

**METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**
Meeting Transcript



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1 **MTC ABAG COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

2 **FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026, 10:00 AM**

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5 **KY-NAM MILLER:** ALL RIGHT THIS MEETING IS WEBCAST ON THE
6 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND ASSOCIATION OF BAY
7 AREA GOVERNMENTS WEB SITES. THOSE WHO WISH TO SPEAK SHOULD
8 RAISE THEIR HAND OR DIAL STAR NINE, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC USE
9 THE RAISED HAND FEATURE OR DIAL STAR NINE MEMBERS OF THE
10 PUBLIC IN THE BOARDROOM SHOULD FORM A LINE NEAR THE PODIUM AND
11 THE CLERK WILL CALL UPON TO YOU SPEAK AND ROLL CALL VOTE WILL
12 BE CONDUCTED FOR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS BECAUSE OF REMOTE
13 TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION I SHOULD SAY BY WAY OF
14 INTRODUCTION FOR THOSE MY NAME IS KY-NAM MILLER I'M STAFF
15 LIAISON FOR THIS COUNCIL AND FUNCTIONING AS CHAIR UNTIL YOU
16 ALL SELECT A CHAIR NEXT MONTH WITH THAT PROCEED TO AGENDA ITEM
17 ONE CALL TO ORDER AND COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALLING TO
18 ORDER THIS INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE MTC ABAG COMMUNITY
19 ADVISORY COUNCIL WILL THE CLERK CALL ROLL AND CONFIRM QUORUM.

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21 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** YES, SIR. VICTORINA ARVELO?

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23 **KY-NAM MILLER:** YOU HAVE TO AUDIBLY PUSH THE BUTTON AND SAY
24 HERE.

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1 **VICTORINA ARVELO:** HERE.

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3 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** PADMA BALAJI?

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5 **PADMA BALAJI:** HERE. MICHAEL BALDINI.

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7 **KY-NAM MILLER:** SORRY, THEN PRESS IT OFF.

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9 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** BALDINI?

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11 **MICHAEL BALDINI:** HERE.

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

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15 **DIANA BENITEZ:** PRESENT.

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

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19 **CHUCK CANTRELL:** HERE.

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

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23 **AMANDA CHANG:** PRESENT.

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



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2 **WARREN CUSHMAN:** HERE.

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4 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** I GOT YOU. DESMANGLES?

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6 **ASHTON DESMANGLES:** PRESENT.

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

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10 **BRYANT DUONG:** HERE.

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12 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** GERASIMENKO?

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14 **JULIA GERASIMENKO:** PRESENT.

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16 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** HANKERSON?

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18 **WENDI KALLINS:** HERE.

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20 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** KALLINS?

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22 **WENDI KALLINS:** HERE.

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24 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** LAVERY?

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1 **CHARLES LAVERY:** PRESENT.

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3 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MADRID?

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5 **ALEXANDER MADRID:** HERE.

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7 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** R. SHAY MILES?

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9 **R. SHAY MILES:** HERE.

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11 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** LOUIS MIRANTE?

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13 **LOUIS MIRANTE:** PRESENT.

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15 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** NEMSICK?

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17 **KAREN NEMSICK:** HERE.

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19 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SAATHODD-HARSHFIELD?

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21 **PETER SAATHODD-HARSHFIELD:** HERE.

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23 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SALAZAR?

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25 **MARLENE SALAZAR:** PRESENT.



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2 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SAUNDERS?

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4 **KY-NAM MILLER:** WE HAVE REMOTE PARTICIPATION REQUEST FROM
5 MEMBER SAUNDERS, THEN WE HAVE PROMPT FOR YOU TO READ OFF. IS
6 HE PRESENT?

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8 **SPEAKER:** I'M PRESENT.

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10 **KY-NAM MILLER:** AND DO YOU HAVE THE SCRIPT READY TO READ?

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12 **JOSHUA SAUNDERS:** I CAN TELL YOU I'M IN A ROOM BY MYSELF, NO
13 ONE ELSE IS PRESENT.

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15 **KY-NAM MILLER:** MR. SAUNDERS YOU ARE REQUESTING TO PARTICIPATE
16 VIA TELECONFERENCING REMOTE PARTICIPATION UNDER GOVERNMENT
17 CODE SECTION 54953C IS THAT CORRECT?

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19 **JOSHUA SAUNDERS:** THAT IS CORRECT.

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21 **KY-NAM MILLER:** THANK YOU MEMBER SAUNDERS YOUR REQUEST IS
22 NOTED. FRED PLEASE READ THE COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT.

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24 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** AS AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW, I AM MAKING
25 THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT. EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD HERE



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1 TODAY WILL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE \$100 PER MEETING ATTENDED UP
2 TO A MAXIMUM OF \$500 PER MONTH PER AGENCY. THIS AMOUNT IS A
3 PROVIDED AS A RESULT OF CONVENING A MEETING FOR WHICH EACH
4 MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO COLLECT SUCH AMOUNT. THANK YOU.

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6 **KY-NAM MILLER:** ALL RIGHT. NOW WITH THOSE KIND OF OFFICIAL
7 BEGINNING HOUSEKEEPING PIECES OUT OF THE WAY, YOU'RE GOING TO
8 BE OFFICIALLY WELCOMED BY OUR TOP LEADERSHIP SO ANDREW, I'LL
9 HAND IT TO YOU.

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11 **ANDREW FREMIER:** THANK YOU KY-NAM AND GOOD MORNING EVERYBODY
12 ANDREW FREMIER DIRECTOR OF MTC I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE OUR
13 CHAIR SUE NOACK BEFORE THAT WE CAN RUN DOWN THE LIST HERE AND
14 PEOPLE CAN INTRODUCE THEMSELVES STARTING WITH REBECCA.

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16 **REBECCA LONG:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE I'M REBECCA LONG I'M THE
17 DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS HERE AT MTC AND
18 ABAG.

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20 **MATT MALONEY:** GOOD MORNING MATT MALONEY DEPUTY EXECUTIVE
21 DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND POLICY.

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25 **SPEAKER:** JOHN MEYERS: JOHN MEYERS SOCIAL GENERAL COUNSEL AND



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1 BEHIND ME IS KATHLEEN KANE OUR GENERAL COUNSEL AND WE PROVIDE
2 LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO THE COUNCIL.

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4 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** FRED CASTRO COUNCIL CLERK.

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6 **ANDREW FREMIER:** I WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE ALIX BOCKELMAN CHIEF
7 DEPUTY EXECUTIVE. [LAUGHTER] ANYWAY THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT
8 ARE GOING TO WORK WITH YOU AND SUPPORT YOU PLEASE FEEL FREE TO
9 GET TO KNOW US WELL BECAUSE WE REALLY DO APPRECIATE WHAT YOU
10 ALL ARE DOING AND IT'S AN HONOR TO WELCOME YOU INTO THIS
11 SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL THIS
12 BODY DOES MEAN A GREAT DEAL TO ME AND OUR TEAM BOTH
13 PROFESSIONALLY AND PERSONALLY. BECAUSE IT REALLY REFLECTS THE
14 COMMITMENT THAT MTC AND ABAG HAS FOR THE 7.7 MILLION RESIDENTS
15 THAT LIVE AND SERVE -- THAT WE SERVE ACROSS THE BAY AREA. FOR
16 THOSE OF YOU THAT I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO MEET YET MY NAME
17 IS ANDY FREMIER, I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING AS THE
18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION
19 COMMISSION AND ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS. I HAVE
20 BEEN A PART OF THIS ORGANIZATION FOR OVER TWO DECADES, FIRST
21 AS A DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEGINNING IN 2005 AND THEN I
22 HAVE BEEN THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR STARTING IN 2023. BEFORE
23 JOINING MTC, I SPENT 20 YEARS AT THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
24 TRANSPORTATION AS AN EXECUTIVE IN THE DISTRICT FOUR OFFICES
25 HERE IN OAKLAND. I HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ON A LOT OF



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1 THE TOLL BRIDGE PROGRAM, THE BIG BRIDGES THAT WE HAVE SEEN
2 AROUND, AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WE HAVE PUT OUT. I AM A
3 LICENSED CIVIL ENGINEER, AND THROUGHOUT MY CAREER, I HAVE
4 REALLY BEEN FORTUNATE TO SUPPORT A LOT OF THESE MAJOR PROJECTS
5 AROUND THE REGION, AND I'M ABSOLUTELY DEDICATED TO KEEPING
6 THEM OPEN. I ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO READ DEVELOP THIS
7 BUILDING, THE BAY AREA METRO CENTER, AND I TELL YA, FOR DAYS
8 LIKE THIS, THIS MORNING, OVER IN THE CAFE, EVENTS LIKE THIS
9 TODAY, MULTIPLE PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS COVERING VERY DIFFERENT
10 ITEMS, THAT'S WHAT THIS BUILDING IS INTENDED FOR. AND IT'S
11 JUST REALLY NICE TO SEE IT IN OPERATION, AND TO BE A PART OF
12 IT. BUT WE KNOW THAT NONE OF THESE SYSTEMS FUNCTION WITHOUT
13 TRUST, LEGITIMACY, AND MEANINGFUL PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT. THAT'S
14 WHY THIS COUNCIL IS SO IMPORTANT. YOU HELP ENSURE THAT OUR
15 WORK IS INFORMED BY YOUR LIVED EXPERIENCES, GROUNDED IN
16 COMMUNITY PRIORITIES, AND SHAPED BY RESIDENTS WHOSE
17 PERSPECTIVE WE NEED TO HEAR. AND TODAY YOU WILL ALSO BE
18 HEARING FROM SOMEONE WHO BRINGS BOTH DEEP PUBLIC SERVICE
19 EXPERIENCE AND PROFOUND UNDERSTANDING OF COMMUNITY, MTC CHAIR
20 SUE NOACK. SUE AND I HAVE WORKED TOGETHER FOR THE PAST THREE
21 YEARS, AND I RESPECT THE DEDICATION TO REPORTING THE CITIES OF
22 CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ON THE COMMISSION AND ALSO TO REGIONAL
23 COLLABORATION. SUE WAS FIRST ELECTED TO THE PLEASANT HILL CITY
24 COUNCIL IN 2014 LATER SERVING MULTIPLE TERMS AS MAYOR IN 2016,
25 '21, AND '25. BEFORE HER TIME IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHE BUILT A



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1 STRONG CAREER IN FINANCE. HER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, PUBLIC
2 SECTOR LEADERSHIP, AND A LONG HISTORY OF ARE COMMUNITY
3 ENGAGEMENT SHAPED THE THOUGHTFUL, GROUNDED, AND EQUITY-FOCUSED
4 APPROACH SHE BRINGS TO HER ROLE AS CHAIR. IT'S PRECISELY THAT
5 COMBINATION OF EXPERIENCE, EMPATHY AND COMMUNITY CONNECTION
6 THAT MAKES SUE SUCH A WONDERFUL PARTNER TO THIS COUNCIL. SO,
7 WITH THAT, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO TURN THE MICROPHONE OVER TO
8 CHAIR NOACK. THE.

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10 **SUE NOACK:** THANK YOU ANDY. AND THANK YOU FOR ALL THOSE KIND
11 COMMENTS. I DIDN'T REALIZE I WAS GETTING MY LITTLE BIT OF A
12 BIO. THE ONLY QUESTION I HAVE FIRST OFF IS WHOSE BIRTHDAY IS
13 IN APRIL? BECAUSE I DIDN'T GET THAT ON MY BINGO CARD. PETER. I
14 SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN YOU RIGHT AT THE BEGINNING. NOW I'M DONE
15 THANK YOU. THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE TODAY IN YOUR
16 WILLINGNESS TO SERVE THE BAY AREA IN THIS IMPORTANT CAPACITY
17 THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT MOMENT NOT JUST FOR YOU AS RESIDENTS OF
18 THE BAY AREA BUT FOR THE COMMUNITIES YOU REPRESENT AND FOR OUR
19 REGION AS A WHOLE. MTC ABAG MAKES DECISIONS THAT AFFECT 7.7
20 MILLION RESIDENTS, DECISIONS ABOUT HOW PEOPLE MOVE VIA
21 TRANSIT, WHERE HOUSING GETS BUILT AND HOW WE PREPARE FOR
22 CLIMATE CHANGE. HISTORICALLY MANY OF THESE DECISIONS DID NOT
23 ADEQUATELY INCORPORATE THE DIVERSITY OF VOICES, HISTORY, AND
24 REALITIES ACROSS THE BAY AREA. THIS COUNCIL IS MAINTAIN TO
25 BRING ALL VOICES TO THE DECISION-MAKING TABLE, INCLUDING THOSE



