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REGIONAL IMPACT COUNCIL

Steering Committee

June 22, 2022; 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Today's Steering Committee Meeting



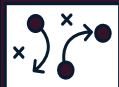
Purpose

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

Full group discussion
Gradients of Agreement

Agenda

- Welcome 02:00 PM – 02:05 PM
- Community Partners Council 02:05 PM – 02:15 PM
- Big Moves | Looking back, looking ahead 02:15 PM – 02:25 PM
 - Updates, timeline and today's meeting
- Big Moves | Group discussion & Gradients of Agreement 02:25 PM – 03:25 PM
- Close and next steps 03:25 PM – 03:30 PM



Big Moves: Last month's discussion

HOUSING

1. **Permanent statutory Homekey CEQA exemption**
2. **California rental assistance tax credit**
3. ELI carve-outs in future funding measures
4. Permanent source of funding for operations and services
5. Medi-Cal benefit for supportive services

10. Narrative shift public awareness campaign

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7. Guaranteed Income
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Draft Big Moves: Housing

- ELI carve-outs in future funding measures
- Permanent source of funding for operations and services

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 are in development at the regional level (BAHFA) in 2024 and are likely to be proposed at the local level in future election cycles.

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 Moves: Income

- **BenefitsCal Implementation**
- **Benefit cliff reforms**
- **Guaranteed Income**

Draft Big Move **BenefitsCal** **Implementation**

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

Scale of Impact: 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 BenefitsCal 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 BenefitsCal.

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 cutoffs 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

Draft Big Move **Guaranteed Income**

Description: Remove barriers to creating a statewide Guaranteed Income through the tax code, including by changing federal law to allow state tax credits to be delivered monthly.

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 can be administered through the tax system for reach and efficiency.

Estimated Timeframe: This is a longer term, larger scale effort of a guaranteed income delivered as a tax credit that may take many years to successfully implement. Current efforts are underway and we would advance this through organizing, data collection, coalition-building and advocacy in the next few 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?

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

Q3: On a scale of 1-5, do you support the draft Big Move: MyBenefitsCal Implementation?

Q4: On a scale of 1-5, do you support the draft Big Move: Guaranteed Income

Q5: 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
RAP implementation	Ongoing	Reach out to Ken Kirkey with any questions
Interim Housing Principles	Summer 2022	Reach out to AH staff to get involved

Next meeting: July 27 2022