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## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 10, 2026**

N.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING JOINING THE SOUTH BAY REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST AND SELECTING A CITY REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE SOUTH BAY REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Dear City Council Member and Mayor,

Thank you to the City Manager and staff for preparing the report regarding whether Redondo Beach should join the South Bay Regional Housing Trust.

Based on the information provided, I respectfully recommend that the City **not join the Housing Trust at this time.**

The report notes that several concerns raised by the City Attorney **remain unresolved**, and the Joint Powers Agreement is no longer subject to modification because other cities have already approved it. Given these circumstances, **it may be prudent for the City to allow additional time to evaluate the long-term implications before committing to a regional entity with potential future financial obligations.**

While the report indicates there is no immediate fiscal impact, it also states that membership dues or administrative fees could be required in the future depending on the direction of the Trust. Entering into a new regional structure **without clear long-term cost expectations raises important fiscal considerations for residents.**

Redondo Beach is also a largely built-out coastal community with limited land availability, and our city is already considered **park-poor** relative to neighboring communities. **Stabilizing and strengthening the resources we currently have—parks, infrastructure, and housing balance—should remain a priority.**

In addition, cities with greater land availability and redevelopment capacity, such as Torrance and others in the South Bay, may be better positioned to accommodate

additional housing development as part of the region's overall effort.

The report also notes that the agreement includes a **sunset provision that would automatically terminate the Trust if no funding source is secured by December 31, 2026**. Given this uncertainty, it seems reasonable to ask: **what is the rush for Redondo Beach to join now**? Allowing the Trust to operate for some time would provide an opportunity to observe how it functions, how funding is secured, and whether participation would ultimately benefit our community.

Thank you again to the City Manager and staff for their work in presenting this information and for the Council's thoughtful consideration of this important decision.

Respectfully,  
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