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1 TYPICALLY LEFT OUT FROM THE DISCUSSIONS YOU'RE HERE TO ENSURE
2 THAT REGIONAL PLANNING REFLECTS REALITY ON THE GROUND, THE
3 REAL CHALLENGES PRIORITIES AND ASPIRATIONS OF BAY AREA
4 COMMUNITIES. YOU'RE NOT HERE AS SYMBOLIC REPRESENTATIVES. YOU
5 ARE ADVISORS WHOSE PERSPECTIVES WILL DIRECTLY INFORM OUR
6 POLICIES AND INVESTMENTS. YOU SERVE AS A BRIDGE BRINGING YOUR
7 COMMUNITY VOICES INTO THIS BOARDROOM. WHERE MTC AND ABAG MEET,
8 I'M USUALLY IN ONE OF THOSE SEATS INSTEAD OF DOWN HERE, AND
9 TAKING OUR WORK BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITIES WITH CONTEXT AND
10 TRANSPARENCY. YOUR DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS, EXPERIENCES, AND
11 GEOGRAPHIC PERSPECTIVES ARE WHAT WE NEED TO MAKE BETTER, MORE
12 EQUITABLE DECISIONS. WE'RE ASKING YOU TO COME PREPARED, READ
13 YOUR AGENDAS, AND I PERSONALLY WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO
14 ATTEND THESE MEETINGS IN-PERSON WHENEVER POSSIBLE. AS YOU
15 SECOND TELL FROM THIS MORNING, GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER WILL
16 MAKE WORK SO MUCH EASIER. IN MY EXPERIENCE RELATIONSHIPS YOU
17 CAN FORM QUALIFY CONVERSATIONS THAT CAN BE HAD MUCH BETTER
18 WHEN DONE IN-PERSON ASKING TO YOU SPEAK CANDIDLY EVEN WHEN
19 UNEMPLOYMENT DON'T BE AFRAID TO IDENTIFY GAPS IN THINKING
20 CHALLENGES *AND ASSUMPTIONS AND HOLD US ACCOUNTABLE TO OUR
21 GOALS INCLUDING THOSE RELATED TO EQUITY IN THE MOMENT YOU WILL
22 TAKE AN OATH OF OFFICE SAME OATH TAKEN BY ELECTED OFFICIALS
23 THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA OATH REPRESENTS SERIOUSNESS OF THE
24 RESPONSIBILITY YOU'RE ACCEPTING AND PUBLIC TRUST THAT YOU HAVE
25 BEEN GIVEN AFTER YOU TAKE THE OATH YOU WILL BE OFFICIAL



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1 ADVISORS TO TWO OF THE MOST CONSEQUENTIAL REGIONAL AGENCIES IN
2 THE STATE. NOW IF YOU'RE ABLE TO PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR
3 RIGHT HAND AND REPEAT AFTER ME. I, SAY YOUR NAME, DO SOLEMNLY
4 SWEAR THAT I WILL SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
5 UNITED STATES. AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF
6 CALIFORNIA.

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8 **SPEAKER:**

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10 **SUE NOACK:** AGAINST ALL ENEMIES FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC, THAT I
11 WILL BAY AREA TRUE FAITH AND ALLEGIANCE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF
12 THE UNITED STATES, THAT I WILL BEAR TRUE FAITH AND ALLEGIANCE
13 TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE STATE OF
14 CALIFORNIA THAT I TAKE THIS OBLIGATION FREELY WITHOUT ANY
15 MENTAL RESERVATION OR PURPOSE OF EVASION. I SHOULD HAVE BROKEN
16 THAT UP IN TWO. THAT'S MY FAULT. OKAY. THE AND THAT I WILL
17 WELL AND FAITHFULLY DISCHARGE -- I WILL WELL AND FAITHFULLY
18 DISCHARGE THE DUTIES UPON WHICH I AM ABOUT TO ENTER.

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20 **SUE NOACK:** GREAT CONGRATULATIONS YOU ARE NOW OFFICIALLY
21 MEMBERS OF THE MTC ABAG ADVISORY COUNCIL. NEXT UP, MY
22 COUNTERPART AT ABAG BELIA RAMOS HAS A VIDEO WELCOME ADDRESS.
23 SHE WAS UNABLE TO BE HERE SO SHE TAPED A VIDEO FOR YOU. WILL
24 THE TECH TEAM PLEASE PLAY THE VIDEO? [VIDEO PLAYING]

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1 **BELIA RAMOS:** HELLO EVERYONE CONGRATULATIONS ON BEING POINTED
2 TO THE JOINT ABAG AND MTC COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL I'M BELIA
3 RAMOS I SERVE AS ABAG'S PRESIDENT AND NAPA COUNTY SUPERVISOR
4 ABAG IS A COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY AND IS ALSO
5 SERVING OUR COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE NINE BAY AREA
6 COUNTIES AND 101 CITIES IT WAS ACTUALLY FIRST COUNCIL OF
7 GOVERNMENTS IN CALIFORNIA THE WORK WE DO TODAY HELPS SHAPE
8 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND ASSIST THEM IN MANAGING AND ADAPTING TO
9 CHANGE IN HOUSING AND BUILDING RESILIENCY FOR THE ENTIRE BAY
10 AREA REGION. TRANSPORTATION IS UNDENIABLY INTERTWINED WITH
11 HOUSING AND VICE-VERSA HOUSING IS INTERTWINED WITH
12 TRANSPORTATION THAT'S WHY IT'S SO IMPORTANT FOR ABAG AND MTC
13 TO BE ABLE TO COLLABORATE TOGETHER. AND ONE OF THE REASONS WHY
14 AS ABAG PRESIDENT, I SERVE AS AN MTC COMMISSIONER. BACK IN
15 2017, WE CONSOLIDATED OUR STAFFS AND WE HAVE BEEN WORKING
16 CLOSELY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE CONTINUING TO COORDINATE FOR
17 THE BETTERMENT OF THE ENTIRE REGION. WE MERGED OUR LEGISLATIVE
18 COMMITTEE AND NOW, BY MERGING OUR ADVISORY COUNCILS, WE ARE
19 ABLE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH EACH OF YOU AND TO BE ABLE TO ALLOW
20 YOU TO EXAMINE, THROUGH YOUR LIVED EXPERIENCE, A HOLISTIC VIEW
21 OF TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND ALL THE EQUITY ISSUES THAT
22 AFFECT OUR BAY AREA RESIDENTS. CONGRATULATIONS, AGAIN, ON YOUR
23 APPOINTMENT, AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS.
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25 **KY-NAM MILLER:** ALL RIGHT. NEXT UP, EACH COUNCIL MEMBER IS



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1 GOING TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE YOURSELVES. OVER TWO
2 DOZEN COLONEL MEMBERS AND KEEP THIS SECTION UNDER 30 MINUTES.
3 WE'RE ENFORCING A 60-SECOND WINDOW TO INTRODUCE YOURSELVES.
4 PLEASE SHARE YOUR NAME, WHERE YOU LIVE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
5 SHARE ABOUT YOURSELF, INCLUDE PREFERRED PRONOUNS, IF YOUR
6 ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS ARE BEING MET AND ALSO PLEASE AN ICE
7 BREAKER ONE FAVORITE EATERY THAT YOU LIKE TO EAT AT IN THE BAY
8 AREA. 60 SECONDS. I'LL DEMONSTRATE. MY NAME IS KY-NAM PRONOUNS
9 HE/HIM. MY ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS ARE BEING MET. AND I LOVE TO
10 EAT AT PHNOM PENH HOUSE, WHICH IS A CAMBODIAN RESTAURANT IN
11 EAST OAKLAND. AND PARTICULARLY THIS PRAHAL, WHICH IS AN
12 ACQUIRED TASTE THAT I REALLY LOVE. I'M GOING TO PASS IT TO
13 GABRIELA ORANTES ON THE CORNER. THEN TO WENDI, THEN CLOCKWISE
14 FROM CARINA.

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16 **GABRIELA ORANTES:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS GABRIELA ORANTES. I
17 GO BY GABBY. SHE/HER PRONOUNS. I LIVE IN THE NORTH BAY IN THE
18 TOWN OF PETALUMA. AND I WORK IN SONOMA COUNTY. I'M A MOTHER OF
19 TWO TODDLERS AND A FULL-TIME MOM AND A FULL-TIME COMMUNITY
20 ORGANIZER AND STRATEGIST IN THE NORTH BAY FOR A NON-PROFIT
21 CALLED NORTH BAY ORGANIZING PROJECT. I GREW UP IN MARIN
22 COUNTY, SONOMA COUNTY WAS BORN IN EL SALVADOR AND CAME TO THE
23 U.S. AS A SMALL 15-MONTH-OLD. AND I SPEAK SPANISH AND ENGLISH.
24 MY FAVORITE RESTAURANT, PLACE TO EAT, MY KIDS AND I LOVE DON
25 JULIO, IT'S A PUPUSERIA IN RHONERT PARK.



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2 **WENDI KALLINS:** HI MY NAME IS WENDI KALLINS. I LIVE IN FOREST
3 KNOLLS IN MARIN COUNTY. THAT'S IN THE SAN GERONIMO VALLEY. I'M
4 THE FOUNDER OF SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROGRAM AND HELP SPREAD
5 THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY I'M
6 PRESIDENT OF THE SUSTAINABLE MARIN. AND RESTAURANT, OUT MY WAY
7 IS CALLED ARTI'S. IT'S AN INDIAN RESTAURANT IF YOU EVER GET
8 OUT TO SIR FRANCIS DRAKE TO THE COAST KEEP LOOK OUT ON THE
9 RIGHT THROUGH SAN JUAN, FOR ARTI'S

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11 **CARINA LIEU:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CARINA LIEU, MY PRONOUNS
12 ARE SHE OR THEY. BORN AND RAISED IN OAKLAND CALIFORNIA BORN
13 AND RAISED THERE MY PARENTS ARE FROM VIETNAM AND WITH THEY
14 CAME HERE AS REFUGEES JUST BEFORE I WAS BORN. I GREW UP IN A
15 HOUSEHOLD THAT SPOKE CANTONESE AND VIETNAMESE. AND MY
16 ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS ARE BEING MET. MY DAY JOB IS THAT I WORK
17 FOR THE CITY OF OAKLAND, AND WORK IN OUR CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S
18 OFFICE IN THE COMMUNICATES AND ENGAGEMENT DIVISION. AND MY
19 FAVORITE EATERY, RIGHT NOW, IT'S EL PAISA, A DELICIOUS TACO
20 SPOT IN EAST OAKLAND, AND IF YOU HAVE BEEN THERE, THEIR CABEZA
21 IS DELICIOUS. SO, HIGHLY RECOMMEND. PASSING IT ALONG TO
22 MICHAEL.

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24 **MICHAEL BALDINI:** THANK YOU. I'M NAPA COUNTY REPRESENTING OLDER
25 ADULTS WHICH I HAVE EXPERIENCE IN THAT AREA BORN IN WALNUT



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1 CREEK FARMING COMMUNITY 20 YEARS AS COLLEGE TRUSTEE AT NAPA
2 VALLEY COLLEGE. ALSO LOGISTICS BUSINESS FOR 30 PLUS YEARS I
3 PRESENTLY WORK AT. BEST WINERY NAPA COUNTY TREFATHON, GET A
4 PLUG IN THERE. IF I'M NOT EATING AT HOME, BISTRO DON GIOVANNI
5 OR SCALOS, OWNED BY THE SAME FAMILY; WONDERFUL FOOD. I HAVE
6 BEEN CALLED EVERYTHING BY MY FOUR BROTHERS OVER MY LIFETIME.
7 YOU CALL ME ANYTHING YOU WANT CALL ME FIRST. THANK YOU.

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9 **DIANA BENITEZ:** MY NAME IS DIANA BENITEZ, SHE HER PRONOUNS. I
10 LIVE IN RICHMOND, WORK IN SAN RAFAEL, MARIN COUNTY,
11 ORGANIZATION CALLED CANAL ALLIANCE. I'M A SENIOR PLANNER. MY
12 FAVORITE EATERY IS PANCHITAS NUMERO DOS, SAN FRANCISCO. DON'T
13 ASK ME WHERE NUMBER ONE IS; I DON'T KNOW. SIMILAR TO GABRIELA
14 MY FAMILY IS FROM EL SALVADOR. THEY CAME HERE AS A TEENAGER
15 FLEEING CIVIL WAR. BORN AND RAISED HERE SPEAKING SPANISH, ALSO
16 A LITTLE BRAZILIAN PORTUGUESE.

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18 **CHARLES LAVERY:** MY NAME IS CHARLIE LAVERY, IMMIGRANT FROM
19 IRELAND. I MOVED HERE ALMOST 32 YEARS OLD MY DAY JOB I WORK
20 FOR OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL THREE I'M A LABOR
21 REPRESENTATIVE. I WORK A LOT IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE ARENA
22 ADVOCATE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY. I'M A PACIFICA RESIDENT I
23 LIKE TO SURF, I LIKE TO SKI, I LIKE TO SWING DANCE. FAVORITE
24 RESTAURANT, SO MANY. I LIKE THE FRONT PORCH, DOWN IN THE
25 MISSION. IT'S SOUL FOOD PLACE. BEEN THERE FOR A LONG TIME IT'S



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1 ALWAYS PLAYING SOME GREAT TUNES SO I CAN CHOW DOWN ZOOM OUT
2 WITH MY MUSIC. THANKS EVERYBODY.

