

MEMORANDUM

To: Association of Bay Area Governments Executive Board	From: Belia Ramos, ABAG President Lisa Motoyama, ABAG Board Member Betty Duong, ABAG Board Member
Date: May 14, 2026	Re: ABAG Leadership Nomination Review

On March 19, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board ratified the creation of an ad hoc committee known as the Nomination Review Committee (Committee). Comprised of President Belia Ramos (Napa County Supervisor), Santa Clara County Supervisor Betty Duong, El Cerrito Councilmember Motoyama, the Committee was tasked with vetting and recommending ABAG leadership candidates if there was more than one for either position.

At the same meeting, Rohnert Park Councilmember Susan Adams was nominated for ABAG President. There were no other nominations for President. Solano County Supervisor Wanda Williams and Contra Costa County Supervisor Ken Carlson were both nominated for Vice President.

The Committee is grateful to have the opportunity to weigh in on the nomination process. The Committee met on Wednesday, April 29 to review the candidates. Historically ABAG has alternated its leadership between cities and counties. Based on this rotation, the next President would be a city representative, and the next Vice President would be a county representative. In order to achieve representation throughout the region, we considered the jurisdiction of each nominee, their engagement in ABAG's work, and their desire to lead.

In reviewing the Vice-Presidential candidates, both had strong engagement and leadership skills. Supervisor Ken Carlson's role as Chair of the Joint MTC-ABAG Legislative Committee demonstrated advanced engagement and leadership within ABAG. Additionally, the Committee factored in representation from across the Bay Area. Susan Adams is from Sonoma County in the North Bay. Wanda Williams is from Solano County, also in the North Bay, while Ken Carlson, is from Contra Costa County in the East Bay. In an effort to further regionalism and encourage Board Members to lead in committee work, the Committee recommends Supervisor Ken Carlson for ABAG Vice President and Councilmember Susan Adams for ABAG President.