

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY
AREA GOVERNMENTS
Meeting Transcript**

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

THURSDAY, APRIL 20TH, 2023, 5:15 PM

CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE BROADCASTING, CORRECT?

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: YES THAT'S CORRECT.

CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN: GOOD EVENING. I'M BERKLEY MAYOR JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE BOARD. AND I WOULD LIKE TO CALL TO ORDER THE MEETING OF THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR TODAY THURSDAY APRIL 28TH, 2023 AND ASK THE ABAG CLERK TO CONDUCT ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM WHETHER A QUORUM IS PRESENT.

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: VICE MAYOR ADAMS?

SUSAN ADAMS: HERE .

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: SUPERVISOR ANDERSON?

CANDACE ANDERSON: HERE .

CLERK, FRED CASTRO: MAYOR ARREGUIN?

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2 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** PRESENT.

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4 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** BAS?

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6 **NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS:** PRESENT. AND I AM AT OAKLAND CITY HALL,
7 IN OAKLAND.

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9 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. MAYOR REED IS ABSENT.

10 SUPERVISOR CARLSON?

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12 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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14 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** CORZO IS ABSENT. EKLUND?

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16 **PAT ECKLUND:** PRESENT.

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18 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ELLENBERG? IS ABSENT. COUNCIL MEMBER FIFE?

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20 **CARROLL FIFE:** PRESENT AT OAKLAND CITY HALL, GALLOW PLAZA.

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22 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. FLIGOR?

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24 **NEYSA FLIGOR:** HERE AT THE SAN JOSE LOCATION.

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1 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. MAYOR GARCIA?

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3 **LEON GARCIA:** HERE.

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5 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MARQUEZ IS ABSENT. DIRECTOR HILLIS? IS
6 ABSENT. VICE MAYOR KAMEI?

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8 **SPEAKER:** I AM HERE AT THE SAN JOSE LOCATION, SANTA CLARA
9 STREET.

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11 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR LEE IS ABSENT.
12 SUPERVISOR MANDELMAN IS ABSENT. COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ
13 BELTRAN. WE'LL COME BACK TO HER JUST TO MAKE SURE.

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15 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR MELGAR.

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17 **MYRNA MELGAR:** PRESENT. ALMOST THERE.

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19 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** OKAY. WE'LL HOLD ON UNTIL YOU'RE HERE IN
20 THE BOARDROOM, PLEASE. SUPERVISOR MILEY IS ABSENT. MUELLER IS
21 ABSENT. VICE MAYOR NAGALES?

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23 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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25 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ORTIZ?

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2 **SPEAKER:** ABSENT.

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4 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** I'M SORRY. IS COUNCIL MEMBER ORTIZ AT YOUR
5 SAN JOSE LOCATION?

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7 **SPEAKER:** NO. HE IS ABSENT.

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9 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** HE ABSENT. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RABBITT
10 IS ABSENT. RAMOS?

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12 **BELIA RAMOS:** HERE.

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14 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** REED IS ABSENT. ROMERO? IS ABSENT.
15 SACKETT?

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17 **SPEAKER:** I AM HERE AT THE CITY OF NOVATO LOCATION,
18 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, MANSION AVENUE IN NOVATO.

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20 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. MAYOR SILVA?

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22 **CINDY SILVA:** PRESENT. I'M HERE AT THE SENIOR CENTER AT CIVIC
23 DRIVE IN WALNUT CREEK.

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25 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. MAYOR TIEDEMANN?

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2 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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4 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** WILLIAMS IS ABSENT. MAYOR YOUNG IS ABSENT.

5 COUNCIL MORE JIMINEZ?

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7 **SPEAKER:** PRESENT.

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9 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR MOTOYAMA?

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11 **SPEAKER:** PRESENT.

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13 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** CAN YOU CONFIRM YOUR LOCATION PLEASE?

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15 **SPEAKER:** I APOLOGIZE. I WAS ON MY WAY TO OAKLAND, AND I SAW

16 THAT THE MEETING WAS REMOTE. SO, I WENT BACK TO MY HOME.

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18 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** BECAUSE YOUR LOCATION HAS NOT BEEN

19 NOTICED, YOU WILL NOT BE COUNTED TOWARDS QUORUM. THANK YOU.

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21 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

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23 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SO, LET'S SEE, COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ

24 BELTRAN?

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1 **YVONNE MARTINEZ BELTRAN:** PRESENT. HOLLYWOOD HOTEL 1160 VERMONT
2 AVENUE IN LOS ANGELES.

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4 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** BY MY COUNT, WE HAVE 18, WHICH IS QUORUM.
5 THAT'S QUORUM.

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7 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. A QUORUM IS PRESENT.
8 THANK YOU TO COLLEAGUES JOINING US BUT ARE NOT ABLE TO VOTE.
9 IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSION PLEASE RAISE YOUR
10 HANDS AND WE'LL CALL ON YOU. WE WELCOME YOUR PARTICIPATION.
11 ITEM TWO IS PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTER THIS IS
12 OPPORTUNITY FOR ANY MEMBER EVER THE PUBLIC ON ZOOM OR IN-
13 PERSON TO SPEAK ON ANYTHING THAT'S NOT ON THE PUBLISHED
14 AGENDA. IF THERE IS ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISHES TO
15 GIVE COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE GENDER PLEASE RAISE YOUR
16 HAND. AND WERE THERE WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED?

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18 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** NO THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
19 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
20 ON THIS ITEM. AND FROM THE TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS, ARE THERE
21 ANY PUBLIC MEMBERS WISHING TO SPEAK? I SEE NONE. THANK YOU.

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23 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** THANK YOU. THAT COMPLETES ITEM TWO,
24 WE'LL PROCEED TO ITEM THREE, EXECUTIVE BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS
25 THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM. ARE THERE ANY MEMBER

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1 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD? IF SO
2 RAISE YOUR HAND. SEEING NONE. SO WE'LL TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON
3 THIS ITEM. IS THERE ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISHES TO
4 GIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM AND WILL THE CLERK INFORM US
5 IF THERE WAS ANY WRITTEN COMMENT RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM?

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7 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
8 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
9 ON THIS ITEM. AND FROM THE TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS, IF THERE
10 ARE ANY PUBLIC MEMBERS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, I SEE NONE. THANK
11 YOU.

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13 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT BRINGS
14 US TO ITEM FOUR, THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT. THIS IS AN
15 INFORMATION ITEM. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK AND WELCOME MY
16 COLLEAGUES FOR ATTENDING THIS AFTERNOON'S ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD
17 SPECIAL MEETING. THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE JOINING US IN-
18 PERSON AND THOSE ON ZOOM. UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS THE
19 RATIFICATION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF MY APPOINTMENTS TO
20 VARIOUS COMMITTEES, INCLUDING THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY
21 RESTORATION AUTHORITY THAT INFORMATION WAS INCLUDED IN THE
22 PACKET. AND BY TAKING THIS ACTION WOULD BE RATIFYING MY
23 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR LISA GOTEA FROM THE CITY OF EAST PALO
24 ALTO SERVING ON THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY RESTORATION AUTHORITY I
25 WANT TO THANK HER FOR SERVING ON THIS IMPORTANT COMMITTEE. IF

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1 YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON OUR COMMITTEES FORWARD THAT
2 TO MR. CASTRO. THIS AFTERNOON WE'LL RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE
3 FINANCE COMMITTEE ON THE ABAG FISCAL YEAR 2024 THE BUDGET AND
4 WORK PROGRAM OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD PENCIL INTO YOUR CALENDARS
5 JUNE 16TH, 2023 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING HERE IN-PERSON. IN
6 ADDITION TO THE BUDGET AND WORK PROGRAM WE HAVE AN EXCITING
7 PANEL OF SPEAKERS ON REGIONAL ECONOMIC RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY
8 WE HOPE THAT YOU CAN JOIN US. THIS CONCLUDES MY REPORT. AND
9 BEFORE WE TAKE QUESTIONS, I HAVE ASKED OUR STAFF TO GIVE A
10 REPORT ON ABAG SERVICES TO MEMBER JURISDICTIONS TO KIND OF
11 PROVIDE SOME CONTEXT TO THE DISCUSSION WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ON
12 THE BUDGET AND WORK PROGRAM. WHAT DO WE DO? AND WHAT ARE THE
13 BENEFITS THAT ABAG'S MEMBER JURISDICTIONS GET FROM THE DUES
14 THAT THEY PAY TO OUR AGENCIES. I WANT TO TURN IT OVER TO BRAD
15 PAUL, THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO GIVE THE PRESENTATION.