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4 **MARLENE SALAZAR:** MY NAME IS MARLENE SALAZAR, SHE/HER. MY
5 DAYTIME JOB, I WORK AT A WONDERFUL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION,
6 ADVOCATING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING CALLED ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY
7 PARTNERS. I WORK IN SAN FRANCISCO, LIVE IN OAKLAND FOR THE
8 PAST FOUR YEARS. ORIGINALLY BORN AND RAISED IN SOUTHEAST LOS
9 ANGELES. AND MY FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT IS LAS QUINITA. IT'S A
10 WONDERFUL SPOT IN ROCKRIDGE, WHICH I HIGHLY RECOMMEND. AND I'M
11 ALSO BILINGUAL, SO SHE/HER IN AIA. THANK YOU.

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13 **DWAYNE HANKERSON:** MY NAME IS DWAYNE HANKERSON. I AM THE
14 REPRESENTATIVE FOR SOLANO COUNTY REPRESENTING DISABLED PEOPLE.
15 I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN CINCINNATI OHIO. I RETIRED FROM THE
16 HOUSING AUTHORITY AND I SERVE ON SEVERAL COUNTY BOARDS IN MY
17 COUNTY. MY FAVORITE PLACE IS DWAYNE'S BACKYARD BARBECUE.
18 [LAUGHTER].

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20 **AMANDA CHANG:** YEAH. NOW MY FAVORITE PLACE IS DWAYNE'S BACKYARD
21 BARBECUE. PLEASE INVITE ME. MY NAME IS AMANDA CHANG. I USE ALL
22 PRONOUNS, AND I'M A STAFF MEMBER AT URBAN HABITAT. I'M
23 ORIGINALLY FROM SAN MATEO COUNTY AND NOW LIVE IN ALAMEDA. I
24 HAVE A DOG THAT I LOVE VERY MUCH. I'M INTO GLASS ART AND
25 MAGAZINES. AND MY FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT OTHER THAN YOUR



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1 BACKYARD BARBECUE IS MY FAMILY GOES TO A TEMPLE IN EAST PALO
2 ALTO -- AND THEY HAVE REALLY GOOD VEGAN FOOD BECAUSE IT'S A
3 TEMPLE AND I JUST LOVE GOING THERE WITH MY FAMILY. MY DAD IS
4 FROM HONG KONG AND MY MOM IS FROM VIETNAM, A REFUGEE, AS WELL,
5 BUT THE LANGUAGE I SPEAK THE BEST, ACTUALLY, BECAUSE I GREW UP
6 IN AN ENGLISH SPEAKING HOUSEHOLD IS SPANISH.

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8 **ALEXANDER MADRID:** HI. MY NAME IS ALEX MADRID, HE/HIM. I LIVE
9 IN SAN FRANCISCO AND AM A HOUSING SPECIALIST. I WORK AT GGRC.
10 MY FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT IS IN HAYES VALLEY CALLED AFTERWORK
11 BAR.

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13 **ASHTON DESMANGLES:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ASHTON. I'M BORN AND
14 RAISED IN THE EAST BAY IN RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA. I GO TO EL
15 CERRITO HIGH SCHOOL. I REPRESENT THE YOUTH ON THIS COMMISSION.
16 MY FAVORITE RESTAURANT -- AND I DO WANT TO TRY THAT BARBECUE
17 DWAYNE. I LOVE BARBECUE -- MY FAVORITE RESTAURANT IS TASHI
18 DELEK, AN AMAZING NEPALESE RESTAURANT IN EL CERRITO AND IT'S
19 CLOSE TO DEL NORTE BART STATION. I RECOMMEND ANYONE AND
20 EVERYONE TO GO.

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22 **SONJA SHEPHARD:** HI. MY NAME IS SONJA SHEPHARD. I'M FROM
23 PITTSBURG, AND I'M REPRESENTING THE OLDER ADULTS IN CONTRA
24 COSTA. MY ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS ARE BEING MET. I'M A COMMUNITY
25 ADVOCATE FOR GROUPS SUPPORTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING, SENIOR



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1 ADVOCACY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES. THIS WEEK, MY FAVORITE
2 RESTAURANT IS EVERETT JONES IN OAKLAND. [LAUGHTER] I HAVE NO
3 LOYALTY WHEN IT GETS TO RESTAURANTS. [LAUGHTER]

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5 **VICTORINA AREVELO:** I LIKE THAT. NON-LOYALTY WHEN IT COMES TO
6 RESTAURANTS. HI, EVERYONE. ORIGINALLY FROM VENEZUELA. I MOVED
7 TO THE UNITED STATES WHEN I WAS 18 TO GO TO COLLEGE, AND
8 SOMEHOW TIME WENT BY AND I ENDED UP STAYING. NOW I LIVE IN
9 REDWOOD CITY AND I LOVE IT. I'M A SENIOR RESILIENCE MANAGER AT
10 GREENBELT ALLIANCE, WHICH IS A REGIONAL NON-PROFIT THAT
11 OPERATES BETWEEN THE INTERSECTION BETWEEN HOUSING AND
12 ENVIRONMENT. MY FAVORITE, SPECIFICALLY BRUNCH PLACE, IS
13 MILAGROS IN DOWNTOWN REDWOOD CITY. YOU HAVE TO GO GET THE
14 BREAKFAST TACOS. DO IT. AND, YEAH, I THINK I'M GOING TO LEAVE
15 IT AT THAT.

16

17 **PETER SAATHODD-HARSHFIELD:** HI. I'M PETER SAATHODD-HARSHFIELD.
18 I USE HE/HIM PRONOUNS. I'M REPRESENTING DISABLED PEOPLE IN
19 SANTA CLARA COUNTY. I HAVE LOW VISION. MY ACCESS NEEDS ARE
20 CURRENTLY BEING MET, BUT I'M SURE IT WILL BE AN ONGOING
21 PROCESS. I WORK IN THE TECH INDUSTRY AND SPECIFICALLY ON THE
22 ACCESSIBILITY OF SOFTWARE TO DISABLED PEOPLE. I LIVE IN
23 MOUNTAIN VIEW. I'M FROM NOVATO, BUT I LIVE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW.
24 AND I LIKE A LOT OF FOOD, BUT ONE RESTAURANT I LIKE IN
25 MOUNTAIN VIEW IS FU LAM MUM, WHICH IS DIM SUM.



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2 **BRYANT DUONG:** HI THERE. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BRYANT DUONG.
3 PRONOUNS HE/HIM. I LIVE IN OAKLAND, BORN AND RAISED IN THE BAY
4 AREA. MY ACCESS NEEDS ARE BEING MET. I WORK FOR A COMPANY
5 CALLED LOCAL INITIATIVE SUPPORT CORPORATION. WE'RE A NATIONAL
6 CDFI, OR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTION PROVIDING
7 LOANS, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING
8 DEVELOPERS IN THE NINE COUNTY BAY AREA. LATELY I HAVE BEEN ON
9 A BURGER KICK. SO I HAVE BEEN EATING AT SMOKEHOUSE EVERY OTHER
10 WEEK. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS. THEIR CHILLY FRIES AND
11 AFFORDABILITY IS JUST GREAT. THANKS.

12

13 **R. SHAY MILES:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SHAY MILES. I'M
14 REPRESENTING SOLANO COUNTY. MY ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS ARE BEING
15 MET. I DO HAVE A HEARING IMPAIRMENT, SO WE'LL PLAY IT BY EAR;
16 NO PUN INTENDED. BUT I AM BORN IN VALLEJO, RAISED IN VALLEJO,
17 LOVE VALLEJO. AND MY BACKGROUND IS IN COMMUNITY INVESTMENT
18 STRATEGY. AND WHEN YOU'RE NOT JUST PASSING THROUGH VALLEJO,
19 STOP IN VALLEJO. MAKE SURE YOU EAT AT NOONIE'S PLACE AND
20 BAMBINOS. I'M A PESCATARIAN, SO THEY HAVE THE BEST CATFISH
21 NUGGETS AT NOONIE'S PLACE AND THEY HAVE THE ABSOLUTE BEST --
22 DO NOT CHALLENGE ME -- ON THE CALAMARI AT BAMBINO'S.

23

24 **JANELLE WONG:** I LOVE ALL THE NEW PLACES WE'RE GETTING TO HEAR
25 ABOUT AROUND THE BAY AREA. MY NAME IS JANELLE WONG. PRONOUNS



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1 ARE SHE/HER. I WAS BORN ORIGINALLY IN LOS ANGELES BUT LIVED IN
2 SAN FRANCISCO FOR OVER 20 YEARS. PROBABLY GOING ON, I WANT TO
3 SAY 26 YEARS. WHICH IS ALMOST LIKE A LOCAL, BUT I KNOW THAT
4 WAS NOT BORN AND RAISED HERE. MY BACKGROUND BASICALLY USED TO
5 BE IN ADVOCACY AROUND TRANSPORTATION, ALL FORMS OF IT.
6 MICROMOBILITY, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, BIKE TRANSPORTATION,
7 WALKING. BUT NOW, I DO MOSTLY CONSULTING FOR NON-PROFITS
8 AROUND MISSION -- MOSTLY MISSION-DRIVEN ORGANIZATIONS AND FOR
9 ANYTHING FROM OPERATIONS TO FINANCE, HR, WHATEVER THAT
10 PARTICULAR NON-PROFIT NEEDS, I'M HERE TO HELP. MY FAVORITE
11 PLACE TO EAT -- ALTHOUGH I'M GOING TO TRY ALL THE ONES, SO
12 I'LL HAVE TO LOOK BACK AT THE RECORD. TUNA HOUSE ON IRVING
13 STREET IN THE SUNSET. IT'S RELATIVELY NEW. IT'S LIKE CHIRASHI
14 BOWLS. IT'S AFFORDABLE MY UNDERSTANDING IS LIKE 16 BUCKS. I
15 HAVEN'T ACTUALLY BOUGHT. MY SONS HAVE BOUGHT ONE. I HAVE
16 TASTED IT, BUT I HAVE NOT PURCHASED ONE OF MY OWN. SO, I'M
17 EXCITED TO TRY THAT. I'M EXCITED BE HERE.

18

19 **PADMA BALAJI:** HI, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS PADMA. I'M A HIGH
20 SCHOOL SENIOR FROM FREMONT IN THE EAST BAY SERVING AS
21 ENVIRONMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE HERE AND CO-CHAIR OF THE YOUTH
22 ORGANIZATION CALLED BAY AREA YOUTH CLIMATE SUMMIT. MY FAVORITE
23 RESTAURANT CHANGES DAY-TO-DAY, HONESTLY. BUT TODAY I'M GOING
24 TO GO WITH LA CORNETA TAQUERIA IN THE MISSION, MAY HAVE A
25 COUPLE MORE LOCATIONS ACROSS THE PENINSULA. PRONOUNS SHE/HER.



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1 MY ACCESSIBLE NEEDS ARE BEING MET.

2

3 **JULIA GERASIMENKO:** HEY EVERYBODY. MY NAME IS JULIA
4 GERASIMENKO. PRONOUNS ARE SHE/HER. MY ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS
5 CURRENTLY BEING MET. I LIVE IN OAKLAND REPRESENTING THE BODY
6 ON BEHALF OF TRANSIT ADVOCACY AT-LARGE. I WAS BORN IN THE
7 SOVIET UNION AND IMMIGRATED TO EAST COAST WHEN I WAS A BABY,
8 SPENT 12 YEARS IN CHICAGO MOVED TO OAKLAND ABOUT A YEAR AND A
9 HALF AGO. I'M A NEWBIE. I GET IT. BUT MY BROTHER HAS BEEN HERE
10 FOR 15 YEARS AND I HAVE TO SHOUT OUT HIS PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT,
11 WHICH IS TALLBOY IN THE TEMESCAL COMMUNITY OF OAKLAND AND THEY
12 HAVE A ENTIRELY VEGAN MENU OF DELICIOUS HOT DOGS. SO WOULD
13 RECOMMEND YOU CHECK IT OUT. THEY ALSO SERVE GREAT DRINKS. AND
14 LET'S SEE. OH, I WORK AT TRANSFORM. I'M THE HOUSING AND
15 PARKING POLICY MANAGER, AND WE'RE NON-PROFIT WORKING AT THE
16 INTERSECTION OF HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION, SINCE IF WE FIGHT
17 A GOOD FIGHT THOSE TWO SECTORS, WE CAN HELP CURB CLIMATE
18 CHANGE FOR MOST IMPACTED. SO, GRATEFUL TO BE HERE WITH YOU
19 ALL.

