Determine a viable communication method between zones of the community (i.e., elderly residents, residents with large values, etc.). Additionally, each Block Captain would have good knowledge of the community’s facts, abilities, and history. These Block Captains would identify residents with specialties, such as medical experts or disaster response coordinators.

The Block Captain Program plays in schools and preparing the community especially responsive to wildfires. The City Council deemed it necessary to appoint the Block Captain and is confident in the positive aspects of the program, as stated by Mayor Leah Mirisch: “Our community is excited to see this valuable program revived and improved. It’s wonderful to see people working together and with city to develop plans to help us be better prepared.”

For further information, contact: (562) 570-1111

Thank you, Block Captain Adam Hayes.

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specially in the time of social distancing and with the need to curb the spread of COVID-19, blockchain technology offers a unique solution that can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of various industries. Blockchain, a distributed ledger technology, enables secure and transparent transactions by using cryptographic techniques to create an immutably recorded digital ledger. This technology is particularly useful in industries that require a high level of trust and security, such as finance, healthcare, and supply chain.

One of the key features of blockchain technology is its ability to provide immutable records. Once a transaction is recorded on the blockchain, it cannot be altered or deleted. This makes it an ideal solution for industries that require accurate and verifiable records, such as voting and tax compliance.

Another advantage of blockchain technology is its decentralized nature. Unlike traditional financial systems that rely on centralized authorities, blockchain operates on a network of computers, which makes it less vulnerable to cyber attacks and more resistant to corruption.

Blockchain technology is also being explored in the field of supply chain management. By using blockchain, it is possible to create a transparent and immutable record of every transaction in the supply chain, which can help detect fraud and improve supply chain efficiency.

Blockchain technology is still in its early stages of development, and there are many challenges to overcome. However, with continued research and development, blockchain has the potential to revolutionize various industries and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of global operations.
**South Bay Housing Forum Recap**

According to the 2019 Los Angeles Homeless Count, there are 3,888 people experiencing homelessness in the South Bay on any given night. This number represents an increase of 4% from 2018. Of this count, 789 or 20% are unhoused and not in mainstream long-term or transitional housing, or are using transient facilities. An additional 3,590 people or 90% are unsheltered and living on the streets, in woods, abandoned vehicles, or shelters. Overall, homelessness in Los Angeles County has increased from 2018 to 2019 by 10% to a total of 77,819.

Recognizing the need for a regional approach to address the growing homelessness crisis, the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG), funded by the County of Los Angeles, is working with the South Bay cities and other agencies to review the area’s three-year plan to address the issue.

**South Bay Homeless Outreach Program**

Since February 2016, the SBCCOG has collaborated with the homeless service provider, Preventing Homelessness (PATH), to provide outreach to people living on the streets of the South Bay and assists them with services and permanent housing.

The SBCCOG administration fosters community partnerships, utilizes federal estimates and homeless service providers; targets areas identified as homeless “hot spots” and places individuals into CES within the South Bay.

**The SBCCOG Continues to Work With the South Bay Cities to Combat Homelessness**

The SBCCOG has been engaged in facilitating better coordination between the South Bay Cities in order to combat homelessness. Since October 2017, the SBCCOG, funded by the County of Los Angeles, has begun work on its own SolSmart application to be recognized as a Regional SolSmart Designated government agency. Towards that end, SBCCOG is working with the South Bay Cities to develop a plan to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and improve the environment for the South Bay residents.

**Homelessness in the South Bay**

**City Showcase**

Walter Siembab is the Research Director for the SBCCOG. He is responsible for developing and maintaining the SBCCOG’s database and coordinating all of the SBCCOG’s research projects. He received his Ph.D. in Geography from the University of California, Los Angeles, and has conducted research in urban planning, transportation, and housing policy.

Siembab holds a bachelor’s degree in Economics from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and a master’s degree in Urban Planning from the University of California, Los Angeles. He has published articles in various journals and has presented papers at conferences on a variety of topics, including urban planning, transportation, and housing policy.

Siembab also serves as a member of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) Board of Directors and serves as the Chair of the SBCCOG’s Research and Planning Committee.

**South Bay Cities Council of Governments**

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) is a voluntary, membership-based Council of Governments (COG) for the cities of El Segundo, Hawthorne, Palos Verdes Estates and Torrance. The SBCCOG was created in 1968 to provide a forum for the cities to work together on regional issues and to serve as a conduit for federal and state resources to the cities.

The SBCCOG provides a forum for the cities to address issues that affect the entire South Bay area, such as transportation, housing, economic development, and environmental issues.

The SBCCOG also serves as the administrative agent for the South Bay Cities SOLSMART project, which is a national program that recognizes local governments for their efforts to promote the use of clean energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The South Bay Cities SOLSMART project is one of the first in the country to be recognized as a SOLSMART designated area.

The SBCCOG is currently working with the cities to develop a comprehensive plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve the quality of life for residents of the South Bay.

**South Bay Housing Forum Recap**

**SOUTH BAY HOUSING FORUM RECAP**

The SBCCOG is moving forward to negotiate a contract between SBCCOG and ADT Security Services, Inc. This contract will be established by the Board of Directors at its next meeting, which is scheduled for October 2015. The contract will allow SBCCOG to provide security services to its members.

**SBCCOG Announces a New Partnership with the South Bay Fiber Network**

In order to protect the interests of the project, the SBCCOG has paid a $10,000 deposit that is non-refundable and non-transferable. This deposit is part of the first proposal made to the South Bay Fiber Network and will be returned to the SBCCOG if the project is not profitable.

**FACES OF THE SBCCOG – WALTER SIEMBAB**

Siembab has worked on various SBCCOG projects to improve the quality of life for residents of the South Bay. His efforts have resulted in numerous awards and recognitions for the SBCCOG’s work in the field of urban planning and transportation.