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17 **BRAD PAUL:** THANK YOU PRESIDENT ARREGUIN. IS THE SLIDE DECK
18 COMING UP? THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO SPEND A FEW MINUTES GIVING
19 AN OVERVIEW OF REGIONAL SERVICES THAT ARE NOW PROVIDED TO
20 REGIONAL SERVICES THAT ARE NOW PROVIDED TO LOCAL JURISDICTIONS
21 BY YOUR CONSOLIDATED ABAG MTC STAFF. NEXT SLIDE. 10 SLIDES,
22 QUICKLY. BAYREN, CELEBRATED THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY. THE ANNUAL
23 BUDGET IS \$24 MILLION AND GROWING. MOST OF THAT IS PASS-
24 THROUGH MONEY TO THE SIX PROGRAMS THEY'RE CURRENTLY FOCUSED ON
25 -- THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE NEW PROGRAMS COMING UP SOON -- BUT

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1 MOSTLY FOCUSED ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY UPGRADES FOR SINGLE AND
2 MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING, A NEW WATER BILL SAVINGS PROGRAM,
3 WORKING WITH BAHFA, TO LOWER HOUSING OPERATING COSTS. BUT NOW
4 ON THE BIG NUMBERS, THEY HAVE NOW DISTRIBUTE THE \$66 MILLION
5 IN UPGRADE INCENTIVES THAT HAVE HELPED UPGRADE 64,000 HOUSING
6 UNITS ACROSS THE REGION. 64,000 UNITS. CREATING ALMOST 13,000
7 NEW JOBS AND MOST IMPORTANTLY STOPPING 156 MILLION TONS OF
8 CARBON FROM ENTERING THE ATMOSPHERE. THAT'S BAYREN. NEXT
9 SLIDE. SFEP, SAN FRANCISCO ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP, THEIR
10 PUBLICATION, THE ESTUARY BLUEPRINT, IS PUBLISHED EVERY FOUR
11 YEARS, A CREATION OF STRATEGY TO BOLSTER THE REGION'S
12 ECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS AND LOCAL SHORELINES, LOCAL COMMUNITIES,
13 PARTICULARLY AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE AND SEA LEVEL RISE. THEY
14 HAVE PROTECTED AND RESTORED 64,000 ACRES OF WETLANDS THIS YEAR
15 ALONE AND GOT \$30 MILLION FROM STATE FEDERAL FUNDS THAT THEY
16 PASS THROUGH TO LOCAL PARTNERS DOING THE GROUND PROJECTS
17 MEASURE REGIONAL MEASURE A WHICH IS ANOTHER \$25 MILLION A YEAR
18 ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE SFA RESTORATION AUTHORITY. NEXT
19 SLIDE. YOU HAVE BEEN HEARING ABOUT THE REGIONAL HOUSING
20 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. ABAG RECEIVED \$24 MILLION
21 PLANNING GRANT, ALLOCATED TO ALL 109 CITIES AND COUNTIES.
22 EVERYONE GOT SOME FUNDING, AS WELL AS A REGIONAL TECHNICAL
23 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, INCLUDES 28 WEBINARS MANY RELATED TO
24 HOUSING COMPLIANCE. CREATED WORKING GROUPS ON WILDFIRES AND
25 TOPICS OF INTEREST, WE PROVIDED 109 DATA PACKETS ACROSS THE

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1 REGION PREAPPROVED BY HCD AND TOOLS TO HELP WITH HOUSING
2 ELEMENTS. NEXT SLIDE. ONE OF THE TOOLS WAS INTERACTIVE SITE
3 SELECTION TOOL ALLOWING JURISDICTIONS TO MAP POTENTIAL SITES
4 FOR HOUSING ELEMENTS SITE INVENTORY THAT'S REQUIRED. IT
5 SCREENS SITES BASED ON HCD REQUIREMENTS AND FLAGS FOR REZONING
6 ANY SITES THAT MAY BE REZONED TO BE USED. THIS IS BIG HELP TO
7 YOUR STAFF, POPULATES HCD'S REPORTING FORMS. AND I HAVE HEARD
8 FROM A NUMBER OF PLANNING DIRECTORS HOW HELPFUL THE TOOLS HAVE
9 BEEN. NEXT SLIDE. THE PDA PROGRAM GRANTS, MTC, SINCE 2018 HAS
10 MADE \$45 MILLION IN PDA PLANNING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
11 GRANTS TO 82 PROJECTS IN 45 JURISDICTIONS SHOWN ON THE RIGHT
12 IN RED. THIS HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED AS A NATIONAL MODEL. NEXT
13 SLIDE. BAY AREA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY. YOU HAVE BEEN
14 HEARING A LOT ABOUT THIS IN RECENT YEARS TO HAVING TO DO WITH
15 PRODUCTION, PROTECTION, AND PRESERVATION. IT'S THE FIRST
16 REGIONAL HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY IN CALIFORNIA AND A COUPLE
17 OF YEARS AGO WE RECEIVED \$20 MILLION FROM THE STATE TO SET UP
18 FIVE REGIONAL PILOT PROJECTS AROUND THE THREE PS, THE DOORWAY
19 AFFORDABLE HOUSING PORTAL IS ONE OF THOSE. NEXT SLIDE. WHAT
20 YOU MAY NOT HAVE HEARD ABOUT IS THREE NEW PROGRAMS THAT ARE
21 ABOUT TO LAUNCH, PUT TOGETHER BY BAHFA AND THE REST OF OUR
22 STAFF, THE PRIORITY SITES PROJECT PILOT \$20 MILLION IN OBAG
23 MONEY IN DEVELOPMENT ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION TO TRANSFORM
24 SURPLUS PUBLIC LAND IN YOUR JURISDICTIONS AS WELL AS AGING
25 MALLS AND OFFICE PARKS INTO AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THE HOUSING

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1 PRESERVATION PILOT \$15 MILLION IS CAPITAL FINANCING FOR
2 SMALLER NON-PROFITS AND COMMUNITY LAND TRUST. THE ABAG
3 EXECUTIVE BOARD AND THE BAHFA BOARD HAS ASKED STAFF TO LOOK AT
4 STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO PUT A REGIONAL HOUSING MEASURE BALLOT ON
5 THE NOVEMBER 2024 BALLOT WE HAVE BEEN DOING THAT WORK BUT A
6 FINAL DECISION HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE. BAHFA COULD RAISE 10 TO
7 \$20 BILLION A YEAR FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING EXPENDITURES AND
8 SUBSIDIES IN LOCAL JURISDICTIONS WE HAVE HEARD MANY OF YOU SAY
9 WE WANT TO MEET OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING GOALS BUT THERE IS NOT
10 ENOUGH SUBSIDY. 80% OF THE FUNDS ARE GOING BACK TO THE COUNTY
11 OF ORIGIN. NOT A ONE SIZE FITS ALL EACH COUNTY WILL PUT
12 TOGETHER AN EXPENDITURE PLAN BASED ON NEEDS WE WILL RETAIN 20%
13 OF THAT TO ADVANCE SYSTEMS THAT CAN BE DONE TO BEST ADVANCE
14 THE REGIONAL LEVEL INCLUDING CREATING STREAMLINED INNOVATIVE
15 FINANCING SYSTEMS. CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GREATER REGIONAL
16 COORDINATION. I WANT TO REMIND YOU FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE
17 HERE BEFORE THE STAFF CONSOLIDATION WHEN ABAG HAS SEPARATE
18 STAFF WE HAD TWO PEOPLE THAT WORKED PART-TIME WITH LEGISLATIVE
19 ADVOCACY NOW WE HAVE LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT A NUMBER
20 OF PEOPLE WHO WORK WITH US TO CREATE THESE TWO BOOKS,
21 PRESIDENT ARREGUIN AND VICE PRESIDENT RAMOS WENT WITH SOME MTC
22 COMMISSIONERS UP TO SACRAMENTO IN FEBRUARY AND TOOK A BOOK
23 WITH THEM. THE REPORT ON THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE, THE
24 PRIORITIES THAT YOU HAVE AND HAVE IDENTIFIED IN TERMS OF
25 POLICY AND FUNDING GOING FORWARD. THE NEXT MONTH IN MARCH, A

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1 NUMBER OF YOU, INCLUDING PRESIDENT ARREGUIN WENT TO -- OR A
2 NUMBER OF PEOPLE WENT TO WASHINGTON, D.C. TO DO THE SAME THING
3 WITH OUR FEDERAL LEGISLATORS. AND AGAIN THESE BOOKS AND THE
4 THINGS THAT LPA DOES REALLY BENEFIT ABAG AND ITS JURISDICTIONS
5 INCLUDING DOING A LOT OF OUTREACH WORK FOR PLANNED BAY AREA
6 AND EFFORTS WE'RE DOING NOW TO DRAMATICALLY INCREASE THE
7 AMOUNT OF PUBLIC INPUT WE GET BEFORE YOU MAKE DECISIONS IN
8 SOME OF THESE. I ALSO WANT TO ADD THAT IS. FEP HAS BEEN
9 WORKING CLOSELY WITH OUR OPERATIONS DIVISION AND OUR PLANNING
10 DIVISION ON STATE ROUTE 37. WE HAVE TO REBUILD THAT. WE WANT
11 TO DO IT IN A WAY THAT'S ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE THAT
12 INCREASES CLIMATE RESILIENCE NOT ONLY ALONG THE OPEN SPACE AND
13 WETLANDS BUT FOR COMMUNITIES THAT LIE BEHIND THAT. BAYREN IS
14 WORKING WITH BAHFA NOW ON SOME IMPORTANT PROGRAMS TO EMBED IN
15 ALL OF OUR HOUSING WORK THAT LOWER HOUSING OPERATING COST.
16 IT'S NOT ONLY ABOUT BUILDING THE HOUSING IT'S COST TO OPERATE
17 OVER TIME. NEXT SLIDE. THIS IS MY FINAL SLIDE, AND THIS IS A
18 MEMBER OF YOUR COLLEAGUES WHO IS UP FRONT RIGHT NOW VICE MAYOR
19 OF ROHNERT PARK, SUSAN ADAMS, A QUOTE FROM HER AT YOUR LAST
20 MEETING. THIS SAID THIS YEAR ABAG HAS PROVIDED UNPRECEDENTED
21 LEVEL OF FUNDING SERVICES FOR ITS MEMBERS. AND ON BEHALF OF
22 OUR CONSOLIDATED ABAG MTC STAFF, I WANT TO THANK HER FOR THAT
23 COMMENT, AND I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.
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1 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU SAY AT THESE
2 MEETINGS YOU MAY BE QUOTED. [LAUGHTER] I WANT TO THANK
3 SUPERVISOR MELGAR FOR JOINING US THROUGH THE BOARDROOM AND ONE
4 OF THE NEW REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN
5 FRANCISCO. WITH THAT I'LL ASK FOR COMMENTS ON THE STAFF
6 PRESENTATION AND MY REPORT. AND I BELIEVE VICE MAYOR ADAMS HAS
7 A QUESTION.