20

21 **GAETANO TRACHTENBERG:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS
22 GAETANO TRACHTENBERG. MOST PEOPLE CALL ME TANO. I USE HE/HIM
23 PRONOUNS. I AM A SENIOR POLICY MANAGER AT THE NON-PROFIT
24 HOUSING ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, WHICH IS A LONG
25 NAME. WE GO BY NPH WHICH IS NOT DESCRIPTIVE BUT I HOPE YOU CAN



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1 REMEMBER IT. WE REPRESENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPERS AND
2 OTHER FOLKS IN THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ECOSYSTEM AND PROCESS
3 AROUND THE NINE COUNTY BAY AREA. I GREW UP IN BERKELEY BORN IN
4 SAN FRANCISCO GREW UP IN BERKELEY. I WOULD SAY RIGHT NOW MY
5 FAVORITE RESTAURANT IS SPOT NEARBY ME IN EMERYVILLE CALLED
6 GOOD TO EAT. IT'S A TAIWANESE RESTAURANT. IT'S DELICIOUS. I
7 ALSO SPEAK BRAZILIAN PORTUGUESE.

8

9 **LOUIS MIRANTE:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS LOUIS
10 MIRANTE. I USE HE/HIM PRONOUNS. MY ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS ARE
11 BEING MET. I HAVE WORKED FOR THE BAY AREA COUNCIL, WHICH
12 REPRESENTS ABOUT 300 OF THE REGION'S LARGEST EMPLOYERS FOR THE
13 LAST FIVE YEARS. I GREW IN THE EAST BAY. I NOW LIVE IN
14 SACRAMENTO, BUT WORK HERE IN OUR SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE
15 REGULARLY ON HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION STUFF FACING THE
16 REGION. MY FAVORITE RESTAURANT IN THE BAY AREA IS BAKESALE
17 BETTY. IT'S IN OAKLAND. FOR THE NOSTALGIA REASONS, I WANTED TO
18 SAY SMOKEHOUSE ACTUALLY, BUT I DO WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO
19 MY FAMILY'S BAKERY IN SAN FRANCISCO CALLED LIGURIA BAKERY,
20 WHICH HAS WONDERFUL FOCACCIA.

21

22 **CHUCK CANTRELL:** HI. I'M CHUCK CANTRELL. I DO A LOT OF THINGS.
23 I'LL JUST SAY A FEW. I'M HAPPY TO SAY I'M A PLANNING
24 COMMISSIONER IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE, THE CITY I LEARNED TO
25 LOVE. I'M FROM ST LOUIS MISSOURI BUT WILL NOT RETURN. I AM



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1 ALSO THE WRITER PRODUCER OF A PODCAST SERIES CALLED "DYING TO
2 STAY HERE," WHICH IS ABOUT BLACK LIFE IN THE SILICON VALLEY,
3 OR THE DISAPPEARANCE OF IT. I WORK FOR A NON-PROFIT AS AN
4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THAT FOCUSES ON HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION,
5 AND MY FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT IS CHUCK'S VEGETARIAN KITCHEN,
6 IT'S IN MY HOUSE. WHEN I'M NOT EATING THERE, I'M EATING AT
7 VIETNAM'S, DOWN THE STREET IN DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE. I GO THERE AT
8 LEAST ONCE A WEEK. IT'S GREAT FOR MY BLOOD SUGAR; IT'S REALLY
9 WEIRD. BUT THAT'S ME.

10

11 **KAREN NEMSICK:** GOOD MORNING I'M KAREN NEMSICK. I AM
12 REPRESENTING NAPA ON THIS COUNCIL. MY PRONOUNS ARE SHE/HER.
13 I'M CURRENTLY WORKING AT UNITED WAY BAY AREA HOUSING JUSTICE
14 AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP. I HAVE BEEN WORKING IN SAN
15 FRANCISCO FOR 38 YEARS AFTER GROWING UP IN NEW YORK. AND MY --
16 YEAH, I AM NOT BEHOLDEN TO ANY RESTAURANT. I LOVE FOOD, AND I
17 TRY THEM ALL. BUT RIGHT NOW, THE LATEST ONE IS LA MARCHA IN
18 BERKELEY. THEY HAVE AN AMAZING SPANISH BRUNCH. SO SOMETHING
19 DIFFERENT. AND MY SAN FRANCISCO CLAIM TO FAME IS THAT WHEN I
20 WAS LIVING HERE, I WAS ABLE TO TELL YOU EVERY BUS ROUTE IN SAN
21 FRANCISCO. YOU COULD SHOUT OUT A NUMBER AND I COULD SAY OH
22 THAT ONE STARTS DOGPATCH AND GOES ALL THE WAY ACROSS TO THE
23 SUNSET. SO THAT'S MY CLAIM TO FAME.

24

25 **WARREN CUSHMAN:** HELLO. CAN YOU HEAR ME? HELLO, EVERYBODY. THIS



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1 IS WARREN CUSHMAN. I WORK AT COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR
2 INDEPENDENT LIVING IN HAYWARD. IT IS MY -- THAT'S WHERE I
3 WORK. I'M TOTALLY BLIND. I WAS ACTUALLY BORN AND RAISED IN SAN
4 MATEO AREA, IN THE PENINSULA, BUT I HAVE BEEN HERE IN THE EAST
5 BAY FOR ABOUT THE LAST, OH, I DON'T KNOW, I GUESS 19 YEARS.
6 AND I DO A LOT OF COMMUNITY -- AND I HAVE A LOT OF COMMUNITY
7 INVOLVEMENTS AND I WONT LIST THEM ALL NOW, BUT I AM PASSIONATE
8 ABOUT HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION AND ANY NUMBER OF OTHER
9 ISSUES. THANK YOU.

10

11 **KY-NAM MILLER:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A COUPLE OF ONLINE
12 PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING JOSHUA SAUNDERS IN DC, THEN TIM
13 SBRANTI AS PUBLIC COMMENTER CALLING IN FROM VEGAS. JOSHUA
14 FIRST, THEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT. GO AHEAD.

15

16 **JOSHUA SAUNDERS:** HI. MY NAME IS JOSHUA SAUNDERS, AND I GREW UP
17 IN STOCKTON CALIFORNIA BUT LIVED IN EL CERRITO IN THAT AREA
18 FOR, LIKE, THE PAST 30 YEARS OR SO. AND MY ACCESS NEEDS ARE
19 BEING MET CURRENTLY. ALSO I'M LEGALLY BLIND. AND I AM -- I
20 HAVE BEEN -- I WOULD SAY THAT ONE OF MY FAVORITE RESTAURANTS
21 IS FATAPPLES, WHICH IS IN EL CERRITO, AS WELL. I ALSO DO
22 ACCESS TECHNOLOGY WORK AND I'M ALSO A LICENSED ATTORNEY. THANK
23 YOU.

24

25 **KY-NAM MILLER:** THANK YOU MR. SAUNDERS. FRED, AS PART OF OUR



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1 PUBLIC COMMENT WILL YOU INFORM US OF ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS
2 RECEIVED ON THIS ITEM OR WHETHER THERE ARE MEMBERS OF THE
3 PUBLIC WHO WANT TO GIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

4

5 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ON THIS ITEM, THERE IS NO WRITTEN COMMENTS
6 RECEIVED, NO MEMBERS IN THE BOARDROOM OR NONE IN THE ATTENDEE
7 SPACE. AND I BELIEVE WE HAVE TIM SBRANTI NOW IN THE PANELIST.

8

9 **TIM SBRANTI:** YES, TIM SBRANTI. SORRY I CAN'T JOIN YOU IN
10 PERSON TODAY. MY DAUGHTER IS IN THE PACIFIC GIRLS HOCKEY
11 CHAMPIONSHIPS IN VEGAS, AND I THOUGHT PARTICIPATING FROM THE
12 RINK COULD BE A LITTLE DISTRACTING; BUT FOLLOWING CLOSELY,
13 REMOTELY. I LIVE IN DUBLIN, BUT MY FAMILY HAS BEEN IN CONTRA
14 COSTA FOR FIVE GENERATIONS, SINCE 1800S. I'M CURRENTLY THE
15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CONTRA COSTA BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION
16 TRADES COUNCIL. MY FAVORITE RESTAURANT IS AN ITALIAN FAMILY
17 OWNED RESTAURANT IN DANVILLE AND I LOOK FORWARD TO JOINING YOU
18 ALL IN-PERSON NEXT MONTH AND MOVING FORWARD.

19

20 **KY-NAM MILLER:** THANK YOU, TIM. ROOTING FOR YOUR DAUGHTER NOW
21 THAT WE DON'T HAVE THE AMERICAN OLYMPIC TEAMS TO SUPPORT ON.
22 SO HOPE THAT TURNS OUT WELL IN VEGAS. WE'RE GOING NOW -- OH,
23 FIRST I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR KEEPING WITHIN 60 SECONDS.
24 GREAT JOB, COUNCIL MEMBERS. NEXT UP IS AGENDA ITEM THREE. IT'S
25 GOING TO BE AN ORIENTATION PROVIDED BY MY COLLEAGUE MATT



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1 MALONEY. I'LL JUST SAY, YOU'RE FREE TO GET A TEA OR ANY
2 REFRESHMENT TO GO INTO THE [INDISCERNIBLE] CHAMBER AND COME
3 BACK. THERE'S TV'S PLAYING SO YOU CAN KIND OF MAKE YOUR WAY
4 BACK AND FORTH. WITH THAT, I'LL HAND IT OVER TO MATT.

5

6 **MATT MALONEY:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, KY-NAM.

7

8 **KY-NAM MILLER:** GO AHEAD. SORRY.

9

10 **ALEXANDER MADRID:** COULD I ASK THE STAFF IF WE CAN SPEAK A
11 LITTLE BIT SLOWLY. BECAUSE IT'S A LITTLE BIT -- YEAH. SO WE
12 CAN UNDERSTAND YOU GUYS CLEARLY, IF THAT'S OKAY, GOING
13 FORWARD? THANK YOU.

14

15 **MATT MALONEY:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU
16 AND IT WAS JUST GREAT TO HEAR ALL ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE AND TO
17 MEET YOU, AND I'M REALLY EXCITED THAT YOU'RE ALL HERE AND
18 EXCITED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THIS GROUP, WHICH HAS BEEN A LONG
19 TIME IN COMING. MY NAME IS MATT MALONEY, I'M A DEPUTY
20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR METRO PLANNING AND POLICY HERE AT MTC
21 AND ABAG. I WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH THE FOLKS WHO DO ALL LONG
22 RANGE REGIONAL PLANNING, OUR FUNDING AND POLICY PROGRAMS, OUR
23 LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIR'S TEAM, OUR DATA AND
24 VISUALIZATION TEAM, AND LASTLY, OUR SAN FRANCISCO ESTUARY
25 PARTNERSHIP. SO, MY -- I GUESS, PORTFOLIO AT THE AGENCY RUNS



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1 THE GAMUT. I THINK TODAY WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO IS RUN YOU
2 THROUGH AN ORIENTATION, AND I WILL JUST SAY AT THE OUTSET THAT
3 THIS IS PROBABLY THE ONLY TIME THAT, HOPEFULLY, THAT IT'S
4 GOING TO FEEL LIKE WE'RE REALLY TALKING AT YOU, AT LENGTH. IT
5 IS A FAIRLY LENGTHY PRESENTATION, AND THIS WON'T BE THE NORM
6 GOING FORWARD. BUT WE THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO GIVE YOU A
7 LITTLE BIT OF THE LAY OF THE LAND. THESE ORGANIZATIONS, THERE
8 IS A LOT GOING ON HERE [LAUGHTER] IN THIS BUILDING, AND WITH
9 THESE TWO ORGANIZATIONS. AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, SOMETHING JUST
10 TO KEEP IN THE BACK OF YOUR MIND, AS I WALK THROUGH, IS
11 THINKING A LITTLE BIT ABOUT, YOU KNOW, WHAT YOU WANT THIS
12 GROUP TO FOCUS ON MOVING FORWARD. I THINK THE BIGGEST
13 CHALLENGE FOR THIS GROUP, AND HAVING BEEN SOMEONE THAT'S BEEN
14 WORKING WITH, YOU KNOW, THE PREDECESSORS OF THIS GROUP FOR
15 ABOUT 12 YEARS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE IS THIS GROUP WILL HAVE
16 WHAT TO FOCUS ON BECAUSE IT'S TOO MUCH STUFF OUT THERE THAT
17 YOU CAN FOCUS ON EVERYTHING SO JUST THAT TO WALK THROUGH I'M
18 GOING TO TOUCH ON A LOT OF THE DIFFERENT PIECES OF WORK THAT
19 WE DO. TODAY WE'RE GOING TO SPLIT THE ORIENTATION INTO TWO
20 PARTS. WE'RE ABOUT 10:44. SO, I'LL BE WORKING WITH KY-NAM
21 HERE. ABOUT MIDWAY THROUGH THIS, WE CAN MAYBE TAKE A SHORT
22 BREAK, SO YOU ALL CAN GET SOME FOOD. AND THEN KIND OF RETURN
23 TO YOUR SEATS AND THEN WE CAN DO PART TWO. SO, THAT'S THE WAY
24 THAT WE'LL DO IT. LET'S GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. SO, FIRST I WANT
25 TO REVIEW THE HISTORY AND THE EVOLUTION OF THE COMMUNITY



