

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

May 21, 2026

Agenda Item 3.a.

Election of President and Vice President of the Association of Bay Area Governments

Subject:

Election of the President and Vice President of the Association of Bay Area Governments

Background:

The current President of the ABAG Executive Board, Belia Ramos, Supervisor, County of Napa, was elected at the Executive Board's November 2023 meeting, with her term commencing on January 1, 2024. The current Vice President of the ABAG Executive Board, Carlos Romero, Councilmember, East Palo Alto, was elected at the ABAG Executive Board's January 2025 meeting, replacing the former Vice President. At the June 20, 2025, ABAG General Assembly meeting, the terms of the current President and Vice President were extended through June 30, 2026, to align with the revised July 1 term commencement date adopted through the 2025 Bylaw amendment.

The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Bylaws (amended June 2025) provide that the Executive Board shall take nominations for President and Vice President at a duly noticed public meeting, and that the President and Vice President shall be elected biannually by the Executive Board, with the term of office beginning July 1 of the election year. (Article IX.B) Pursuant to the Bylaws, the Executive Board must complete its votes for President and Vice President at least twenty days prior to the meeting of the General Assembly, at which time the General Assembly will take a vote to ratify the Executive Board's selections. This year's meeting of the General Assembly is scheduled for June 18, 2026.

The 2026 election process began at the Executive Board's March 2026 meeting, at which time the President requested nominations for each position. During the open nominations period, Member Susan Adams was nominated for the position of ABAG President, and both Member Wanda Williams and Member Ken Carlson were nominated for the position of ABAG Vice President.

In addition to opening nominations, President Ramos also formed an ad-hoc Committee at the March 2026 Executive Board meeting. The sole purpose of this Committee, comprised of Member Duong, Member Motoyama, and President Ramos, is to review nominees and provide a recommendation to the Board. The Committee will report their findings to the Executive Board during discussion of this item prior to a vote on the election. To ensure that votes are completed in accordance with the timeline prescribed by the Bylaws, the Executive Board should take a vote on these positions at the conclusion of this item.

Should the General Assembly ratify the results of the Executive Board's election, the terms of the ABAG President and Vice President elected at the Board's May 2026 meeting would be two years, from July 1, 2026, to July 1, 2028.

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Issues:

None identified.

Recommended Action:

Receive report of ad-hoc Committee regarding nominees, and then elect a President and Vice President of the Association of Bay Governments for the next two-year term beginning on July 1, 2026.

Attachments:

ABAG Bylaws (Amended June 2025)

Reviewed:



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