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9 **SUSAN ADAMS:** I HAVE A QUESTION. THANK YOU FOR CALLING ME AND
10 ASKING FOR THAT QUOTE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. BE CAREFUL RAISING
11 YOUR HAND HERE. I KNOW THE CITY OF ROHNERT PARK HAS BENEFITTED
12 FROM THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE THROUGH ABAG. WE HAVE ALREADY HAD
13 OUR HOUSING ELEMENT APPROVED. WE JUST HAD PIECE OF LAND TAKEN
14 GOING TO DOWNTOWN THROUGH THE SURPLUS LANDS ACT THERE IS A LOT
15 OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE HERE. MANY YEARS AGO WE HAD A MAYOR WHO
16 DIDN'T THINK ABAG WAS WORTH DUES PAY. WHAT HAPPENS IS A CITY
17 WHO DOES NOT PAY DUES ENJOY THE SAME BENEFITS AS THE CITY THAT
18 DOES PAY THESE DUES?

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20 **BRAD PAUL:** I WOULD SAY IN MANY CASES IN MANY OF THESE PROGRAMS
21 WE DELIVER THESE PROGRAMS TO THE REGION BUT WE ALSO PROVIDE
22 PERSONALIZED SERVICE TO A NUMBER OF CITIES AND TOWNS THROUGH
23 OUR STAFF. AND I THINK THAT BENEFIT WOULD JUSTIFY -- WELL I'LL
24 GIVE YOU ONE EXAMPLE, EVERY CITY, ALL 101 CITIES, GOT A
25 MINIMUM OF \$120,000 OUT OF THAT REAP MONEY, AND MANY CITIES

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1 GOT 30, 40,000, 50, MUCH MORE. AND I THINK THE BENEFITS FAR
2 OUTWEIGH WHATEVER THE DUES INCREASE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT FOR
3 THE COMING YEAR WHICH FOR SMALLER CITIES AND TOWNS ARE IN THE
4 HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS AND FOR LARGER OR MEDIUM
5 SIZED CITIES AND TOWNS, THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS NOT TALKING ABOUT
6 TENS OR HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. ALSO ASK OUR CHIEF
7 FINANCIAL OFFICER IF HE HAS COMMENTS AS WELL.

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9 **DEREK HANSEL:** I WAS GOING TO ECHO AND IT'S SHOWN IN THE
10 ATTACHMENTS TO THE BUDGET THE PROPOSED INCREASES AND I
11 APPRECIATE 10% SOUNDS LIKE A LOT OF MONEY. I BELIEVE THE
12 HIGHEST OF ANY FOLKS WHO ARE PAYING THE DUES INCREASES IS, OF
13 COURSE, THE COUNTIES THEMSELVES. BUT TO BRAD A WHOLE LOT OF
14 FOLKS YOU KNOW, IT'S IN THE HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS. LET'S SEE.
15 HELP, JUST AS A --

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17 **SUSAN ADAMS:** I BROUGHT THE CHECKBOOK.

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19 **DEREK HANSEL:** JUST AS A SMALL EXAMPLE, ROHNERT PARK, WE'RE
20 TALKING ABOUT 1154 INCREASE. SO TO YOUR POINT -- I'M A CFO, NO
21 MONEY IS NOMINAL, IT'S REASONABLY NOMINAL.

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23 **BRAD PAUL:** IN THE BYLAWS IT REQUIRES AUTOMATIC INCREASE IN
24 DUES EVERY THREE YEARS FOR COST OF LIVING IN THE PAST IT'S
25 BEEN AROUND 3% THIS YEAR IT'S 6%, SIX AND A HALF%. IT'S ALSO

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1 POPULATION INCREASE LAST YEAR VERY FEW PEOPLE COMMUNITIES HAVE
2 THEIR POPULATION INCREASE SO THAT, SORT OF, NEGLIGIBLE THIS IS
3 ACTUAL EXTRA BEING ASKED ABOVE THE AUTOMATIC INCREASES. A
4 HALF%. NOT 10%.

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6 **SUSAN ADAMS:** THE CITY COUNCILS ARE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO
7 APPROVE THIS INCREASE IS THERE A ONE PAGE INFOGRAPHIC THAT WE
8 CAN SAY HERE IS EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT WHY THIS IS
9 REASONABLE THAT'S BEING ASKED OF YOU?

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11 **BRAD PAUL:** WE'RE GOING TO DO A PRESENTATION LIKE THIS AT THE
12 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SIMILAR TO YOUR POINT BUT WE SHOULD DO
13 SOMETHING BEFORE THEN AND THE SIMPLER WE CAN MAKE IT, THE
14 VISUAL, WE'LL WORK ON THAT.

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16 **SUSAN ADAMS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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18 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** GOOD IDEA, ONE PAGER HIGHLIGHTING THE
19 KEY, BAYREN, BAHFA, THE KEY THINGS WE DO. EXCELLENT IDEA.
20 OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? FROM ANYONE HERE IN THE
21 BOARDROOM? YES, MAYOR GARCIA?

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23 **LEON GARCIA:** I THINK OF VALUE IS THE PRESENTATION, YOU JUST
24 DID, THE SERVICES YOU PROVIDE FOR CITIES. AND I THINK IT'S THE
25 -- I DON'T KNOW ENOUGH TO SAY IF IT'S GOING TO CONNECT. OUR

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1 LAST MEETING WITH NORTH BAY DIVISION, LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA
2 CITIES, HOUSING WAS A BIG ISSUE ON THAT BUT WE OFFER
3 INFORMATION AND SERVICES AROUND THAT. COULD YOU SPAIN HOW WE
4 REACH CITIES OUT THERE WITH INFORMATION? OR ARE YOU CONTACTED
5 FOR SUPPORT?

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7 **BRAD PAUL:** WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IF WE GO TO THE
8 DIVISIONS, THERE IS A NORTH BAY DIVISION, THERE IS AN EAST BAY
9 DIVISION, WEST BAY DIVISION, IT'S NOT NINE, IT'S THREE. SO, IF
10 WE GO TO THOSE MEETINGS TO DO PRESENTATIONS LIKE THIS, I THINK
11 WE CAN REACH A LARGE NUMBER OF ELECTED OFFICIALS WHO ARE PART
12 OF ABAG, AND THEY COULD HEAR THIS STORY, IN AN EFFICIENT WAY.

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14 **LEON GARCIA:** WITH THE CONVERSATIONS HAPPENING THERE SEEMS TO
15 BE A DISCONNECT, WE'RE WORKING WITH SOURCES THAT CAN HELP YOU
16 RESOLVE THESE ISSUES OR HOW TO BETTER HANDLE IT WILL AT THE
17 LOCAL LEVEL. GREAT IDEA. WE ARE TRYING TO WORK WITH
18 TRANSPORTATION FUNDING RIDERSHIP OR WE HAVE A COMMUNITY
19 INFORMATION OFFICER AND THE CITY COUNCIL OR CITY BOARD -- CITY
20 ITSELF, PUT THAT ON THEIR WEB PAGES, GO TO OURS YOU GET THE
21 CALENDAR LOCAL INFORMATION YOU NEED. SO WHEN THIS THING IS UP
22 AND RUNNING. BECAUSE I'M NOW SERVING ON THE CLIMATE ACTION
23 COMMITTEE FOR NAPA COUNTY THIS IS OUR GOAL TO REDUCE
24 GREENHOUSE GASSES THE WAY WE COULD DO IT SO SHARING
25 INFORMATION, I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU ARE PROPOSING THERE IN

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1 TERMS OF REACHING OUT TO LOCAL JURISDICTIONS ON WHAT ABAG CAN
2 PROVIDE. OBVIOUSLY IT'S QUITE A LOT. TREMENDOUS RESOURCE TO
3 HAVE. AND JUST LOOK FORWARD TO THAT. THANK YOU.

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5 **BRAD PAUL:** WE'LL DO A BETTER JOB OF COMMUNICATING THAT.

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7 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** YEAH, I THINK WHEN WE DO THE NOTICE OF
8 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IF WE COULD SEND ALONG, THAT MIGHT BE A
9 GOOD THING TO COMMUNICATE. AND YOU KNOW, SOMETHING THAT WE'LL
10 TALK ABOUT AT A FUTURE MEETING IS THE ISSUE OF, IN ADDITION TO
11 ALL THE AMAZING STUFF THAT OUR STAFF DOES, CONSOLIDATED STAFF,
12 WERE THERE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ABAG TO PROVIDE VALUE ADD
13 TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. WE TALKED ABOUT REAP 2.0 POTENTIALLY AND
14 PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND FUNDING AND SUPPORT FOR
15 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AS THEY'RE IMPLEMENTING THEIR HOUSING
16 ELEMENTS. THERE MAY BE A ROLE RESILIENCE SEA LEVEL RISE
17 ADAPTATION SPACE. SO LOOK FORWARD TO THAT CONVERSATION HERE
18 AROUND WHAT ADDITIONAL CAN WE DO. AND I THINK FOR SMALLER
19 MEDIUM SIZED CITIES WHO DON'T HAVE ANY PLANNING STAFF, I
20 RECALL WE HAD THE RHNA APPEALS MANY CITIES HAD TO SUBCONTRACT
21 OUT TO OTHER -- THE CONSULTANTS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT ON THEIR
22 REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION APPEALS OR HAVE LIMITED
23 STAFF ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME OF PHYSICAL CHALLENGES, I THINK
24 WE COULD PLAY A ROLE IN PROVIDING THAT SUPPORT. SO, TO BE

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1 CONTINUED. COUNCIL MEMBER EKLUND THEN ANYONE ELSE ON ZOOM WHO
2 WISHING TO SPEAK. THANK YOU.