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1 ADVISORY COUNCIL, WHICH IS THIS BODY, AS WELL AS DEFINING THE
2 COUNCIL'S PURPOSE, STRUCTURE, AND ROLE AT MTC AND ABAG. NEXT
3 SLIDE. SO CONGRATULATIONS, YOU'RE ALL HERE. TODAY IS OUR
4 INAUGURAL MEETING, WHICH IS AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE FOR
5 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION AT MTC AND ABAG. WE
6 ESSENTIALLY WORKED OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS TO MERGE OR
7 CONSOLIDATE OUR ADVISORY BODIES. WE HAVE HISTORICALLY HAD A
8 BODY SERVING MTC, CALLED THE MTC POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL. AND
9 WE HAVE FOLKS HERE TODAY WHO SERVED ON THAT COUNCIL, AND THAT
10 ARE NOW HERE SERVING ON THIS ONE. WE'VE ALSO HAD A BODY
11 SERVING ABAG FOR MANY YEARS CALLED THE REGIONAL PLANNING
12 COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT IN ITS COMPOSITION
13 IN THAT IT INCLUDED BOTH ELECTED OFFICIALS AND NON-ELECTED
14 OFFICIALS. BUT MOVING FORWARD AND GIVEN WE'RE ALL ONE STAFF,
15 AND YOU KNOW, WITH THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING MTC AND ABAG
16 WORKING TOGETHER ON OUR ISSUES, WE ALSO THOUGHT THAT IT MADE A
17 LOT OF SENSE TO ALSO CONSOLIDATE THIS INTO A SINGLE BODY. SO
18 THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE TODAY, THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL, AND
19 THE OBJECTIVE IS TO STRENGTHEN POLICY, COORDINATION, AND
20 IMPROVE ALIGNMENT OF THE BAY AREA'S REGIONAL HOUSING,
21 TRANSPORTATION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND PLANS. NEXT
22 SLIDE. SO, THIS COUNCIL WILL BE WORKING TO ADVISE MTC AND ABAG
23 ON POLICIES, PLANS, AND PROGRAMS IMPACTING BAY AREA
24 COMMUNITIES. AND I THINK AS WE HAVE SEEN HERE ALREADY, IN YOUR
25 INTRODUCTIONS, WE ARE BRINGING DIVERSE VOICES AND PERSPECTIVES



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1 TO THIS WORK. MTC AND ABAG AIM TO ADVANCE SHARED LOCAL AND
2 REGIONAL PRIORITIES IN SUPPORT OF A VIBRANT BAY AREA THAT IS
3 CONNECTED, EQUITABLE, AND SUSTAINABLE. LET'S GO TO THE NEXT
4 SLIDE. THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR THIS BODY WAS VERY
5 COMPETITIVE. AND I SPENT A LOT OF TIME REVIEWING ALL OF THE
6 APPLICATIONS HERE WITH MY COLLEAGUES, KY-NAM AND REBECCA, AND
7 WORKING WITH A SMALL GROUP OF OUR COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD
8 MEMBERS, SO WE HAD OVER 150 APPLICANTS TO SIT ON THIS COUNCIL.
9 YOU KNOW, OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS WEAR MANY DIFFERENT HATS AND
10 SOME OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS SIT IN ONE ROLE WHILE HOLDING THE
11 PERSPECTIVES OF THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITY, THEIR PROFESSIONAL
12 EXPERTISE, AND THEIR OVERLAPPING COMMUNITIES. SO, THE
13 STRUCTURE THAT WE HAVE HERE ON THIS COUNCIL, WE HAVE A TOTAL
14 OF NINE MEMBERS, ONE FROM EACH BAY AREA COUNTY THAT ARE
15 SELECTED TO REPRESENT OF INTEREST OF COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND
16 LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS. THERE MUST BE AT BE AT LEAST FOUR
17 MEMBERS REPRESENTING COMMUNITIES OF COLOR FOUR REPRESENTING
18 LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS AND NINE MEMBER THE 9TH MEMBER SELECTED
19 FROM EITHER CATEGORY SIMILARLY TOTAL OF NINE MEMBERS ONE FROM
20 EACH COUNTY REPRESENT THE INTEREST OF OLDER ADULTS PEOPLE WITH
21 DISABILITIES AS WITH AT LEAST FOUR REPRESENTATIVES MUST BE
22 CHOSEN FROM EACH CATEGORY WITH 9TH MEMBER SELECTED FROM EITHER
23 LET'S GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE THAT TALKS ABOUT 18 OF THE 27 SEATS
24 SO THE REMAINING NINE SEATS ON THIS COUNCIL ARE WHAT WE CALL
25 AT-LARGE SEATS REPRESENT BROAD REGIONAL INTEREST ACROSS LABOR



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1 BUSINESS ENVIRONMENTAL TRANSIT ADVOCACY YOUTH CIVIC
2 ORGANIZATIONS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING THESE SEATS ARE TIED --
3 LESS TIED TO A SPECIFIC COUNTY GEOGRAPHY SO THEY ALLOW FOR
4 FLEXIBILITY REPRESENTATION OF CROSS-CUTTING REGIONAL
5 PRIORITIES. NEXT SLIDE. LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR ROLE AS COUNCIL
6 MEMBERS IT'S UNIQUE AND CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO HOW MTC AND
7 ABAG RECEIVE COMMUNITY FEEDBACK AND INCREASE PARTICIPATION.
8 COUNCIL MEMBERS SHOULD STRIVE TO REPRESENT THE STAKEHOLDER
9 INTEREST UNDER WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN APPOINTED. ALTHOUGH SOME
10 COUNCIL MEMBERS MAY BE POINTED BASED ON AN ORGANIZATIONAL
11 AFFILIATION. AT-LARGE MEMBERS ARE MEANT TO REPRESENT THE
12 OVERALL CONSTITUENCY, SO REALLY BEYOND JUST YOUR INDIVIDUAL
13 ORGANIZATIONS. SO YOU'RE HERE TO REPRESENT KIND OF THAT
14 BROADER COMMUNITY, WHETHER IT'S ENVIRONMENT OR BUSINESS. SO,
15 YEAH, SO IF YOU ARE POINTED TO FILL@LARGE SPOT FOR AFFORDABLE
16 HOUSING, YOU SHOULD BE LOOKING AT ISSUES THROUGH A LENS THAT
17 ADDRESSES AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN ALL ITS VARIOUS FORMS NOT JUST
18 THE TYPES THAT YOUR ORGANIZATION SPECIALIZES IN. HOPEFULLY
19 THAT MAKE SENSE, AND THERE IS A LOT OF NUANCE THERE TO WHAT I
20 JUST SAID BUT I THINK WE'LL BE FINE AS WE MOVE FORWARD. NEXT
21 SLIDE. OKAY. I THINK THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT. AND IT'S THE
22 COUNCIL WORK PLAN. YOU KNOW, WHEN I STARTED OUT, I TALKED
23 ABOUT KIND OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS GROUP REALLY FINE TUNING
24 ITS PRIORITIES AND WHAT IT'S GOING TO FOCUS ON THIS IS THE WAY
25 WE DO THAT. A PREDECESSOR AGENCY, PREDECESSOR COUNCIL, THE



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1 POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL, WE ALSO DID AN ANNUAL WORK PLAN FOR
2 THAT GROUP SO I THINK IT'S A GOOD PRACTICE TO CONTINUE. BOTH
3 MTC AND ABAG HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES THAT WE COVER. AND SO
4 A WORK PLAN FOR THIS GROUP HAS PROVEN CRITICAL TO
5 INTENTIONALLY PURSUING STRATEGIES FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT ON
6 PRIORITY WORK AREAS. MTC AND ABAG LEADERSHIP WILL BE
7 CONFERRING WITH THE NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL LEADERSHIP, WHICH IS
8 NOT IN PLACE YET. BUT HOPEFULLY NEXT MONTH THAT WILL BE A BIG
9 DECISION OF THIS GROUP IS WHO YOUR LEADERSHIP WILL BE IN TERMS
10 OF YOUR CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR. AND, SO, WE WILL WORK WITH THE
11 LEADERSHIP TO IDENTIFY RECOMMENDED PRIORITY AREAS FOR FEEDBACK
12 FROM THE COUNCIL. THIS WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE ELECTED
13 LEADERSHIP OF MTC AND ABAG. SO, IT WILL INCLUDE, YOU KNOW,
14 CHAIR NOACK, WHO YOU HEARD FROM TODAY, AND PRESIDENT BELIA
15 RAMOS WHO WAS ON THE VIDEO SCREEN EARLIER. THEY WILL ALSO BOTH
16 BE INVOLVED IN HELPING TO SET PRIORITIES FOR YOUR WORK PLAN.
17 COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE ABLE TO RECOMMEND WORK PLAN PRIORITIES FOR
18 POTENTIAL INCLUSION. AND STAFF ANTICIPATES BRINGING A DRAFT
19 WORK PLAN TO THE COUNCIL FOR ADOPTION IN JUNE. AND SO THAT'S
20 AFTER -- SO, IF YOU CAN THINK ABOUT THIS, NEXT MONTH, APRIL,
21 WE ARE LIKELY TO SELECT COUNCIL LEADERSHIP, AND THEN THERE
22 WILL BE KIND OF A COUPLE OF MONTHS THERE DRAFTING THE WORK
23 PLAN AND BY JUNE HOPEFULLY WE'LL HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU TO
24 ADOPT. NEXT SLIDE. SO, I THINK IN YOUR ROLE AS COUNCIL, YOU'RE
25 GOING TO BE ADVISING US AS STAFF QUITE A BIT, BUT I THINK YOU



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1 ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADVISE THE MTC COMMISSION AND THE
2 ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARDS PRETTY DIRECTLY. COUNCIL LEADERSHIP WILL
3 HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT ON THE COUNCIL'S WORK, OR ANY
4 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT YOU COME UP WITH, TO THE ABAG EXECUTIVE
5 BOARD AND THE MTC COMMISSION AT THEIR REGULARLY SCHEDULED
6 BOARD MEETINGS. THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD TYPICALLY MEETS EVERY
7 OTHER MONTH ON THE THIRD THURSDAY, AND THEY MEET, TYPICALLY
8 AFTER 5:00 P.M., SO THEY MEET IN THE EVENING, WHILE THE
9 COMMISSION MEETS ON THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AND THEY
10 MEET IN THE MORNING, HERE IN THIS ROOM. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
11 MEETS IN THIS ROOM AS WELL, TYPICALLY. NEXT SLIDE. OKAY. SO
12 THAT WAS A LOT OF DETAIL ON THE COUNCIL. WE'RE GOING TO SHIFT
13 GEARS A LITTLE BIT HERE, AND KIND OF GET INTO AN ORIENTATION
14 OF THE AGENCIES WRIT LARGE, ORIENTING YOU TO MTC AND ABAG'S
15 WORK AS THE BAY AREA'S REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCIES. NEXT SLIDE.
16 SO, AS YOU ALL KNOW, THE BAY AREA BRINGS TOGETHER AN UNUSUALLY
17 WIDE MIX OF PLACES, PEOPLE, AND SYSTEMS, FROM THE WINE GROWING
18 HILLS OF NAPA VALLEY, TO THE GARLIC FIELDS OF GILROY, AND
19 UNIVERSITY'S TECH COMPANIES, SMALL BUSINESSES AND ARTISTS THAT
20 FILL THE SPACES IN BETWEEN THIS AREA HOLDS A RANGE OF DIVERSE
21 COMMUNITIES AND CULTURES. WE HAVE 101 INCORPORATED CITIES AND
22 TOWNS. WE HAVE 27 SEPARATE TRANSIT AGENCIES. IT IS COMPLEX,
23 AND, YOU KNOW, WE ARE BIG. A LOT GOING ON. MTC IS A
24 METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION, OR AN MPO; THAT'S AN
25 ACRONYM YOU WILL HEAR FROM TIME TO TIME, MPO'S. MPO'S ARE



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1 FEDERALLY MANDATED BOARDS AND AGENCIES THAT HAVE A NUMBER OF
2 REQUIREMENTS MPO, ONE OF THE CENTRAL REQUIREMENTS OF AN MPO,
3 AND ONE THING THAT MTC DOES IS ADOPT A LONG RANGE REGIONAL
4 TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMONG OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES AND WE WORK
5 ON THOSE PLANS AND ADOPT THEM EVERY FOUR YEARS. ABAG IS A
6 COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, OR A COG, IT'S A VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION
7 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, SUCH AS COUNTIES, CITIES, AND SPECIAL
8 DISTRICTS FORMED TO COORDINATE REGIONAL PLANNING, DELIVER
9 SHARED PROGRAMS AND ADDRESS CROSS JURISDICTIONAL CHALLENGES.
10 NEXT SLIDE. ABAG WAS OF THE FIRST REGIONAL AGENCY IN THE STATE
11 TO COMBINE THE EFFORTS OF CITIES, TOWNS, AND COUNTIES TO MEET
12 HOUSING AND LAND USE CHALLENGES CREATED BY THE BAY AREA'S POST
13 WORLD WAR II ERA GROWTH. ABAG CAME -- IS OLDER THAN MTC,
14 ACTUALLY. ABAG STARTED IN THE EARLY 1960s. MTC WAS ESTABLISHED
15 A BIT LATER, AROUND 1970 BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE SPECIFICALLY
16 TO PLAN THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK FOR THE BAY AREA, AND TO
17 LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE PUBLIC TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT. AS
18 THE YEARS WENT ON, NEW LEGISLATION REQUIRED LONG RANGE
19 TRANSPORTATION PLANS TO ALSO INCORPORATE HOUSING, LAND USE,
20 AND EMISSION'S REDUCTION GOALS. THIS BROUGHT ABAG AND MTC'S
21 MISSIONS CLOSER TOGETHER, AND WHERE WE SEE THIS MOST NOTABLY
22 IS IN THE JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF SOMETHING CALLED PLANNED BAY
23 AREA. YOU WILL HEAR A LOT ABOUT PLANNED BAY AREA IN THE NEXT
24 FEW YEARS, AND I JUST THINK THAT'S A NOTABLE AREA WHERE MTC
25 AND ABAG BOTH WORK TOGETHER AND ACTUALLY BOTH HAVE TO ADOPT



