



# Valley Voice

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## ***San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Hosts First Board Meeting***

On Wednesday, May 6, 2020, the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust (SGVRHT) held its first Board of Directors meeting over Zoom. The Board unanimously elected Claremont Councilmember Jed Leano as Chair and Monrovia Councilmember Becky Shevlin as Vice-Chair.

The Board also voted to authorize a representative to negotiate an agreement with the SGVCOG for the Trust's core staffing. This agreement will be considered by the SGVRHT Board at its upcoming meeting and the final agreement is scheduled to be presented to the SGVCOG Governing Board for approval at the June 2020 meeting. Additionally, the SGVRHT Board recommended its support for Senator Susan Rubio's budget request for the SGVRHT and recommended procurement of a consultant to support its application for the State's Local Housing Trust Fund grant program.

The SGVRHT Board of Directors is scheduled to reconvene on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 2:00pm. Additional information regarding the SGVRHT can be found on <https://www.sgyrht.org/>.

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## ***Senator Susan Rubio Addresses San Gabriel Valley Affordable Housing Shortage***

On May 21, 2020, the Senate Governance and Finance Committee unanimously passed Senate Bill 1212, which strengthens the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust by making three changes to the board. The bill will guarantee continuity of experience by staggering the two-year terms of board members and expand housing and homelessness expertise on the board. Additionally, the bill will ensure board decisions are equitable by requiring city representatives on the board be from different cities.

“The economic circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic make it critically important to ensure that housing does not become even more unaffordable,” Senator Susan Rubio said. “The San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust does exactly that and can serve as a model for other regions across the state.”

“The San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust is needed now more than ever with the COVID-19 pandemic threatening the most vulnerable among us,” said Jed Leano, chair of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust and a councilmember for the City of Claremont. “We thank Senator Rubio for her strong commitment to the Trust and her willingness to bring forward this legislation to help make the Trust even stronger.”

Last year, Senator Susan Rubio partnered with the SGVCOG to author SB 751, which created the Trust and allows communities within the COG’s jurisdiction to fund housing to assist the homeless and persons of extremely low, very low, and low income. It also allows the Trust to receive public and private financing and funds for this purpose.

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## 2020 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ENERGY CHAMPION AWARDS

Saving Energy Today for a Better Tomorrow



### ***SGVCOG Launches 2020 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards***

The SGVCOG is proud to launch the 2020 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Awards to recognize San Gabriel Valley cities' efforts for increasing energy efficiency in municipal facilities and buildings. San Gabriel Valley cities that meet certain thresholds in municipal and community energy efficiency, community outreach, and strategic planning will receive awards and recognition from this program. Requirements for cities to receive an award include implementing a combination of activities such as attending energy efficiency trainings and meetings, benchmarking all municipal facilities, conducting energy efficiency outreach activities, or reducing energy usage. Cities will be recognized for their achievements in December 2020.

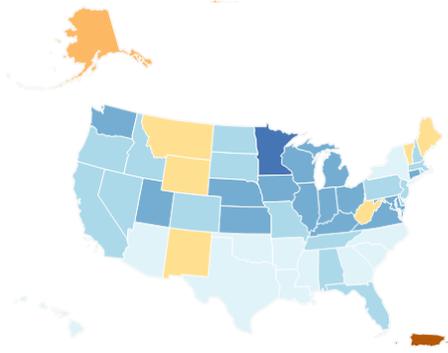
Monthly progress reports will be made available for San Gabriel Valley cities and additional information regarding the program's structure can be found [here](#).

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### ***2020 Census Updates by the U.S. Census Bureau***

#### **Census Response Rate Map & Tracker**

Residents and cities can track a community's self-response progress on the



2020 Response Rate Map [here](#). Live data is updated every day at 12:00pm.

### Self-Response Extended to October

Residents are highly encouraged to submit Census responses [online](#), phone, or mail before **October 31, 2020**.



### Multilingual Outreach Materials

The Census Bureau is committed to reaching all audiences with materials in [English and 12 other languages](#) to encourage participation in the Census.



***Infrastructure LA Embraces Innovation to Develop Forward-Looking Vision for Regional Infrastructure***

To create a platform for Los Angeles County’s public and private infrastructure leaders to forge strategic collaboration, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (DPW) organized “Infrastructure LA” to collaboratively develop and deploy strategies to advance new initiatives and remove barriers to infrastructure delivery. Infrastructure LA aims to identify policies and initiatives that improve the efficiency and effectiveness of public and private sector infrastructure investments in Los Angeles County and surrounding regions.

Members of Infrastructure LA collectively define a broad and forward-looking vision for regional infrastructure, promote a policy environment that stimulates infrastructure project delivery, and embrace technology and innovation to meet the region’s complex needs. All members of municipal governments, councils of governments, community-based organizations/non-governmental organizations, labor and business associations, construction firms, engineering firms, and development firms are invited to participate in Infrastructure LA’s efforts.

Interested individuals can receive updates and meeting information by joining the mailing list at <https://infrastructurela.org/>.

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## *Opportunities & Surveys*



### *CivicSpark Project Partner Applications*

CivicSpark, a program that supports resiliency-focused research, planning, and implementation projects that benefit local public agencies in



### *COVID-19 Recovery Roadmap Survey*

Governor Gavin Newsom is currently developing a COVID-10 Recovery Roadmap for modifying the statewide stay-at-home health orders while



### *Clean Mobility Options Grant Opportunity*

The Clean Mobility Options Voucher Pilot Program provides funding for zero-emission car-sharing, bike-sharing, innovative transit

California, provides public agencies and other organizations with 11 months of quality capacity building support via highly motivated emerging leaders. In response to urgency of COVID-19, CivicSpark is prepared to focus Fellow support on recovery activities. Cities are encouraged to submit a project application and additional information regarding the CivicSpark Program can be found [here](#).

maintaining community health and resiliency. City staff, elected officials, businesses, and local residents are encouraged to provide input on the best practical methods to reopen different sectors of the state's economy while reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Cities are encouraged to provide suggestions and recommendations by completing a short survey [here](#).

services, and ride-on-demand services in historically underserved communities. Starting today, the program will accept Community Transportation Needs Assessment applications and approve applications on a **first-come, first-serve** basis until funds are committed. Eligible entities include government agencies, nonprofits, and Native American Tribes. Apply now at [cleanmobilityoptions.org](http://cleanmobilityoptions.org).

## Upcoming Committee Meetings

**Please be advised that all committee meetings that are held this month will be conducted virtually over Zoom Conferencing due to the safety of committee members and staff. Livestream of each committee meeting will be available through the [SGVCOG website](#).**

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**Executive Committee:** Monday, June 1, 2020 at 10:00 AM

**Capital Projects and Construction Committee:** Monday, June 1, 2020 at 12:00 PM

**Homelessness Committee:** Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 8:30 AM

**Water Committee:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 10:00 AM

**Public Works Technical Advisory Committee:** Monday, June 15, 2020 at 12:00 PM

**EENR Committee:** Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 1:00 PM

**Transportation Committee:** Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 2:45 PM

**Governing Board:** Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 4:00 PM