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4 **PAT ECKLUND:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CHAIR ARREGUIN. AND, MARIN
5 COUNTY ALREADY HAS -- AND HAS HAD FOR SOMETIME, ONE CITY THAT
6 WITHDREW THEIR MEMBERSHIP, THAT'S CORD MADERA, AND THEY HAVE
7 NOT REJOINED EVEN THOUGH MOST OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE
8 CHANGED HANDS BUT WE CONTINUE TO WORK ON THAT. BUT MY CONCERN
9 -- AND I'M GOING TO SUPPORT THE MOTION TO SUPPORT THE BUDGET
10 AND I'LL VOTE IN SUPPORT ON JUNE 16TH, AS WELL, BUT I DID WANT
11 TO JUST RAISE THE CONCERN THAT THERE IS A LOT OF CITIES,
12 ESPECIALLY SMALLER CITIES, ESPECIALLY IN MARIN COUNTY, THAT
13 ARE REALLY UPSET ABOUT THE RHNA, REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS
14 ALLOCATION AND FELT THAT ABAG DID NOT DO AS GOOD OF A JOB AS
15 THEY SHOULD HAVE IN RESPECT SUGGEST THE SMALLER CITIES. AND
16 WHERE THEY DON'T REALLY HAVE THE PROPERTY AVAILABLE FOR THE
17 HOMES. SO, ANYWAY, I JUST WANTED TO RAISE THAT FLAG THAT THERE
18 IS SOME CONCERN ABOUT HOW STRONG ABAG IS FIGHTING FOR CITIES
19 ON THINGS THAT REALLY MATTER, INCLUDING THE RHNA. SO, I THINK
20 -- I JUST WANTED TO RAISE THAT FLAG THAT I'LL BE SUPPORTING
21 THIS MOTION TONIGHT, AS WELL AS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

22

23 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** ANYBODY IN THE SAN JOSE LOCATION WOULD
24 LIKE TO SPEAK?

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** THIS IS ROSEMARY KAMEI CITY OF SAN JOSE AND I HAVE A
2 CLARIFYING QUESTION REGARDING THOSE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO
3 RECEIVE GRANTS, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A MEMBER IN ORDER TO BE
4 ELIGIBLE FOR ONE OF THE GRANTS. IS THAT CORRECT?

5

6 **BRAD PAUL:** THERE IS ONLY -- ALL 101 CITIES, WITH THE EXEMPTION
7 OF CORDA MADERA ARE MEMBERS, AND ALL NINE COUNTIES ARE
8 MEMBERS. SO THE ONLY ISSUE WHERE THAT COMES UP RIGHT NOW IS
9 CORDA MADERA. BUT AS COUNCIL MEMBER EKLUND SAID -- THERE IS
10 GOING TO BE -- AND I UNDERSTAND WHAT'S HAPPENED A WHILE AGO, I
11 WOULD BE INTERESTED IN GOING TO SEE THEM AT ONE OF THEIR
12 MEETINGS AND FORMALLY ASKING THEM TO REJOIN AND I THINK THEY
13 MIGHT DO THAT AND WE'RE GOING TO SEE 101 CITIES AND COUNTIES
14 WOULD BE MEMBERS SO IT WOULD BE A MOOT ISSUE FOR US.

15

16 **SUSAN ADAMS:** OUR DUES ISSUE GOING UP BY \$100 FOR THE YEAR,
17 RIGHT? YOU SAID ANNUAL DUES ARE \$1,100?

18

19 **DEREK HANSEL:** INCREASE.

20

21 **SUSAN ADAMS:** WHAT ARE OUR DUES AT RIGHT NOW?

22

23 **DEREK HANSEL:** I'LL GET BACK THERE. IT IS A LONG PAGE. MY
24 APOLOGIZE. CURRENT DUES ARE 11,538.

25

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1 **SUSAN ADAMS:** WE SHOULD PUT THAT INFORMATION ON THE DOCUMENT AS
2 WE'RE HANDING IT TO PEOPLE.

3

4 **DEREK HANSEL:** IT IS SET IN THE DOCUMENT AS ATTACHMENT B, I
5 BELIEVE. IN THE DOCUMENT IT SHOWS THOUGH INCREASES.

6

7 **SUSAN ADAMS:** OKAY.

8

9 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** COUNCIL MEMBER ROMERO?

10

11 **CARLOS ROMERO:** COUPLE OF QUESTIONS, IT IS INCUMBENT UPON ALL
12 OF US ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND ON OTHER COMMITTEES OF
13 THE ABAG TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GET THIS INFORMATION BACK TO OUR
14 COUNTIES. WE'RE TRYING TO DO THE SAME THING IN SAN MATEO AND
15 LETTING OUR RESPECT I COUNCIL OF CITIES KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOING,
16 WHAT RFPS ARE AVAILABLE, WHAT FUNDING IS AVAILABLE ON A TIMELY
17 BASIS MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE. SO, I KNOW THAT THE VICE MAYOR
18 HERE HAS DONE THAT AT OUR COUNCIL'S CITY MEETINGS I DID THAT
19 AT THE LAST MEETING SO I WOULD ENCOURAGE US TO GO BACK TO OUR
20 RESPECTIVE BODIES, COUNCIL EVER CITIES, ASSOCIATIONS AND LET
21 FOLKS KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOING. ON THE RHNA PIECE, I UNDERSTAND
22 HOW CONTENTIOUS THE ACCEPTANCE OF THOSE RHNA NUMBERS FROM
23 SACRAMENTO HAS BEEN, AND, CERTAINLY CONTINUES TO BE FOR SOME
24 FOLKS, BUT WHEN LEGISLATURE CERTAINLY PUT THOSE NUMBERS ON US,
25 BUT BECAUSE OF ABAG, WE ACTUALLY HAD THIS OPPORTUNITY TO

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1 RESPOND COLLECTIVELY TO SACRAMENTO ABOUT HOW THAT PROCESS WENT
2 AND HOW THINGS SHOULD GET CHANGED. AND, PAT, COUNCIL MEMBER
3 EKLUND, YOU BROUGHT UP A NUMBER OF ISSUES THAT WE'RE GOING TO
4 BE TALKING ABOUT INTERNALLY THEN GET BACK TO HCD AND SAY,
5 LOOK, THERE IS GOING TO BE ANOTHER ROUND, THERE ARE PROBLEMS,
6 OR WE THINK THERE WERE PROBLEMS. WE THINK THERE WERE PROBLEMS
7 BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THERE WAS A HIGH AMOUNT OF COLLABORATION
8 AMONG CITIES AND, CERTAINLY THE COUNTIES, HERE, TO GET THIS
9 OVER THE FINISH LINE, BUT THIS IS THE BODY THAT CAN ACTUALLY
10 BRING THAT INFORMATION BACK TO THE LEGISLATURES. AND, AGAIN,
11 IN A STRONG COLLECTIVE VOICE. BECAUSE IF IT'S JUST PALO ALTO
12 OR ATHERTON, OR RICHMOND, ALONE, IT DOESN'T CARRY THE WEIGHT
13 THAT IT DOES IN A BODY LIKE THIS, AND I THINK THAT WE NEED TO
14 STRESS THE FACT THAT COLLECTIVELY AS 101 CITIES AND THE
15 COUNTIES, WE HAVE MUCH MORE HEFT IN SACRAMENTO.

16

17 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** ON THAT POINT, AT SOME POINT IN THE
18 NEAR FUTURE, WE'LL HAVE A FOLLOW UP CONVERSATION TO, SORT OF,
19 THE ORIGINAL DEBRIEF WE DID ON THE RHNA PROCESS. AND
20 ESPECIALLY BECAUSE THERE IS A PROCESS UNDERWAY BY STATE HCD TO
21 GATHER INPUT ON POTENTIAL CHANGES TO THE PROCESS AND THE -- I
22 GUESS IT WILL BE THE 7TH CYCLE. COUNCIL MEMBER FLIGOR, DID YOU
23 WISH TO SPEAK? OR SOMEBODY IN THE REMOTE ROOM? YEAH.

24

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1 **NEYSA FLIGOR:** I DID. THANK YOU. NEYSA FLIGOR, CITY COUNCIL
2 REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SANTA CLARA COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
3 PRESIDENT, ARREGUIN, I JUST WANT TO CONFIRM AND CLARIFY THE
4 VOTE WE'RE TAKING ON THIS RESOLUTION --

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6 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** WE'RE NOT VOTING ON THE RESOLUTION YET.
7 THIS WAS MY -- THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT, AND AS A PRECURSOR TO
8 THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT, WE WANTED STAFF TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE
9 TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ABOUT WHAT IS IT WE DO, WHAT SERVICES
10 WE PROVIDE. SO WE'LL GET TO THAT VERY SHORTLY. BUT THE ITEM,
11 THE AGENDA ITEM IS TO FORWARD THE BUDGET AND WORK PROGRAM TO
12 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AS WE KNOW
13 WILL VOTE ABOUT WHETHER TO CONFIRM, AMEND, REJECT THAT. BUT
14 THAT'S THE ACTION WE'LL BE TAKING SHORTLY.

15

16 **NEYSA FLIGOR:** I APPRECIATE THAT EXPLANATION, IT'S IMPORTANT
17 PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS TO BRING BACK THE INFORMATION TO
18 BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS OR AND INDIVIDUAL CITIES THAT WE HAVE
19 THE RIGHT INFORMATION TO BRING BACK TO THE CITIES.

20

21 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON THE
22 PRESIDENT'S REPORT. ITEM FOUR? IS THERE PUBLIC COMMENT
23 RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM?

24

25 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THERE IS A HAND UP IN NOVATO.

22

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2 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** COUNCIL MEMBER EKLUND?

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4 **PAT ECKLUND:** I DID FORGET TO SAY THIS, AND I'M SORRY PRESIDENT
5 ARREGUIN FOR TAKING A SECOND BITE AT THE APPLE, AND YOU
6 MENTIONED IT, BUT CAN WE GET A BRIEFING AT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
7 FOR OUR STAFF WHO IS SERVING ON THE HCD COMMITTEE SO WE CAN
8 FIND OUT HOW THAT COMMITTEE IS GOING, WHAT ARE SOME OF THE
9 ISSUES SO WE CAN BE BRIEFED ON HOW IT'S GOING. BECAUSE IT'S
10 GOING TO END AT THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR, AND I THINK
11 THERE IS SOME ADVANTAGE TO US BEING BRIEFED ON WHAT'S
12 HAPPENING GETTING INPUT FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND MAYBE
13 EVEN HOUSING COMMITTEE AS WELL IN MAY OR JUNE BUT DOING IT
14 PRETTY QUICKLY.