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1 THAT DOCUMENT. NEXT SLIDE. SO, ONE THING, JUST TO KNOW KIND OF
2 A 1 OF 1 ABOUT THIS PLACE IS WE ALL ARE ONE STAFF THAT SERVE
3 TWO DIFFERENT BOARDS. ALL OF US WORK NOT ONLY FOR MTC, BUT
4 ALSO FOR ABAG. THE TWO AGENCIES'S REACHING RESPONSIBILITIES
5 HAVE GROWN A LOT OVER THE YEARS AND WE'LL TALK MORE ABOUT
6 THAT. THE SIZE OF THE STAFF HAS GROWN WE'RE NOW AROUND 400
7 PEOPLE AS A STAFF ALL LOCATED HERE IN THIS BUILDING. AND
8 AGAIN, WHILE ABAG AND MTC ARE SEPARATE GOVERNING
9 ORGANIZATIONS, BOTH BOARDS HAVE RELIED ON THIS SINGLE STAFF
10 SINCE 2017. SO, IT WAS NOT ALWAYS THE CASE THAT WE WERE ONE
11 STAFF. THERE WAS A TIME BEFORE 2017, WHEN ABAG HAD A SEPARATE
12 STAFF FROM MTC, AND AROUND THAT TIME, 2017, THE BOARDS WORKED
13 VERY CLOSELY TOGETHER IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH, SORT OF, THAT
14 CONNECTION AND THAT CONSOLIDATION OF STAFF, WHICH IS REALLY SO
15 CRITICAL AROUND THINGS LIKE PLANNED BAY AREA. NEXT SLIDE. SO
16 MTC AND ABAG, AS STAFF, WE OPERATE UNDER WHAT IS CALLED A
17 "STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK" SO WE HAVE A VISION, MISSION, AND VALUE
18 STATEMENT THAT GUIDES OUR WORK. AND I THINK IT'S GOOD TO KEEP,
19 YOU KNOW, SOME OF THESE THINGS ON THIS SLIDE IN MIND AS YOU
20 THINK ABOUT OUR WORK. IT REALLY KIND OF ANCHORS US IN TERMS OF
21 WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO. OUR VISION IS A VIBRANT BAY AREA THAT
22 IS CONNECTED, EQUITABLE AND SUSTAINABLE. THE MISSION IS TO
23 ADVANCE SHARED REGIONAL PRIORITIES IN TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING,
24 AND THE ENVIRONMENT. AND THEN OUR AGENCY'S VALUES REALLY GUIDE
25 OUR DAILY WORK HERE, COLLABORATION ACROSS COMMUNITIES, EQUITY



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1 IN OUR DECISIONS AND OUR INVESTMENTS, EXCELLENCE IN DELIVERING
2 HIGH QUALITY WORK PRODUCTS AND SERVICES, INNOVATION THROUGH
3 NEW TOOLS AND APPROACHES, AND INTEGRITY THROUGH TRANSPARENCY
4 AND ACCOUNTABLE ACTION. SO, THESE COMMITMENTS SHAPE HOW, I
5 THINK, WE TRY TO SHOW UP HERE EVERY DAY IN FRONT OF YOU, AND
6 HOW WE WORK TO SERVE THE REGION AND BUILD A BETTER BAY AREA
7 FOR ALL. NEXT SLIDE. VERY CONNECTED TO THAT STRATEGIC
8 FRAMEWORK IS OUR EQUITY PLATFORM. THIS SHOWS THE EQUITY
9 PLATFORM ADOPTED BY BOTH THE MTC COMMISSION AND THE ABAG
10 EXECUTIVE BOARD IN 2023. THE GRAPHIC HERE LOOKS LIKE AN
11 INFINITY LOOP. [LAUGHTER] SO THAT'S KIND OF WHAT IT -- THAT'S
12 WHAT IT'S -- WHAT IT IS ON THE SLIDE, AND IT'S LIKE THAT,
13 BECAUSE IT INDICATES THAT THE WORK TO FULFILL THE AGENCY'S
14 VISION, ACCOMPLISH THE AGENCY'S MISSION, AND LIVE UP TO THE
15 AGENCY'S VALUES, INCLUDING EQUITY, IS NEVER FINISHED. IT'S
16 ALWAYS A WORK IN PROGRESS. BY LISTENING, LEARNING,
17 COLLABORATING, DELIVERING, MONITORING, MEASURING, OUR AGENCY
18 IS COMMITTED TO THE ONGOING WORK OF EXPANDING MOBILITY AND
19 ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL. NEXT SLIDE. SO, JUST A LITTLE
20 SNAPSHOT OF HOW WE'RE SET UP ORGANIZATIONALLY. THIS IS VERY
21 HIGH-LEVEL. AND IT'S OUR ORGANIZATIONAL CHART, OBVIOUSLY IT'S
22 NOT ALL THE PEOPLE, IT'S ESSENTIALLY OUR LEADERSHIP AND OUR
23 EXECUTIVE TEAM, BUT IT GIVES YOU A SENSE OF SOME OF THOSE
24 REPORTING LINES. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANDY FREMIER, WHO YOU MET
25 EARLIER TODAY, IS OUR TOP LEADERSHIP AS STAFF, AND HE REPORTS



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1 TO THE MTC COMMISSION. SO, HE REPORTS DIRECTLY TO SUE NOACK;
2 WE ALSO HEARD FROM TODAY. THERE IS A HORIZONTAL LINE ON THIS
3 CHART BETWEEN SUE NOACK AND BELIA RAMOS. THAT IS BECAUSE THE
4 MTC COMMISSION AND THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD DO OPERATE VIA
5 CONTRACT FOR SERVICES. AND ONE OF THE MAJOR POINTS IN THE
6 CONTRACT FOR SERVICES IS, ESSENTIALLY, THAT MTC STAFF, WE WORK
7 TO SERVE BOTH BODIES. WE WILL SOMETIMES SAY MTC STAFF AS
8 SHORTHAND THAT'S BECAUSE WE ARE ALL MTC STAFF, ALL 400
9 STAFFERS HERE WORK FOR MTC. BUT WE ALSO SERVE ABAG VIA A
10 CONTRACT FOR SERVICES. KATHLEEN KANE WHO WAS HERE EARLIER IS
11 OUR GENERAL COUNSEL. SHE ALSO REPORTS DIRECTLY TO OUR CHAIR,
12 SUE NOACK OF MTC. AND THEN WITH ANDY, THERE IS AN EXECUTIVE
13 TEAM MADE UP OF SIX OTHER INDIVIDUALS, ALIX BOCKELMAN IS THE
14 CHIEF DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SHE IS MY BOSS. I AM MATT. I
15 WORK IN METRO PLANNING AND POLICY. SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES THAT
16 I WORK WITH ON THE EXECUTIVE TEAM INCLUDE DANIEL SAVER, WHO IS
17 OUR DEPUTY OF HOUSING AND ENERGY. THOSE OF YOU IN THE HOUSING
18 SPACE PROBABLY KNOW HIM PRETTY WELL. LISA KLEIN IS OUR DEPUTY
19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR OUR MOBILITY PROGRAMS HERE AT MTC, AND
20 WE ALSO HAVE THE CFO DEREK HANSEL, AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER
21 NAMED NICK ROETHEL. YOU PROBABLY WON'T SEE DEREK AND NICK VERY
22 MUCH BUT ONCE IN A WHILE WE'LL DRAG THEM IN HERE TOO, SO YOU
23 CAN MEET THEM. NEXT SLIDE. OKAY. THERE IS A LOT GOING ON IN
24 THIS SLIDE. SO, I'LL WALK THROUGH IT SLOWLY. SO, ABAG AND
25 MTC'S RESPONSIBILITIES HAVE BOTH GROWN AND CONVERGED OVER



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1 TIME. I MENTIONED EARLIER THAT ABAG WAS FOUNDED IN THE EARLY
2 1960s BY OUR BAY AREA CITIES AND COUNTIES AND THEN IN 1970 MTC
3 WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE. DURING THE 1980s,
4 REALLY THROUGH THE 2000s, MTC BECAME INCREASINGLY RESPONSIBLE
5 FOR ALLOCATING FEDERAL DOLLARS, TRANSPORTATION DOLLARS, AND
6 ALSO MANAGING OUR TOLL BRIDGES HERE IN THE BAY AREA. WHILE
7 ABAG TOOK ON OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES RELATED TO HOUSING AND THE
8 ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION,
9 OR RHNA, WHICH HAD ITS FIRST CYCLE WAY BACK IN 1981. THE
10 PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 375 IN 2,008 CREATED A SEA CHANGE FOR
11 MTC AND ABAG SPARKING DEVELOPMENT OF THE FIRST REGIONAL PLAN
12 FOR TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE WITH STATE-MANDATED CLIMATE
13 TARGETS FOR GHG. AND THAT IS ALSO KNOWN AS PLANNED BAY AREA.
14 ONE FUN FACT IS WHEN WE BOUGHT OLD WAREHOUSE TURNED POSTAL
15 FACILITY IN SAN FRANCISCO, THAT IS WHERE YOU'RE SITTING RIGHT
16 NOW, IT'S NOW THE BAY AREA METRO CENTER, THE BUILDING'S
17 ADDRESS WAS LOCATED AT 390 MAIN STREET WHEN WE RENOVATED THE
18 BUILDING WE MOVED THE FRONT ENTRANCE TO BEALE STREET SIDE OF
19 THE BLOCK AND CHOSE THE DEGREE 375 TO PAY TRIBUTE TO SB 375
20 THAT MAY BE SOMETHING NEW OR YOU HEARD THE STORY BEFORE THAT'S
21 WHY IT'S 375 BEALE. FIRST COUPLE ITERATIONS OF PLANNED BAY
22 AREA THE AGENCIES PROCEEDED ON DEVELOPING PLANNED BAY AREA NOT
23 ONLY WITH TWO SEPARATE BOARDS BUT ALSO SEPARATE STAFF WAS I
24 WAS THERE AT THAT TIME IT WAS HARD TO WORK ON THE PLAN WITH
25 SEPARATE STAFFS AND DIFFERENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS BUT THAT



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1 CHANGED IN 2017 WHEN MTC AND ABAG STAFF INTEGRATED INTO A
2 SINGLE UNIT, PLANNED BAY AREA 2050+ SOON-TO-BE ADOPTED IN
3 MARCH WE'LL HAVE OUR NEXT PLANNED BAY AREA 2050+ THEN I THINK
4 THE PLAN THIS GROUP IS REALLY GOING TO SEE A LOT OF AND HAVE A
5 CHANCE TO DIG INTO WILL BE PLANNED BAY AREA 2060, WHICH IS
6 GOING TO KICKOFF THIS YEAR. NEXT SLIDE. HOW'S EVERYBODY DOING?
7 STILL WITH ME? OKAY. FEW MORE SLIDES, THEN WE'LL TAKE A LITTLE
8 BREAK IF YOU FEEL LIKE THE TIME IS RIGHT. OKAY. SO NOW WE'RE
9 GOING TO TAKE A DEEPER DIVE INTO THE HISTORY AND WORK OF MTC.
10 NEXT SLIDE. OKAY. SO THIS IS WHERE IT GETS A LITTLE COMPLEX SO
11 STAY WITH ME. MTC IS MANY AGENCIES ONE. SO, OUR MTC
12 COMMISSIONERS, AGAIN, SUE NOACK, YOU MET THIS MORNING, IS THE
13 CHAIR OF THE MTC COMMISSION. THEY CONSTITUTE NOT ONLY THE
14 BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR MTC, BUT ALSO FOR THESE OTHER BOARDS,
15 AS WELL. THE BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY, ALSO KNOWN AS BATA, B-
16 ATA WAS CREATED BY THE LEGISLATURE IN 1998 TO MANAGE AND
17 FINANCE THE SEVEN STATE OWNED TOLL BRIDGES IN ADDITION THE BAY
18 AREA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY BAHFA WAS CREATED BY THE STATE
19 LEGISLATURE IN 2019 TO SUPPORT HOUSING INVESTMENTS AND RAISE
20 REVENUE VIA VOTER APPROVAL LAST BUT NOT LEAST SOMETHING CALLED
21 SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS CALLED SAFE
22 IT'S ONE SET OF STATEWIDE AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBILITY FOR
23 MANAGING FREEWAY SERVICE PATROL TOW TRUCKS AND EMERGENCY
24 ROADSIDE CALL BOXES SO WE'RE DOING A WHOLE LOT OF DIFFERENT
25 THINGS I THINK THE POINT I WANT TO MAKE IS THE AUTHORITIES FOR



