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## A VIEW FROM THE FRONT PORCH: NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE SOUTH BAY South Bay Cities Council of Governments General Assembly February 27, 2015

**SOUTH BAY** - The South Bay Cities Council of Governments will explore the dynamics of South Bay neighborhoods at its 16<sup>th</sup> Annual SBCCOG Annual General Assembly on Friday, February 27, 2015 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm at the Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center in Carson. The Assembly will examine what makes a good neighborhood, what is our vision for the neighborhood of the future and the challenges that cities face.

After networking with legislators and visiting exhibits hosted by our sponsors and South Bay cities, the program starts at 10:00 am.

The morning program will feature an overview on the future demographics for LA County and South Bay by USC Professor **Dowell Myers** and a presentation "A Short History of the Future", by **D.J. Waldie**, Former Deputy City Manager, Lakewood, author and KCET contributor. Rounding out the morning, a panel of local experts in community services, public safety, health, aging and planning will provide a local perspective "What Makes A Neighborhood that I Want to Live In Now and in the Future". Panelists will include: **John R. Jones**, Torrance Community Services Director, **Susan Burden**, CEO, Beach Cities Health District; **Helen Dennis**, nationally recognized leader regarding aging; **Sharon Papa**, Police Chief, Hermosa Beach; **Sheri Repp-Loadsman**; Planning and Building Director, Palos Verdes Estates and **Hillary Theyer**, City Librarian, Torrance.

After a question and answer session, and during lunch, a regional perspective will be presented by **Hasan Ikhrata**, Executive Director of the Southern California Association of Governments. The afternoon will recognize **Former Assemblymember Bonnie Lowenthal**, and conclude with the presentation of historic views of the South Bay, as seen through vintage postcards, **by Lawndale Mayor Pro Tem Jim Osborne**.

In advance of the Assembly, the SBCCOG invites South Bay residents to express what they like about their neighborhood and what they believe defines a neighborhood. Comments can be posted at: www.facebook.com/events/976665932347960/?fref=ts

The General Assembly event is free to the public and paid for through our sponsorships. All that is required to attend is to RSVP at <a href="https://www.southbaycities.org">www.southbaycities.org</a>

## **SBCCOG**

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) is a joint powers authority of 16 cities and the County of Los Angeles that share the goal of maximizing the quality of life and productivity throughout the South Bay and surrounding communities. Members are Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates, Torrance, and the Harbor City/San Pedro communities of the City of Los Angeles, along with

the County of Los Angeles District 2 and 4. The SBCCOG values what makes its cities unique and independent, and realizes there are times when collective endeavors get better results. This vision of what it can do for its communities drives SBCCOG efforts and motivates its members. It can best be described three ways: Partnership, Persuasion and Performance. Since its inception in 1994 the SBCCOG has been successful in achieving goals toward that end. Visit us at <a href="https://www.southbaycities.org">www.southbaycities.org</a>.