15

16 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** YES. WE'LL TAKE THAT SUGGESTION INTO
17 CONSIDERATION. MY RECOLLECTION FROM OUR DISCUSSION LAST MONTH
18 WAS MATT MALONEY DID SAY -- HE AND STAFF, I THINK GILLIAN
19 ADAMS'S POINT IN THIS PROCESS -- AS SHE WAS IN THE RHNA
20 PROCESS -- I'M GLAD SHE HAD A LITTLE BREAK, GILLIAN AND MATT
21 WILL COME BACK, SO I'LL TALK TO STAFF ABOUT WHEN WE CAN
22 CALENDAR THAT FOR DISCUSSION FOR FOLLOW UP.

23

24 **PAT ECKLUND:** THANK YOU.

25

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1 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** BEFORE WE TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ARE THERE
2 ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT? IF
3 NOT, DO ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISH TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM?
4 PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. SEEING NONE ON ZOOM. WRITTEN COMMENTS
5 IN CASTRO?

6

7 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
8 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
9 ON THIS ITEM. AND FROM THE TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS, I SEE NO
10 PUBLIC MEMBERS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU.

11

12 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** PROCEEDING TO ITEM FIVE, THE EXECUTIVE
13 DIRECTOR'S REPORT. AN INFORMATION ITEM. I'LL TURN THE FLOOR
14 OVER TO OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANDREW FREMIER.

15

16 **ANDREW FREMIER:** GOOD EVENING MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION. THIS
17 IS A SHORT ONE BECAUSE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING, LET ME
18 HIGHLIGHT A COUPLE OF THINGS AND ALSO ITEMS MR. PAUL COVERED
19 IN HIS PRESENTATION ARE SHOWN IN THIS REPORT. BUT WE HAD SIX
20 NEW FOLKS COME IN TO JOIN THE WORK PUT DIRECT EFFORT INTO
21 ABAG'S WORK IT'S GOOD TO SEE WE'RE BRINGING PEOPLE IN TO DO
22 THAT WORK. KEY UPDATES BRAD MENTIONED THE HOUSING TECHNICAL
23 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ON HIS SLIDE SHOWING IT WON AN AWARD FROM
24 THE AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION SO I THINK THAT HELPS
25 UNDERSTAND ITS BENEFITS. WE RELEASED A DRAFT OF THE PROCEDURAL

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1 GUIDANCE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRANSIT ORIENTED
2 COMMUNITIES WORK AND THAT POLICY EFFORT AND WE PARTICIPATE
3 THAT PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING THE FINAL GUIDANCE WILL BE ONGOING
4 THROUGH THE 2023. THE BAY AREA LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE INVITED
5 TO NOMINATE PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT AREAS AND PRIORITY SITES.
6 THAT WORK IS UNDERWAY, AS WELL. THERE IS A DOWNLOAD ON THE
7 ABAG WEB SITE FOR HOW TO FIND OUT INFORMATION ABOUT DEADLINES
8 AND SCHEDULES, ET CETERA. ON THE BACK, I JUST WANTED TO POINT
9 YOUR ATTENTION TO SOMETHING THAT THE PRESIDENT MENTIONED AT
10 THE START. WE WILL HAVE THE ABAG GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE AT THE
11 BAY AREA METRO CENTER FRIDAY JUNE 16TH, 2023 FROM 10 TO 3.
12 THAT WILL INCLUDE THE BUSINESS MEETING. SO WE DO NEED A QUORUM
13 FOR THAT TO TAKE PLACE. AND THEN, FINALLY, THERE WILL BE
14 ANOTHER DELEGATION OF MTC AND ABAG UP TO SACRAMENTO ON MAY
15 22ND MEET WITH THE LEADERS AND ADVOCATE FOR OUR JOINT STATE
16 ADVOCACY PRIORITIES. AND WITH THAT I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER
17 QUESTIONS IF THERE ARE SOME

18

19 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** THANK YOU MR. FREMIER. ARE THERE ANY
20 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD? SEEING NONE.
21 ANY ON ZOOM? SEEING NO RAISED HANDS. THANK YOU FOR THE REPORT.
22 I'LL ASK IF THERE IS PUBLIC COMMENT. ITEM FIVE, THE EXECUTIVE
23 DIRECTOR'S REPORT. RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU ARE ON ZOOM. COME
24 FORWARD TO THE PODIUM. SEEING NONE. WRITTEN COMMENTS MR.
25 CASTRO?

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2 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** NO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM.

3

4 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. MOVING TO THE NEXT
5 AGENDA ITEM. SIX EXECUTIVE BOARD CONSENT CALENDAR. APPROVAL OF
6 THE MINUTES OF MARCH 16TH, 2023. RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE
7 APPOINTMENTS. THIS IS AN ACTION ITEM. UNLESS A MEMBER WOULD
8 LIKE TO PULL AN ITEM FOR DISCUSSION I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO
9 APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** MOTION.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** SECOND.

14

15 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** MOTION BY RAMOS SECOND BY TIEDEMANN.
16 ANY DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION FROM MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE
17 BOARD. SEEING NONE IN THE BOARDROOM WISHING TO SPEAK. ANYONE
18 ON ROOM? QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR? SEEING
19 NO RAISED HANDS. WE'LL PROCEED TO PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM SIX,
20 THE EXECUTIVE BOARD CONSENT CALENDAR. ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS OF
21 THE PUBLIC WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM? AND WERE THERE ANY
22 WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR THIS ITEM?

23

24 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
25 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED

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1 ON THIS ITEM. AND AT THE TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS, I SEE NO
2 PUBLIC MEMBERS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU.

3

4 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** OKAY THANK YOU. UNLESS THERE ARE
5 FURTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, WE CAN PROCEED TO A ROLL CALL
6 VOTE ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

7

8 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** YES ON THE MOTION BY RAMOS SECOND BY
9 TIEDEMANN. VICE MAYOR ADAMS?

10

11 **SUSAN ADAMS:** YES.

12

13 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ANDERSON?

14

15 **CANDACE ANDERSON:** YES.

16

17 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ARREGUIN?

18

19 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** YES.

20

21 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** BAS?

22

23 **NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS:** YES.

24

25 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR REED IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR CARLSON?

27

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2 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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4 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR CORZO? IS ABSENT. COUNCIL

5 MEMBER EKLUND?

6

7 **PAT ECKLUND:** AYE.

8

9 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR ELLENBERG? IS ABSENT. COUNCIL

10 MEMBER FIFE?

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12 **CARROLL FIFE:** AYE.

13

14 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. COUNCIL MEMBER FLIGOR?

15

16 **NEYSA FLIGOR:** YES.

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18 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR GARCIA?

19

20 **LEON GARCIA:** YES.

21

22 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR MARQUEZ? IS ABSENT. DIRECTOR

23 HILLIS? IS ABSENT. VICE MAYOR KAMEI?

24

25 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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2 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR LEE? IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR
3 MANDELMAN? IS ABSENT. COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ BELTRAN?

4

5 **YVONNE MARTINEZ BELTRAN:** AYE.

6

7 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MELGAR?

8

9 **MYRNA MELGAR:** YES.

10

11 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MILEY?

12

13 **NATHAN MILEY:** YES.

14

15 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MUELLER IS ABSENT. NAGALES?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** YES.

18

19 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ORTIZ IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR RABBITT? IS
20 ABSENT. SUPERVISOR RAMOS?

21

22 **BELIA RAMOS:** YES.

23

24 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. COUNCIL MEMBER REED? IS ABSENT.
25 COUNCIL MEMBER ROMERO?

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2 **CARLOS ROMERO:** YES.

3

4 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SACKETT?

5

6 **SPEAKER:** YES.

7

8 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SILVA?

9

10 **SPEAKER:** THIS IS LISA, I NEED TO LET YOU THAN MAYOR SILVA HAD
11 TO STEP AWAY FOR THE MOMENT, BUT SHE WILL BE RIGHT BACK.

12

13 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** OKAY. SO MAYOR SILVA IS CURRENTLY ABSENT.
14 MAYOR TIEDEMANN?

15

16 **SPEAKER:** YES.

17

18 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR WILLIAMS?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** I'M NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE.

21

22 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THAT IS CORRECT. YOUR TELECONFERENCE
23 LOCATION WAS NOT LISTED. MAYOR STEVE YOUNG IS ABSENT. COUNCIL
24 MEMBER JIMINEZ?

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1 **SPEAKER:** PRESENT.

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3 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR, ARE YOU NOW AT A LOCATION LISTED ON
4 THE AGENDA?

5

6 **SPEAKER:** UNFORTUNATELY, I AM NOT.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** YES, FOR JIMINEZ.

9

10 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** YES FOR JIMINEZ. YES. MOTION PASSES
11 UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

12

13 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL NOW PROCEED
14 TO OUR ONE ACTION -- SECOND ACTION ITEM FOR TONIGHT. ITEM 7A
15 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 112023 AUTHORIZE THE PROPOSED FY 2023,
16 2024 ABAG OPERATING BUDGET WORK PROGRAM TO REFER TO THE
17 GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR FINAL APPROVAL AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING.
18 THIS IS AN ACTION ITEM. AND DEREK HANSEL WILL GIVE THE REPORT.

