriers that households face as they increase income.

Scale of Impact: Expanding the CalEITC phase-out period would impact at least 3.1 million extremely low-income people (based on those who claimed in recent tax years). Increasing the benefit floor and credit amounts would put more income into the pockets of working people who face eligibility cut-offs to critical benefit programs as their incomes rise.

Estimated Timeframe: Efforts to change the CalEITC benefit amounts could potentially be implemented in the next 3-5 years.

Potential Regional Impact Council Role: Partner

Gradients of Agreement: Housing Big Moves

Q1: On a scale of 1-5, do you support the draft Big Move: ELI carve out in finding measures?

Q2: On a scale of 1-5, do you support the draft Big Move: Permanent Source of Operations and Services?

Q3: On a scale of 1-5, do you support the draft Big Move: Homekey CEQA Exemption?

Level of Agreement		Definition
1	Strongly agree	I can enthusiastically support, very minor concerns
2	Agree with reservations	I have some reservations but can support
3	Neutral / abstain	I am fine with the group consensus
4	Disagree	I have more reservations but wont hold up the group
5	Strongly disagree	I do not agree with the direction and can't support

Gradients of Agreement: Income Big Moves

Q4: On a scale of 1-5, do you support the draft Big Move: MyBenefitsCal Implementation?

Q5: On a scale of 1-5, do you support the draft Big Move: Guaranteed Income

Q6: On a scale of 1-5, do you support the draft Big Move: Benefit Cliff Reforms

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Action Steps



Commitment	Deadline	Action(s)
Development, feedback and roll out Big Moves	Fall 2022	Engage and provide feedback on Big Moves
RIC TC Slack Team	June	Be on the lookout for an invite to join
Interim Housing Principles	Summer 2022	Reach out to AH staff to get involved
Meeting dates	July - December	Attendance

Next meeting: July 13, 2022