



# ***Regional Plan Social Equity Working Group***

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## **Working Group Charter**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Regional Plan Social Equity Working Group (Working Group) is to provide ongoing public input from disadvantaged or underrepresented communities in the region into key activities associated with the development of San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan (Regional Plan), implementation, and related planning activities with a focus on the social equity perspective.

### **Line of Reporting**

The Working Group reports to the Regional Planning Committee (RPC) on specific Regional Plan elements and related activities. Based on the Working Group's input, the RPC makes policy recommendations to the Board of Directors. Regular updates on Working Group activities should be made to the RPC to update them on current programs and projects and further strengthen the connection between the two groups.

### **Responsibilities**

The Working Group will review and provide input that will be used to develop and adopt the Regional Plan, and its early action activities. The Working Group also may be asked to provide a social equity perspective on other agency initiatives or planning efforts, such as the Public Participation Plan, the Language Assistance Plan, and the Coordinated Plan. The Working Group will assist with associated public outreach and help inform and encourage diverse, inclusive and active, public involvement in SANDAG planning efforts and services.

### **Membership**

The Working Group is comprised of no more than 17 representatives from community-based organizations (CBOs) or community collaboratives serving underserved/disadvantaged communities selected through a competitive request for proposals process by SANDAG. As a component of the Community-Based Outreach Services Contract formed with each CBO, the Executive Director, Board Member, or designee is expected to serve as a primary representative on the Working Group. The primary representative may select one or more alternates. Each member CBO shall have up to two alternates. If the appointed representative is unable to attend a given meeting, an alternate must attend. As a public forum, other organizations and individuals are encouraged to attend.

### **Meeting Time and Location**

The Working Group will meet monthly at SANDAG, as well as other times and locations as may be needed.

### **Working Group Leadership**

The Chair of the Working Group shall be a member of the SANDAG Board of Directors, appointed by the Chair of the Board. The Chair will be a non-voting member who will manage meetings and facilitate discussions amongst the members. In the event that the Chair is unavailable to perform these duties, the SEWG staff coordinator shall act in place of the Chair.

### **Duration of Existence**

The Working Group will be ongoing; however, membership is anticipated to be competitively selected every two years.

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