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1 ALL OF THESE BODIES BOARDS FOR ALL THESE BODIES ARE ALL THE
2 SAME THEY'RE THE SAME PEOPLE DIFFERENT, SORT OF, GOVERNMENT
3 AUTHORITIES BUT THE MEMBERS OF THE MTC COMMISSIONER THE SAME
4 AS MEMBERS OF BATA, SAME AS MEMBERS OF BAHFA AND SAME AS SAFE.
5 SO THERE IS DIFFERENT NAMES, DIFFERENT ACRONYMS, ALL THE SAME
6 PEOPLE. BUT THEY ALL HAVE DIFFERENT RESPONSIBILITIES VIA STATE
7 LAW. STILL WITH ME? [LAUGHTER] NEXT SLIDE. I WAS JUST TALKING
8 TO A GROUP OF GRADUATE STUDENTS ABOUT THIS AS WELL AND TOOK
9 ABOUT AN HOUR WORTH OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THESE VERY COMPLEX
10 TOPICS. SO, IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, IT'S FINE; VERY
11 UNDERSTANDABLE. SO STATE LAW GOVERNS MTC COMPOSITION. OUR
12 STRUCTURE AT MTC WHEN I SAY OUR STRUCTURE I MEAN THE
13 COMMISSION ITSELF IS DEFINED IN STATE LAW AND IS INTENDED TO
14 PROVIDE BALANCED VOICE FOR ALL NINE COUNTIES THIS INCLUDES 16
15 VOTING MEMBERS REPRESENTING BAY AREA CITIES AND COUNTIES TO
16 ACCOUNT FOR POPULATION, THE LAW ALLOCATES TWO REPRESENTATIVES
17 TO OUR FIVE LARGEST COUNTIES, ALAMEDA, CONTRA COSTA, SAN
18 FRANCISCO, SAN MATEO, AND SANTA CLARA, AND ONE TO EACH OF THE
19 NORTH BAY COUNTIES. SAN JOSE AND OAKLAND EACH HAVE A MAYORAL
20 APPOINTEE AS WELL. SO MAYOR BARBARA LEE OF OAKLAND, AND MAYOR
21 MATT MAHAN OF SAN JOSE BOTH SIT ON THE COMMISSION. THE
22 COMMISSION ALSO HAS -- IS RESERVES A SEAT FOR SAN FRANCISCO
23 APPOINTEE, AS WELL. SAN FRANCISCO BAY CONSERVATION AND
24 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ALSO HAVE VOTING SEATS AND THAT BCDC
25 SEAT IS REQUIRED TO BE AN SF RESIDENT. FINALLY WE HAVE THREE



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1 NON-VOTING MEMBERS FROM FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES, HUD, THE
2 U.S. HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND THAT'S ACTUALLY FORMER
3 MAYOR OF OAKLAND, LIBBY SCHAAF, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
4 TRANSPORTATION AND STATE TRANSPORTATION AGENCY OF CALIFORNIA
5 THIS FRAMEWORK DESIGNED TO KEEP US LOCALLY ACCOUNTABLE WHILE
6 REMAINING STRATEGICALLY CONNECTED TO THE STATE AND THE NATION.
7 NEXT SLIDE. SO, THE BAY AREA REPRESENTS SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES
8 FOR REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY WITH NINE COUNTIES SIMULTANEOUSLY
9 JOINED AND DIVIDED BY A VAST BAY AND RUGGED TERRAIN, TRAVELERS
10 MUST NAVIGATE A LANDSCAPE OF BOUNDARIES BOTH NATURAL AND
11 BUILT. BY THE LATE 1950'S, IT WAS CLEAR WE NEEDED MORE THAN
12 SIMPLY FREEWAYS TO CONNECT OUR GROWING COMMUNITIES. THE
13 FOUNDATION FOR MODERN BAY AREA TRANSIT WAS LAID IN 1962 WHEN
14 VOTERS IN ALAMEDA, CONTRA COSTA, AND SAN FRANCISCO APPROVED
15 AND AGREED TO TAX THEMSELVES TO BUILD BART. THE SYSTEM WE KNOW
16 TODAY. BY 1970, AS THE BART TRACKS WERE BEING LAID,
17 ASSEMBLYMEMBER JOHN FORAN, THAT'S A PICTURE OF HIM RIGHT THERE
18 IN THE PINK, RECOGNIZED THE REGION NEEDED MORE THAN
19 INFRASTRUCTURE HE DESIGNED MTC RESPONSIBILITY FOR PLANNING
20 TRANSPORTATION NETWORK FOR THE ENTIRE NINE-COUNTY BAY AREA AND
21 TO LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE PUBLIC TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT.
22 HIS FORESIGHT MARKED A TURNING POINT FOR THE REGION SHIFTING
23 THE FOCUS FROM HIGHWAY ONLY MIND SET TOWARD BALANCED
24 ENVIRONMENTALLY CONFERENCE APPROACH TO MOVING PEOPLE IN THE
25 BAY AREA MTC'S OFFICES WERE LOCATED WITHIN THE ABAG LOWER



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1 LEVEL OF THE CLAREMONT HOLE. [LAUGHTER] I LIKE THIS DELIGHTFUL
2 AS IT MUST HAVE BEEN TO WORK AT A RESORT WITH SWIMMING POOLS
3 AND TENNIS COURTS BY 1980s MTC AND ABAG BOTH HAD OUTGROWN THE
4 CLAREMONT SO MTC ABAG AND BART FORMED A PARTNERSHIP TO BUILD
5 THE METRO CENTER BUILDING ACROSS FROM LAKE MERRITT BART
6 STATION IN OAKLAND AND WE WERE THERE STAFFED AT THAT OFFICE
7 UNTIL ABOUT 2016. NEXT SLIDE. AS YEARS WENT ON LEGISLATURE
8 ADDED MORE AND MORE RESPONSIBILITIES TO OUR PORTFOLIO THIS
9 INCLUDED COORDINATING BAY AREA'S TRANSIT AGENCY'S OPERATIONS
10 AND ADMINISTERING TOLL REVENUE FROM THE BAY AREA'S SEVEN STATE
11 OWNED TOLL BRIDGES. SO, THE ONLY BRIDGE THAT WE DO NOT
12 ADMINISTER TOLL REVENUE FOR IN THE BAY AREA IS? IT'S A QUIZ.
13 THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE. SO ALL THE OTHER BRIDGES WE ADMINISTER
14 THE TOLL REVENUE, THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE HAS ITS OWN
15 AUTHORITY, ITS OWN DISTRICT. IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE
16 EARTHQUAKE LOMA PRIETA IN 1989 MTC BEGAN WORK ON DEVELOPING
17 ELECTRONIC TRANSIT FARE PAYMENT SYSTEM THAT COULD WORK ACROSS
18 MULTIPLE AGENCIES. WITH SO MANY DIFFERENT AGENCIES OPERATING,
19 SO MANY KINDS OF VEHICLES, IT WASN'T EASY, IT WASN'T CHEAP,
20 AND IT WASN'T FAST. BY 22,002 THE TRANSLINK CARD WAS LAUNCHED
21 WITH FURTHER IMPROVE AMS AND AFTER BRINGING MORE AGENCIES INTO
22 THE SYSTEM TRANSLINK TRANSFORMED IN 2010 TO CLIPPER WHICH WHAT
23 WE KNOW TODAY CLIPPER IS STILL NOT EASY CHEAP OR FAST TO
24 ADMINISTER. DURING THOSE YEARS MTC BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY OR
25 BATA BECAME RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE FASTRAK ELECTRONICS



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1 TOLL COLLECTION SYSTEM WE BEGAN ADMINISTERING ALL TOLL
2 REVENUES FROM THE SEVEN STATE OWNED TOLL BRIDGES AND ASSUMED
3 FULL FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BRIDGES THIS SHIFT
4 ENSURED THAT BRIDGE REVENUES REMAINED TIED TO REGIONAL
5 IMPROVEMENTS. IN 2008 MTC PLANNING RESPONSIBILITIES REQUIRED
6 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANS TO INCORPORATE HOUSING, LAND
7 USE, AND EMISSIONS REDUCTION GOALS. AGAIN, SB 375. NEXT SLIDE.
8 OKAY. TWO MORE SLIDES THEN WE'RE AT INTERMISSION. ALL OF THIS
9 BROUGHT US INTO MODERN ERA OF REGIONAL PLANNING MARKED BY MTC
10 ABAG'S JOINT ADOPTION OF REGIONAL PLANNED BAY AREA IN 2013
11 HOUSING BECAME AN EVEN BIGGER PART OF MTC' PORTFOLIO IN 2019
12 WHEN THE LEGISLATURE ESTABLISHED THE BAY AREA HOUSING FINANCE
13 AUTHORITY OR BAHFA FOR SHORT ANOTHER ONE OF MTC' INCARNATIONS
14 BAHFA IS THE FIRST REGIONAL HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY IN
15 CALIFORNIA. A FITTING SYMBOL OF THE JOURNEY FROM WORLD WAR II
16 TO 2025 IS THE BAY AREA METRO CENTER ITSELF THIS BUILDING
17 ORIGINALLY CONSTRUCTED IN 1942 TO SERVE AS WAREHOUSE FOR
18 SUPPLIES BEING SENT BY SHIP TO FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO THE
19 PACIFIC THEATER IT WAS REDEVELOPED IN 2012 TO 2015 TO HELP
20 INTEGRATE REGIONAL PLANNING EFFICIENTLY SERVING AS THE SHARED
21 HEADQUARTERS FOR MTC ABAG AND BAY AREA DISTRICT AND BCDC MOST
22 RECENT REGIONAL PARTNER TO ESTABLISH ITS HEADQUARTERS AT METRO
23 CENTER IS WHO KNOWS? TRYING TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE AWAKE THE
24 WATER EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY WETA WHICH OPERATES
25 SF BAY FERRY SYSTEM IS NOW ALSO LOCATED HERE IN THIS BUILDING.



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1 NEXT SLIDE. ONE OF THE SIDE BENEFITS OF SERVING AT THE COUNCIL
2 IS YOU WILL GET PLENTY OF ACRONYMS IN YOUR DIET AND IN THE
3 HANDBOOK THAT YOU ALL RECEIVED, ONE THING THAT IS GREAT ABOUT
4 THAT HANDBOOK AND I'M VERY IMPRESSED BY STAFF WHO PUT THIS
5 TOGETHER IS AT THE END OF THE HANDS BOOK THERE ARE MANY PAGES
6 OF ACRONYMS AND IT'S EXHAUSTIVE STAFF DID A REALLY GOOD JOB ON
7 THIS I THINK JUST ABOUT EVERY KIND OF ACRONYM YOU HEAR IN THIS
8 ROOM IS COVERED AT THE END OF THAT BOOK, BUT I THINK ONE THING
9 YOU ALL CAN REMEMBER US TO DO AS STAFF IS JUST SLOW US DOWN.
10 WE -- WE LIVE AND BREATHE THIS STUFF ALL THE TIME, AND WE
11 OFTEN SPEAK IN ACRONYMS, AND WE DON'T INTEND TO DO THAT. IT'S
12 JUST SHORTHAND THAT WE USE AND IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT WE'RE
13 SAYING THAT IS CONFUSING OR THAT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, PLEASE
14 JUST LET US KNOW. BUT IN THE MEANTIME, PLEASE USE THAT ACRONYM
15 GUIDE BECAUSE I THINK IT'S NICE AND YOU WILL CATCH ON TO SOME
16 OF THE BIG ONES. WHAT IS AN MPO? I TALKED ABOUT THIS A LITTLE
17 BIT BEFORE MPO, METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION. THERE ARE
18 MPO'S ALL ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, EXIST REALLY IN EVERY
19 REGION OF THE COUNTRY. THEY ARE FEDERALLY DESIGNATED. THEY
20 RECEIVE, TYPICALLY, SOME FEDERAL DOLLARS FOR TRANSPORTATION
21 AND THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE, AS WE ARE HERE AT MTC FOR LONG AND
22 SHORT RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING, YOU KNOW, WE DISTRIBUTE
23 DOLLARS, AND WE CONDUCT A LOT OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FOR THOSE
24 PLANS. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCIES OR RTPA'S ARE
25 STATE DESIGNATED ENTITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR SOME OF THE SAME



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1 ACTIVITIES BUT ALSO FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF SOME KEY STATE
2 TRANSPORTATION DOLLARS WE ARE BOTH AN MPO AND RTPA. TAKEN IN
3 PLAIN ENGLISH WHAT THIS MEANS IS THAT MANY OF MTC'S PLANNING
4 AND FUNDING RESPONSIBILITIES ARE SET FORTH IN BOTH FEDERAL AND
5 STATE LAW. NEXT SLIDE. KY-NAM, IS IN A GOOD TIME WILL TO HAVE
6 AN INTERMISSION? IT FEELS LIKE IT IS.