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**SBCCOG PROUDLY ANNOUNCES THE CREATION OF THE SOUTH BAY FIBER NETWORK**

In order to hold the prices for this project, SBCCOG has paid a $100,000 deposit which is reimbursable but not refundable. In the event of a change in project scope, the contract shall be amended and approved by both parties. The project may be subject to change or modification.

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SBCCOG is moving forward to negotiate a contract between SBCCOG and AT&T. City will join in on the contract negotiations to ensure the best interests of the City. If any changes occur, SBCCOG will update the City Council on a timely basis.

**HOMELESSNESS IN THE SOUTH BAY**

According to the 2019 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count, there are 3,880 people experiencing homelessness in the South Bay on any given night. This number represents an increase of 4% from 2018. Of this count, 798 or 20% are double counted or experiencing transitional housing, or are using rapid re-housing. An additional 3,599 persons or 90% are not counted on the streets, in shelters, or vehicles. Overall, homelessness in Los Angeles County continues to rise from 12% in 2018 to a total of 12% in 2019.

Recognizing the need for a regional approach to address the growing homelessness crisis, the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) funded, by the County of Los Angeles, is working with the South Bay cities and other agencies to make a difference in the homeless problem.

**South Bay Homeless Outreach**

February 28, 2020, the SBCCOG staff accompanied with the lavender outreach provider, helping homeless people living on the streets of the South Bay amid uncounted with those suffering from permanent housing.

The lavender administration program features outreach services, targeting areas and neighborhoods in which these are offered to holes, homeless, and service providers.

**SBCCOG proudly announces the creation of the South Bay Fiber Network**

**City Showcase**

The Regional Center for the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) has announced its hosting of the 2019 National Planning Conference in San Francisco. The City is the recipient of a “Gold Level” designation from the National Planning Award for implementing programs that make it easier, safer, and more affordable for home and businesses to stay safe in Rancho Palos Verdes.

The SolSmart Award is named for the Solar Foundation and the International City/County Management Association is presented to the City of Inglewood to recognize its leadership in green energy and environmental sustainability. The SBCCOG staff has engaged the community in supporting and encouraging the development of clean renewable energy in the South Bay.

**RANCHO PALOS VERDES RECEIVES SOLSMART AWARD**

**South Bay Housing Forum Recap**

The SBCCOG proudly announces the creation of the South Bay Fiber Network.

**Faces of the SBCCOG – Walter Siembad**

Walter Siembad is the Research Director for the SBCCOG. He is responsible for developing and implementing research tools and methods that will enhance understanding of travel behavior and greenhouse gas emissions.

Before joining the SBCCOG in 2015, Siembad had his own consulting firm specializing in the intersection of land use, transportation, and technology. He has worked extensively with the Southern California Association of Governments, the Orange County Transportation Authority, and the Regional Transportation District for the Colorado Mountain Area. He has a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Siembad has lived in Los Angeles County since 1990 and is a member of the Labs and the Dredges.
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The Housing Forum was made possible thanks to the support of the South Bay Fiber Network. This article is the first of a series on homelessness in Los Angeles County.

The City of Inglewood has also received funding to hire a Community Solar Coordinator/City Liaison and Case Worker for a Homeless Coordinator/City Liaison and Case Worker for a Homeless Coordinator.

For more information and resources, please visit the SBCCOG’s SolSmart in South Bay Resources section at: http://www.sbcog.org/solsmart/solsmart-resource-center/

City Showcase

RANCHO PALOS VERDES RECEIVES SOLSMART AWARD

City of Inglewood

Siembab has lived in Los Angeles County since 1956 and is a fan of the Lakers and Dodgers. He is currently President of the Town Hall Conference in Newcastle England in 1999. He has numerous publications and won first place in the Orange County Planning Conference in San Francisco. The City of Inglewood has also received funding to hire a Community Solar Coordinator/City Liaison and Case Worker for a Homeless Coordinator/City Liaison and Case Worker for a Homeless Coordinator.

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Some interesting new areas are coming to the our economy that may offer additional advantages to the South Bay. The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) is a sub-regional board with responsibilities that include: (1) The SBWIB is working with various providers, such as Cal State University Dominguez Hills and the University of California Davis, to identify the knowledge and potential impacts on the South Bay Economy. The report outlined the state of the technology and highlighted areas that government could potentially fund. This report identified the need to develop a foundation to support Blockchain technology in order to reduce costs and improve processes. Blockchain technology had the potential to reduce the costs and increase the productivity, speed, and reliability of many critical processes such as property registry and identification, voting and electoral processes, real estate transactions, financial transactions, and government contracts.

The City has been relying on the City to provide situational reports; (2) Investigate the feasibility of implementing a smart road sensors, connected vehicles and build laterals for cities/agencies. This would be a major step for the City to improve its transportation system, as it would enable better decision-making, reduced congestion and improved safety for all road users (including pedestrians, cyclists, and other road users).

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NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK CAPTAIN PROGRAM

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fewer, however, know much about the underlying technology called Blockchain.

Most people have heard of Bitcoin and other well-known cryptocurrencies. However, few know what they are or how they work. Not only Blockchain the underlying technology behind cryptocurrencies, it also provides solutions for many other applications that are having a big impact. Blockchain is basically software that keeps track of every transaction of a digital currency, such as Bitcoin. This technology has the potential to revolutionize how we keep track of financial transactions, and it can help prevent fraud and security issues. It is a secure and transparent way to manage data. Blockchain technology has the potential to revolutionize the way we keep track of financial transactions and protect against fraud and security issues. It is a secure and transparent way to manage data.

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