19

20 **DEREK HANSEL:** THANK YOU. BEFORE I GET START I WANT TO THANK
21 ARLEICKA CONLEY SECTION DIRECTOR FOR BUDGETS AND HER TEAM. I
22 WILL HAVE A MUCH LONGER THANK YOU AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
23 PREPARE YOURSELVES. I AM A FINANCE GEEK. THIS IS ONE OF MY TWO
24 FAVORITE DOCUMENTS OF THE YEAR. IT'S JUST KIND OF HOW IT IS.
25 AND THAT'S BECAUSE, AT LEAST IN MY VIEW, THIS ONE OF THE MOST

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1 ESSENTIAL STATEMENTS OF PUBLIC POLICY THAT ANY GOVERNING BOARD
2 DOES THAT SAYS, HERE IS HOW WE'RE GOING TO SPEND OUR MONEY.
3 THIS IS ACTUALLY WHAT WALKS THE TALK. I LIKE THIS THING. YOU
4 MAY OR MAY NOT. BUT LOOK FORWARD TO TALKING ABOUT IT WITH YOU.
5 NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. WE HAVE TALKED OVER OUR PAST COUPLE OF
6 MEETINGS IN THE OCTOBER 2022 WORKSHOP, THE MARCH 23RD ABAG
7 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING ABOUT THE FINANCIAL CHALLENGES THAT
8 FACE THIS AGENCY. THESE ARE PRETTY SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES. THE
9 REVENUE SOURCES THAT COME FROM MEMBERSHIP DUES ON THE
10 ADMINISTRATION SIDE DO NOT FULLY COVER ALL THOSE COSTS THAT
11 SHOULD BE APPROPRIATELY ALLOCATED TO THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE
12 BUDGET. AS AN EXAMPLE, CERTAIN ALLOCATIONS OF OVERHEAD FROM
13 MTC HAVE BEEN RETAINED WITH ABAG WITHIN ABAG HISTORICALLY TO
14 HELP BALANCE BUDGETS. THERE HAS NOT BEEN APPROPRIATE CHARGING
15 OF SHARED SERVICE COSTS TO ABAG AND THAT HELPED BALANCE THE
16 BUDGET. AND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF STAFF WHO DO PROVIDE DIRECT
17 SERVICE TO ABAG WHERE NOT ALL OF THOSE COSTS HAVE BEEN BORNE
18 BY ABAG BUT HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE MTC OVERHEAD BUDGET.
19 AGAIN WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT THESE AT A COUPLE OF OUR PREVIOUS
20 MEETINGS AND WE HAVE TALK ABOUT STARTING THE STEPS TO ADDRESS
21 THOSE CHALLENGES. MOST NOTABLE FOR THIS GROUP WE ARE
22 PROPOSING, AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, THE
23 DIRECTION WE RECEIVED FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IN THE MARCH
24 MEETING, WE ARE PROPOSING AN INCREASE OF 10% IN MEMBERSHIP
25 DUES. I WILL NOTE THERE IS A GENERAL RULE THAT THOSE DUES

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1 INCREASE BY CPI. EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT INFLATION HAS BEEN HIGH.
2 THE INCREASE WOULD HAVE BEEN 6.5% ANYWAY, SO THIS IS ANOTHER
3 THREE AND A HALF PERCENT ON TOP OF THAT. YOU WILL SEE IN THE
4 ATTACHMENTS TO THE BUDGET, THE CALCULATIONS FOR THESE
5 INCREASES BY COMMUNITY. THEY DO RANGE FROM A COUPLE HUNDRED
6 DOLLARS A YEAR INCREASE TO MANY, YOU KNOW, IN THE 20S OF
7 THOUSANDS FOR THE LARGEST OF THE COUNTIES. BUT FOR MOST
8 COMMUNITIES, WE HOPE THAT THEY FIND THESE TO BE REASONABLE
9 INCREASES AND, CERTAINLY, NOT OUT OF LINE WITH THE RANGE OF
10 SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED TO THE MEMBER AGENCIES,
11 IMPORTANTLY. THE BUDGET HAS PREVIOUSLY AND CONTINUES TO MAKE A
12 DRAW ON WHAT WE CALL THE CERPT THAT'S THE SECTION 115 TRUST
13 FUND THAT WAS ESTABLISHED TO FUND OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT
14 BENEFITS THAT'S RETIREE HEALTH CARE THE DRAWING THAT IS EQUAL
15 TO THE COST OF THE RETIREE HEALTH CARE THAT PLAN IS IN PRETTY
16 GOOD SHAPE AND WE THINK THIS IS AN APPROPRIATE STEP. AGAIN
17 SOMETHING WE DID LAST YEAR AND THINK IT CONTINUES TO BE
18 APPROPRIATE. THIS YEAR OVERHEAD REVENUE THAT SUPPORTS STAFF
19 AND OTHER BUSINESS OPERATIONS WILL IN FACT BE RETAINED BY MTC.
20 SO, THIS IS A GOOD SHIFT IN PRACTICE. IT'S AN APPROPRIATE
21 SHIFT IN PRACTICE. IT'S WHAT'S ACTUALLY SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN.
22 SO, GOOD NEWS. ON THE NEXT BULLET, STAFF PROVIDING DIRECT
23 SERVICES, WE ARE PARTIALLY CHARGING THOSE TO ABAG PROGRAMS.
24 SO, THERE HAS BEEN A DECISION TO KIND OF EASE INTO THIS. WE
25 HAVE GOT -- I MAY -- I POINTED OUT, AT OUR LAST MEETING, I

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1 PICTURE ON BRAD AND FRED, AND WE HAVE WORKED WITH BRAD IN
2 PARTICULAR TO WORK THROUGH ALLOCATION OF HIS TIME BASED ON HOW
3 HE ACTUALLY SPENDS HIS TIME AND CHARGING TO THE APPROPRIATE
4 PROGRAMS. BUT I NOTE, IN FACT, WE'RE STILL NOT CHARGING HIM
5 DIRECTLY TO THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET, AS AN EXAMPLE. SO,
6 MAKING HEADWAY, BUT WE'RE CERTAINLY GOT ALL THE WAY THERE. THE
7 375 BEALE CONDO OWNERSHIP ASSESSMENTS, WE HAVE ADJUSTED THOSE
8 TO APPROPRIATELY ACCOUNT FOR ACTUAL SHARED COSTS THAT ARE
9 RECEIVED. AND TO PARTIALLY ADDRESS IN THE MTC SUBSIDY THAT IS
10 PROVIDED TO ABAG IN THAT REGARD. AND THEN WE CONTINUE TO HAVE
11 BATA TRANSFERS THAT COVER SFEP OVERHEAD. THAT IS CONTINUING
12 THAT TRANSFER IS RELATED TO SOME SPECIFIC GRANTS. AND THAT
13 WILL GO AWAY, AS THOSE GRANTS EXPIRE. SO, IT'S JUST SOMETHING
14 TO KEEP IN MIND. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THIS DOES TALK A LITTLE
15 BIT ABOUT THE CHALLENGES THAT WE RAISED, AGAIN, IN OUR PRIOR
16 MEETINGS AND SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT TO DEAL
17 WITH THOSE. MAJOR DRIVER OF THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT IS
18 CERTAINLY THE AMORTIZATION OF THE UNFUNDED PENSION
19 LIABILITIES. WE'LL TALK ABOUT WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE ON AN
20 ANNUAL BASIS AND WHERE IT MIGHT GO IN A MINUTE. WE TALKED
21 ABOUT THE FACT THAT THE CURRENT FINANCIAL PRACTICES OBSCURE
22 THE SIZE OF THE CHALLENGE. AGAIN THESIS ARE THINGS WE'RE
23 TALKING ABOUT AND ARE MAKING PARTIAL STEPS TO GET TO THOSE BUT
24 IT'S GOING TO BE A PROCESS TO GET THROUGH THEM. AND WE TALKED
25 ABOUT THE IDEA THERE ARE STEPS THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN BY ABAG TO

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1 ADDRESS THE PENSION LIABILITY ISSUES AND TO PROVIDE GREATER
2 TRANSPARENCY AND PREDICTABILITY. THOSE THINGS INCLUDE LOOKING
3 AT THE MEMBERSHIP DUES AND DOING AN INCREASE. LOOKING AT THE
4 POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A SECTION 115 TRUST TO ADDRESS
5 PENSION COST. LOOKING AT THE SALE OF THE CONDO INTEREST. AND I
6 WOULD NOTE THERE IS GOING TO BE A FIRST APPRAISAL DONE OF THE
7 FACILITY IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS. SO IT'S UPCOMING.
8 ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING RESERVES FOR LEGAL AND OPERATING
9 COSTS. REALLY, I -- TRY TO GET AT THE WHOLE ISSUE OF
10 STABILIZING AND MAXIMIZING THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THIS
11 AGENCY, RELATIVE TO ITS OBLIGATIONS, AND TO ITS NEEDS AND
12 REQUIREMENTS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO, WHAT DO THE NUMBERS LOOK
13 LIKE? WE HAVE PROPOSED AN ADMINISTRATION OPERATING BUDGET THAT
14 IS BALANCED AS PRESENTED. AND I'LL NOTE THAT AS PRESENTED,
15 AND, AGAIN, HIGHLIGHT A COUPLE OF ISSUES. FIRST, AGAIN, WE ARE
16 PROPOSING A DRAW ON THAT CERPT TRUST IN AN AMOUNT TO FULLY
17 FUND THE OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT-COST. THAT OTHER
18 REVENUE -- THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OTHER REVENUE AT THE TOP AND
19 THE OPEB EXPENSE IS A LITTLE BIT OF INTEREST INCOME; NOT MUCH.
20 A LITTLE BIT. EXCUSE ME. AGAIN, PROPOSING MEMBERSHIP DUES UP
21 BY 10%, BUT NOTING THAT THEY DON'T FULLY COVER ONGOING
22 EXPENSES. I DO JUST WANT TO MAKE A QUICK POINT HERE, AND IT
23 KIND OF DOVE TAILS WITH SOME COMMENTS THAT I MADE AT THE LAST
24 MEETING. 40% OF THE DUES ARE GOING TO AMORTIZE THE UNFUNDED
25 PENSION LIABILITY. GOOD NEWS IS THAT IT'S DOWN FROM WHAT IT

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1 WAS. THE BAD NEWS IS THAT'S ONLY BECAUSE THE PENSION COST FOR
2 THIS YEAR WENT DOWN SO MUCH. THAT'S NOT GOING TO RECUR. OKAY?
3 WE'RE NOT PROPOSING ANY TRANSFERS IN FROM EITHER SFEP OR
4 BAYREN TO BALANCE THE BUDGET. AGAIN THOSE PENSION OBLIGATIONS
5 REPRESENT A \$600,000 DECREASE. THIS IS RELATED TO PAST GAINS
6 THAT CALPERS HAS HAD. THEY HAD A LOSS LAST YEAR. THEY NEED TO
7 MAKE 7%. THEY LOST 7%. THOSE LOSSES ARE NOT FACTORED INTO THE
8 CALCULATION OF THE UNFUNDED AMORTIZATION PAYMENT FOR NEXT
9 YEAR. YOU WILL START SEEING IT IN FISCAL '25. UNLESS THEIR
10 PERFORMANCE DRAMATICALLY IMPROVES OVER THE LAST TWO AND A HALF
11 MONTHS OF THIS FISCAL YEAR. THAT'S GOING TO BE A LOSS TOO AND
12 THAT'S GOING TO START GETTING BAKED IN, IN FISCAL '26. SO, THE
13 CALPERS NEWS ISN'T GREAT. FRANKLY. RETIREE -- AGAIN, RETIREE
14 HEALTH CARE COSTS ON THIS ARE FULLY REIMBURSED FROM THE DRAW
15 ON THE 115 TRUST. THE OTHER EXPENSES ARE UP NOTABLY BECAUSE OF
16 CONSULTANT COST RELATED TO WEB SITE UPDATES AND REDESIGN. AND,
17 AGAIN, NO OPERATING OR LEGAL RESERVE. WITH THAT, WE HAVE A
18 FINALLY BALANCED BUDGET THAT, AGAIN, DOES NOT INCLUDE ALL
19 COSTS THAT COULD BE -- COULD AND SHOULD BE APPROPRIATELY
20 ATTRIBUTED TO THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS. NEXT SLIDE,
21 PLEASE. SO, LET'S TURN TO HAPPIER NEWS. BAYREN. NEXT SLIDE,
22 PLEASE. HERE WE PROPOSE A FULLY BALANCED BUDGET. THE MAIN
23 SOURCE OF REVENUE FOR BAYREN IS THE GRANTS FROM CPUC.
24 INCREASES IN EXPENSES ARE PRIMARILY RELATED TO INCENTIVES.
25 ESPECIALLY A NEW REFRIGERANT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM. I THINK BRAD

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1 REFERRED TO THAT VERY QUICKLY IN HIS PRESENTATION. THERE IS
2 STILL A WATER SAVINGS PROGRAM. MTC HAS MADE A MILLION DOLLARS
3 LOAN TO BAYREN FOR THOSE PURPOSES. I WOULD NOTE THAT THIS
4 BUDGET DOES NOT ON INCLUDE THREE NEW POSITION REQUESTS. WE'RE
5 STILL GOING THROUGH THE POSITION REQUEST PROCESS WITH MTC AS A
6 WHOLE AND IF THOSE APPROVE THEY COULD RESULT IN APPROXIMATELY
7 A MILLION DOLLARS IN STAFF COST. THAT WOULD NOT BE A NET ADD
8 TO THE BUDGET. THERE ARE FUNDS IDENTIFIED IN THE CONSULTING
9 LINE EXPENSES THAT WOULD ACTUALLY COVER THOSE. SO IT'S NOT A
10 NET INCREASE. IT'S JUST A SHIFT OF COST FROM CONSULTING TO
11 STAFF COST. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. AND SFEP. VERY NICE PICTURES. I
12 PARTICULARLY LIKE THE BIRD. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. SFEP, AGAIN, A
13 SELF-BALANCING FUND. WE HAVE \$64 MILLION IN ACTIVE GRANTS
14 ACROSS A WHOLE BUNCH OF PROGRAMS. 75% OF THIS PROGRAM FUNDING
15 GETS SPENT TO PROGRAM EXPENSES. SO, IT'S REALLY GOOD. AGAIN,
16 IT'S A SELF-BALANCING FUNDS. BUT I DO WANT TO NOTE AND IT'S
17 ANOTHER AREA WHERE MTC PROVIDING A LOT OF SUPPORT. TYPING OF
18 GRANTS REIMBURSEMENTS HAD A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON CASH FLOW OF
19 THIS OPERATION, WHICH IS FULLY BORNE BY MTC. WHAT DO I MEAN?
20 THERE ARE EXPENSES THAT COME IN, AND NEED TO BE PAID. WE PAY -
21 - FOR A CERTAIN SET OF THOSE EXPENSES, MTC ESSENTIALLY FRONTS
22 THE MONEY FOR THE PAYMENT OF VENDORS, PARTICULARLY VENDORS WHO
23 REALLY NEED THAT PAYMENT QUICKLY. BECAUSE WE GET REIMBURSED
24 FOR THESE PROGRAMS ONCE IT GOES THROUGH THE WHOLE
25 REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS. SO WE PUT TOGETHER AN INVOICE, IT GOES

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1 TO AN AGENCY. THE AGENCY LOOKS AT IT, CONSIDERS IT. THEY MIGHT
2 SENDS IT OFF TO SOMEBODY ELSE TO PAY IT. THAT PROCESS CAN
3 LITERALLY TAKE MONTHS. MEANWHILE MTC IS OUT WITH ITS FUNDS
4 MAKING SURE THAT THIS WORKS. AGAIN, SFEP DOESN'T HAVE A
5 RESERVE. SO THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HAS TO BE BORN BY MTC, AND
6 ITS CAPACITY AS ADMINISTRATOR. WE ARE APPLYING FOR NEW GRANTS,
7 LOOKING AT, HOPEFULLY, ANOTHER \$41 MILLION. AND IF THOSE COME
8 IN AND EXTENT THEY COME THROUGH, WE WILL LOOK AT COMING BACK
9 WITH SOME KIND OF AMENDED BUDGET PROPOSAL AGAIN INCREASES IN
10 PASSTHROUGHS TO OTHER AGENCIES REALLY DUE TO WORK ON REGIONAL
11 SHORELINE RESILIENCE PROJECTS AMONG OTHERS. NEXT SLIDE. SFEP
12 CONFERENCE. NEXT SLIDE. THIS ONE IS A LITTLE CHALLENGING. THE
13 CONFERENCE TAKES PLACE EVERY COUPLE OF YEARS. THE PROBLEM WAS
14 A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, THERE WAS A DEEP PANDEMIC. SO THIS IS A
15 CONFERENCE PROGRAM THAT IS TRADITIONALLY PAID FOR THROUGH
16 CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS AND SPONSORSHIPS. WE DID NOT CHARGE
17 FOR CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DURING THE COVID YEAR. THAT
18 CREATED A NOT INSIGNIFICANT HOLE IN THIS PROGRAM. SO, THE
19 PROGRAM DOES HAVE RESERVES, BUT FOR FISCAL '24, WE EXPECT THAT
20 A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF THOSE RESERVES IS GOING TO GET SPENT
21 DOWN. SO, RIGHT NOW, THE FISCAL '24 DEFICIT WOULD BE COVERED
22 BY FUND BALANCE. THAT LIKELY CANNOT PERSIST INTO THE FISCAL
23 '26 CONFERENCE. SO, WE ARE GOING TO NEED TO BE WORKING WITH
24 SFEP STAFF TO LOOK AT ALTERNATIVES FOR HOW TO ADDRESS THE NEXT
25 CONFERENCE YEAR. SO, OUR STAFF RECOMMENDATION -- SORRY -- NEXT

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1 SLIDE, PLEASE. -- WE ARE REQUESTING THAT YOU RECOMMEND
2 APPROVAL OF THIS BUDGET RESOLUTION NUMBER 11-2023, APPROVING
3 THE '23, '24 OPERATING BUDGET WORK PROGRAM, AND SUBMIT IT TO
4 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR ITS APPROVAL ON JUNE 16TH. AND WITH
5 THAT I'M AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS.

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7 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. HANSEL. WE'LL
8 OPEN UP FOR QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. ON
9 THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND WORK PROGRAM. DO WE HAVE ANY MEMBERS
10 WITH QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS AT THIS TIME? OKAY IF NOT I'LL PUT
11 ON THE FLOOR A MOTION TO FORWARD AND RECOMMEND THAT THE ABAG
12 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPT RESOLUTION 11-2023 APPROVAL OF THE ABAG
13 FISCAL YEAR 2023, 2024 OPERATING BUDGET AND WORK PROGRAM.

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15 **SUSAN ADAMS:** SECOND THAT.

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17 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?
18 YES COUNCIL MEMBER ROMERO?

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20 **CARLOS ROMERO:** JUST A QUESTION. DEREK, YOU MAY HAVE MENTIONED
21 THIS AND I MISSED IT. UNDER THE 375 BEALE ASSESSMENT, IT'S
22 \$222,000 THIS YEAR. YOU'RE SAYING THAT IS REFLECTING THE
23 ACTUAL COST -- DID I HEAR YOU SAY THAT IN PREVIOUS YEARS WE
24 WERE NOT AT THE APPROPRIATE FORMULA FOR OUR ASSESSMENT?

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1 **DEREK HANSEL:** THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT COMPONENTS OF THE
2 ASSESSMENT. THE ASSESSMENT IS VERY COMPLICATED IN TERMS OF HOW
3 THAT WORKS. THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT COMPONENTS OF THAT. THERE
4 ARE SHARED SERVICES, AND THERE ARE ALSO ASSESSMENTS FOR USE.
5 OKAY? ALL OF THAT GETS CAPPED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE CC&RS
6 ARE THE FACILITY. IT IS, ALSO, THE CASE THAT MTC COVERS THE
7 PORTION OF THE ASSESSMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH SHARED SERVICES.
8 OKAY? SO, THE ALLOCATION IN THAT POOL HAD NOT BEEN FULLY
9 PROPERLY DEALT WITH, THAT'S WHAT'S CHANGING.

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11 **CARLOS ROMERO:** OKAY. THANK YOU. SO THIS IS REFLECTING BOTH
12 THAT SERVICE PIECE AS WELL AS THE --

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14 **DEREK HANSEL:** THE CAP IS ALREADY INCLUDED IN THAT. CORRECT.

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16 **CARLOS ROMERO:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

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18 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** YES VICE MAYOR ADAMS?

19

20 **SUSAN ADAMS:** QUICK QUESTION, YOU USED THE TERM FINALLY
21 BALANCED BUDGET.

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23 **DEREK HANSEL:** IT'S THAT CLOSE. SAUCE USE WE'RE ALL GOING
24 THROUGH THE BUDGET PROCESS IN OUR CITIES AND COUNTIES I'M JUST
25 CURIOUS -- SO WE'RE RIGHT ON THE --

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2 **DEREK HANSEL:** RIGHT ON THE EDGE. ONE COULD SAY IT'S FINALLY
3 BALANCED BECAUSE ARLEICKA DID SUCH A GREAT JOB.

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5 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** SAID DURING THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
6 DISCUSSION IT WAS SAID AUTOMATICALLY IN THE BYLAWS DUES ARE
7 ADJUSTED BY CPI INCREASE SO AUTOMATICALLY ACROSS THE BOARD
8 THERE WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 6% INCREASE BASED ON THAT AND
9 POPULATION, BASED ON THE SIZE OF THE JURISDICTION'S
10 POPULATION. SO WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS AN ADDITIONAL 3.5%
11 ON TOP OF THAT TO FULLY ACCOUNT FOR THE PENSION DEBT AND TO
12 BASICALLY TO FUND OPERATIONS. I'LL JUST NOTE THAT, I THINK IT
13 WAS IN THE -- WAS IT 2021 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE DELEGATES DID
14 APPROVE THIS 10% DUES INCREASE. BUT WE DIDN'T IMPLEMENT IT
15 BECAUSE WE FOUND COST SAVINGS DUE TO THE PANDEMIC AND PEOPLE
16 NOT BEING IN THE BUILDING AND US NOT TRAVELING AND OTHER
17 EXPENSES. AND I THINK WE HAVE MADE THAT COMMITMENT TO THE
18 DELEGATES THAT WE'RE GOING TO FIND A WAY TO NOT IMPLEMENT THAT
19 INCREASE AND FIND COST SAVINGS AND OUR STAFF DID A GREAT JOB
20 OF DOING THAT. I WANT TO PUT IN CONTEXT, AND IT'S NOT
21 RECOGNIZING IT'S CHALLENGING TO ASK OUR MEMBER JURISDICTIONS
22 TO PAY AN INCREASE IN DUES, BUT I THINK AS WE NOTED
23 PREVIOUSLY, THERE ARE A LOT OF GREAT BENEFITS THAT WE PROVIDE,
24 WHICH I REALLY THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE EMPHASIZE AND LEAD
25 UP TO THE VOTE AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. YES?

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2 **SPEAKER:** SORRY. JUST WANTED TO -- DEREK, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT
3 BUILDING OUR RESERVES, AND WE DON'T HAVE ANY RESERVES. AND,
4 SO, I'M KIND OF PROJECTING, IN TERMS OF LONG-TERM -- AT WHAT
5 POINT DO YOU THINK WE'LL BE ABLE TO START DOING THAT? BECAUSE
6 I FEEL LIKE IT'S JUST -- WE'RE GOING TO -- IT'S DEBT, AND
7 TRYING TO BUILD FROM THAT, IT'S GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME. AND,
8 SO, WE BUILD RESERVE, IS THERE A TIMELINE WHERE WE MIGHT
9 ACTUALLY START BUILDING OUR RESERVES?

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11 **DEREK HANSEL:** THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION. I THINK IT'S REALLY
12 GOING TO BE A QUESTION -- IT'S GOING TO BE DRIVEN IN,
13 CERTAINLY NOT COMPLETE PART, BUT LARGE PART BY THE OTHER
14 ACTIONS THAT WE TAKE. RIGHT? SO, IS THERE ULTIMATELY A SALE OF
15 THE CONDO INTEREST. THAT'S GOING TO BE SOMETHING THAT COULD,
16 YOU KNOW, A PART OF THOSE SALE PROCEEDS COULD BE USED TO START
17 A RESERVE.

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19 **SPEAKER:** TO START. RIGHT.

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21 **DEREK HANSEL:** SO, FURTHER DUES INCREASES, COULD THAT BE PART
22 OF THE STORY. THIS BOARD AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ARE GOING TO
23 BE HAVING TO MAKE A SERIES OF, FRANKLY, FAIRLY CHALLENGING
24 DECISIONS.

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1 **SPEAKER:** YEAH.

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3 **DEREK HANSEL:** THAT WILL KIND OF LEAD US TO THE ANSWER OF THAT
4 QUESTION. UNFORTUNATELY, I CAN'T PROJECT IT BECAUSE IT IS
5 SUBJECT TO THOSE ANSWERS.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** I APPRECIATE THAT. BECAUSE WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT THE
8 VALUE IS OF 375, I GET YOUR POINT. IT'S HARD FOR ME TO KIND OF
9 GET THERE. [LAUGHTER] WHEN WE'RE STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT
10 ALL THESE STEPS. BUT, NO, I APPRECIATE THAT. I'M GLAD THAT
11 WE'RE THINKING AHEAD. THANK YOU.

12

13 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** DARE I SAY THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT NON-
14 DUES INCREASED SOLUTIONS TO HOW WE'RE GOING TO DEAL WITH THIS
15 TO LIFT SUPPORT AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** GOOD POINT.

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19 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** I'LL SAY AS A FOLLOW UP TO THE
20 CONVERSATION ABOUT LAST MONTH ABOUT THE POTENTIAL LOAN FROM
21 MTC TO COVER PENSION DEBT AND POTENTIAL SALE. I HAVE REACHED
22 OUT TO POTENTIAL OUTSIDE COUNSEL AT THE REQUEST OF MEMBERS TO
23 POTENTIALLY ENGAGE TO ADVISE ABAG RECOGNIZING THE POTENTIAL
24 CONFLICT WITH HAVING MISS KANE REPRESENT US WHEN THEY'RE A
25 PARTY TO THE POTENTIAL DEAL. SO, I WILL BE SPEAKING TO

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1 SOMEBODY NEXT WEEK, AND IF WE -- IF -- IF WE THINK IT'S
2 BENEFICIAL TO ENGAGE THEM TO REPRESENT OUR AGENCY IN THAT
3 TRANSACTION SO I JUST WANTED TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE TO THE
4 MEMBERS, SINCE THERE WAS A QUESTION ABOUT THAT. ADDITIONAL
5 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? OKAY. I'LL ASK ANY MEMBERS ON ZOOM WHO
6 WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK. OKAY. IF NOT, LET'S TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT
7 ON ITEM SEVEN. IF THERE IS ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO
8 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM RAISE YOUR HAND. ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS MR.
9 CASTRO?

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11 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
12 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
13 ON THIS ITEM. AND LOOKING AT THE TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS, I
14 SEE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU.

15

16 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** I'LL DO ONE LAST CALL FOR QUESTIONS OR
17 COMMENTS. AND SEEING NONE. WE'LL PROCEED TO ROLL CALL VOTE ON
18 THE MOTION ON ITEM SEVEN TO FORWARD THE -- RECOMMEND THE
19 ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET AND WORK PROGRAM TO THE GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY.

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22 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MOTION BY ARREGUIN, SECOND BY ADAMS. VICE
23 MAYOR ADAMS?

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25 **SUSAN ADAMS:** YES.

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2 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR ANDERSEN?

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4 **CANDACE ANDERSON:** YES.

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6 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR ARREGUIN?

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8 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** YES.

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10 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** COUNCIL MEMBER FORTUNATO BAS?

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12 **NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS:** YES.

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14 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR REED? IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR CARLSON?

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16 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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18 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR CORZO? IS ABSENT. COUNCIL

19 MEMBER EKLUND?

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21 **PAT ECKLUND:** AYE.

22

23 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR ELLENBERG? IS ABSENT. COUNCIL

24 MEMBER FIFE?

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1 **CARROLL FIFE:** AYE.

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3 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. COUNCIL MEMBER FLIGOR?

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5 **NEYSA FLIGOR:** YES.

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7 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAR GARCIA?

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9 **LEON GARCIA:** YES.

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11 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MARQUEZ IS ABSENT. HILL SIS ABSENT.

12 MELGAR?

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14 **MYRNA MELGAR:** YES.

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16 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** LEE IS ABSENT. MARTINEZ BELTRAN? COUNCIL

17 MEMBER BELTRAN? WE'LL COME BACK TO HER. SUPERVISOR MELGAR?

18

19 **MYRNA MELGAR:** YES.

20

21 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MILEY? I'M SORRY.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ BELTRAN, YOUR VOTE, PLEASE?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** YES. CAN YOU HEAR ME, FRED?

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1 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** YES. GOT YOU. THANK YOU.

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3 **MYRNA MELGAR:** YES.

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5 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR MILEY?

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7 **NATHAN MILEY:** YES.

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9 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR MUELLER? IS ABSENT. VICE MAYOR
10 NAGALES?

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12 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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14 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ORTIZ IS ABSENT. RABBITT IS ABSENT. RAMOS?

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16 **BELIA RAMOS:** YES.

17

18 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** COUNCIL MEMBER REED IS ABSENT. ROMERO?

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20 **CARLOS ROMERO:** YES.

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22 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR SACKETT?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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1 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SILVA?

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3 **CINDY SILVA:** YES.

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5 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** TIEDEMANN?

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7 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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9 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** STEVE YOUNG IS ABSENT. COUNCIL MEMBER
10 JIMINEZ?

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12 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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14 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. AND SUPERVISOR WILLIAMS AND
15 SUPERVISOR MOTOYAMA ARE NOT AT TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS.
16 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

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18 **CHAIR, JESSE ARREGUIN:** THANK YOU COLLEAGUES FOR JOINING US
19 TONIGHT. THIS IS STEP ONE. STEP TWO IS PRESENTING TO THE
20 GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR APPROVAL. THAT CONCLUDES OUR MEETING.
21 THANK YOU FOR JOINING US. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE ABAG
22 EXECUTIVE BOARD IS ON MAY 18TH, 2023. WITH THAT, THIS MEETING
23 IS NOW ADJOURNED. THANK YOU. [. [ADJOURNED

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