7

8 **KY-NAM MILLER:** YEAH.

9

10 **MATT MALONEY:** DO YOU WANT TO DO Q AT THE END.

11

12 **KY-NAM MILLER:** I WAS GOING TO PROPOSE, IT'S 11:15 -- -16 RIGHT
13 NOW. I WANT TO GIVE YOU ALL A 15-MINUTE WINDOW, BUT REALLY
14 11:30, SO IT'S A 14-MINUTE WINDOW TO COME BACK TO THIS WELL
15 HERE WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A GROUP PICTURE WITH MY COLLEAGUE,
16 BUT IN BETWEEN THAT TIME THERE IS ALL THESE BAKERY LUNCH BOXES
17 YOU'RE WELCOME TO BRING IT BACK TO THE DAIS. I ASK THAT YOU BE
18 RESPECTFUL WITH THE FOOD AND DEBRIS AND NOT LEAVE IT THERE FOR
19 OUR CUSTODIAL STAFF. SO, JUST TO BE MINDFUL OF THAT. BUT IF
20 YOU WANT EAT AT THE DAIS. QUESTION FROM MS. LIEU?

21

22 **CARINA VINH LIEU:** MAY I REQUEST THAT WE TAKE THE PHOTO BEFORE
23 THE BREAK ENDS, LIKE AFTER THIS, BECAUSE I HAVE TO LEAVE?

24

25 **KY-NAM MILLER:** THAT WORKS FOR ME. IF THAT'S OKAY WITH EVERYONE



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1 ELSE. LET'S ASSEMBLE IN THIS WELL. PUT YOUR SMILES ON FOR
2 JOEY, AND THEN GO FOR THE BIO AND LUNCH BREAK AS SOON AS
3 YOU'RE DONE WITH THE PICTURE BACK HERE AT 11:30. [BREAK]
4 [MEETING WILL RESUME SHORTLY] [MEETING WILL RESUME SHORTLY]
5 [MEETING WILL RESUME SHORTLY] [MEETING WILL RESUME SHORTLY]
6 [MEETING WILL RESUME SHORTLY] [MEETING WILL RESUME SHORTLY]
7 [MEETING WILL RESUME SHORTLY] [MEETING WILL RESUME SHORTLY]
8 [MEETING WILL RESUME SHORTLY] [MEETING WILL RESUME SHORTLY]
9 [MEETING WILL RESUME SHORTLY] [MEETING WILL RESUME SHORTLY]
10 [MEETING WILL RESUME SHORTLY] [MEETING WILL RESUME SHORTLY]
11 [MEETING WILL RESUME SHORTLY]

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13 **MATT MALONEY:** WELCOME BACK. HOW'S LUNCH?

14

15 **KY-NAM MILLER:** QUESTION FROM MEMBER BALAJI?

16

17 **PADMA BALAJI:** YES, I'M VEGETARIAN, I KNOW THERE IS SOME OTHER
18 VEGAN AND VEGETARIAN MEMBERS, AND I DON'T THINK THERE WAS AN
19 OPTION WITHOUT MEAT. SO IF WE COULD ACCOMMODATE DIETARY
20 PREFERENCES NEXT TIME THAT WOULD BE GREAT -- AND SOME
21 ALLERGIES AS WELL.

22

23 **KY-NAM MILLER:** ABSOLUTELY. I APOLOGIZE. WE DID NOT ACCOMMODATE
24 THAT PREEMPTIVELY. WE'LL ASK BEFOREHAND AND GET THIS
25 INFORMATION AHEAD OF TIME.



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2 **MATT MALONEY:** OKAY. SO, I THINK WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO IS
3 CHARGE THROUGH TO THE END HERE. I THINK THAT'S THE VIBE I'M
4 PICKING UP IN THE ROOM. LET'S GET THROUGH THIS AGAIN, NOT
5 EVERY MEETING WILL BE LIKE THIS WHERE WE ARE ON AND TALKING
6 ENDLESSLY. IT'S GOING TO BE A LOT MORE OF YOU GUYS TALKING AND
7 LESS OF US. LET'S GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. I'M GOING TO TALK
8 ABOUT ABAG NOW. ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS, AND WHAT
9 THEY ARE ALL ABOUT. YEAH. HERE IS A PICTURE OF THE ROOM THAT
10 YOU'RE SITTING IN. NEXT SLIDE. SO AS YOU HEARD IN THE VIDEO
11 FROM PRESIDENT RAMOS, ABAG WAS FORMED IN 1961 TO ADDRESS
12 COMMON ISSUES FROM A REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE BY ELECTED OFFICIALS
13 FROM 101 CITIES AND TOWNS AND COUNTIES ESTABLISHES JOINT
14 POWERS AUTHORITY ABAG IS UNIQUE AMONG REGIONAL AGENCIES ITS
15 MISSION AND GOVERNANCE ABAG'S DAY-TO-DAY GOVERNANCE IS HANDLED
16 THROUGH ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD WHICH HAS 34 BOARD MEMBERS AS
17 WELL AS COMMITTEES WHICH WILL BE DESCRIBED IN LATER SLIDES THE
18 ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANNUAL BUDGET AND WORK
19 PLAN APPROVAL WHICH IS FORWARDED TO THE ABAG GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
20 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETS ONE TIME A YEAR INCLUDES DELEGATES FROM
21 THE BAY AREA'S 101 CITIES AND NINE COUNTIES AND TYPICALLY
22 MEETS IN JUNE. NEXT SLIDE. OKAY. ONE OF THE REALLY INTERESTING
23 THINGS THAT ABAG GETS TO LEAD IS THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS
24 ALLOCATION, OR RHNA. SO, RHNA IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF
25 ABAG, AND IT OCCURS AFTER THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND



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1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, OR HCD ASSIGNS A SPECIFIC HOUSING
2 TARGET TO THE REGION. IN THE LAST CYCLE, THIS WAS 441,000
3 HOUSING UNITS OVER AN EIGHT YEAR PERIOD. THE MOST RECENT RHNA,
4 CYCLE SIX, FEATURED A ROBUST PROCESS FOR DETERMINING HOW MANY
5 UNITS WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO EACH BAY AREA JURISDICTION. WE HAD
6 A HOUSING METHODOLOGY COMMITTEE APPEALS PROCESS AND SINCE THEN
7 FOCUS TURNED TOWARD SUPPORTING JURISDICTIONS HOUSING ELEMENTS
8 HOUSING ELEMENTS OF LOCAL PLANS THAT EVERY CITY AND COUNTY ARE
9 REQUIRED TO ADOPT TO FULFILL THE RHNA ALLOCATION AND TO ASSIST
10 THEM WITH HOUSING IMPLEMENT IMPLEMENTATION. THE RHNA PROCESS
11 IS CURRENTLY A LITTLE QUIET BUT IT WON'T BE QUIET FOR MUCH
12 LONGER. WE'RE CERTAINLY PREPARING, AS WE SPEAK, PREPARATIONS
13 FOR CYCLE SEVEN, AND WE WILL BE BEGINNING THAT PROCESS,
14 PROBABLY LATER THIS YEAR, BUT LIKELY YOU WILL BE HEARING MORE
15 ABOUT THAT IN 2027. NEXT SLIDE. SO MOVING FROM HOUSING TO
16 ENERGY, THE ENERGY SECTION HERE IS COMPRISED OF TWO REGIONAL
17 INITIATIVES, ARE THE BAY AREA REGIONAL ENERGY NETWORK OR
18 BAYREN AND ABAG PUBLICLY OWNED ENERGY RESOURCES OR ABAG POWER.
19 BAYREN BEGAN IN 2013 AS ONE OF THE FIRST REGIONAL ENERGY
20 NETWORKS OR RENS, REN'S, IN THE STATE, WHO IS AUTHORIZED BY
21 THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AND IS FUNDED
22 THROUGH A SMALL PORTION OF PURPOSE PROGRAMMED FUNDS THROUGH
23 RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC BILLS. BAYREN AND OTHER REF'S WERE
24 CREATED TO SERVE THE THREE MAIN AREAS WITHIN THE ENERGY
25 EFFICIENCY SPACE FILL GAPS THAT INVESTOR OWNED UTILITIES LEER



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1 PG ARE NOT SERVING DEVELOP PROGRAMS FOR HARD TO REACH
2 UNDERSERVED MARKETS AND THEY PILOT NEW APPROACHES TO PROGRAMS
3 THAT HAVE POTENTIAL TO SCALE AND OFFER INNOVATIVE AVENUES TO
4 ENERGY SAVINGS. NEXT SLIDE. ABAG POWER WAS FORMED IN 1998 BY
5 ABAG AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND IT'S THERE TO PROVIDE
6 LEADERSHIP AND ENERGY MANAGEMENT AND JOINT PURCHASES.
7 OPERATING AS A NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM, IT CONDUCTS
8 POOLED PURCHASES OF FOSSIL BASED NATURAL GAS AND ABAG POWER
9 MEMBERS DO NOT RECEIVE THEIR NATURAL GAS FROM PG MEMBERSHIP ON
10 ABAG POWER IS LIMITED TO PUBLIC AGENCIES, CITIES, COUNTIES,
11 TOWNS, SPECIAL DISTRICTS, AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND MOST OF THE
12 MEMBERS ARE FROM WITHIN THE NINE COUNTY BAY AREA REGION. NEXT
13 SLIDE. LET'S GO TO THE NEXT ONE. SAN FRANCISCO ESTUARY
14 PARTNERSHIP, WHICH IS ACTUALLY SOMETHING IN MY AREA, AS WELL,
15 THAT I HELPED TO MANAGE. IT'S A PLACE-BASED NON-REGULATORY
16 PROGRAM OF THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, OR U.S.
17 EPA. IT IS 1 OF 28 MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM,
18 WHICH WAS A NETWORK ESTABLISHED BY CONGRESS IN 1988 TO PROTECT
19 AND RESTORE ESTUARIES OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE. SINCE THE
20 EARLY 1990S THE ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS HAS HOSTED
21 THE ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP PROVIDING A REGIONAL HOME FOR THIS
22 VITAL ENVIRONMENTAL WORK. THE ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP OR SFEP,
23 LEVERAGES FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL RESOURCES TO ENHANCE THE
24 HEALTH, AND RESILIENCE OF THE ESTUARY AND ITS SURROUNDING
25 COMMUNITIES. THESE EFFORTS ARE GUIDED BY THE ESTUARY



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1 BLUEPRINT, WHICH SERVES AS A STRATEGIC ROADMAP FOR THE REGION.
2 CURRENTLY SFEP MANAGES OVER 125 MILLION ACROSS HUNDREDS OF
3 PROJECTS PRIMARY FOCUS OF THIS WORK IS ADVANCEMENT OF NATURE-
4 BASED SOLUTIONS TO MITIGATE THE IMPACTS OF FLOODING AND SEA
5 LEVEL RISE, ENSURING THE ESTUARY REMAINS A RESILIENT REGIONAL
6 ASSET. NEXT SLIDE. OKAY. BEYOND THESE PROGRAMS I MENTIONED ON
7 THE ABAG SIDE OF THE HOUSE, THE CORE OF THE MTC INTER-AGENCY
8 PARTNERSHIP IS REALLY IN REGIONAL PLANNING, THAT'S THE
9 FOUNDATION. SO, THE NEXT FEW SLIDES ARE GOING TO PROVIDE A
10 VERY HIGH-LEVEL OVERVIEW ABOUT PLANNED BAY AREA, WHICH IS THE
11 RESPONSIBILITY OF BOTH MTC AND ABAG, AND PLANNED BAY AREA IS
12 REALLY THE DOCUMENT AND THE PROCESS THAT HELPS TO PROVIDE A
13 COHESIVE ROADMAP FOR THE BAY AREA'S FUTURE. NEXT SLIDE. SO
14 WHAT IS PLANNED BAY AREA? IT'S A LONG RANGE VISION FOR
15 TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, THE ECONOMY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT,
16 DEVELOPED JOINTLY BETWEEN MTC AND ABAG EVERY FOUR YEARS.
17 PLANNED BAY AREA MUST SATISFY A WHOLE BUNCH OF FEDERAL STATE
18 AND PLANNING REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION
19 TARGETS THAT ARE SET BY THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD.
20 THE PLAN IS ALSO DESIGNED TO IDENTIFY THE RIGHT MIX OF
21 STRATEGIES TO TACKLE OUR REGION'S MOST PRESSING CHALLENGES.
22 THIS MONTH IN MARCH THE CURRENT VERSION OF THE PLAN KNOWN AS
23 PLANNED BAY AREA 2050+ IS GOING TO BOTH MTC AND ABAG FOR
24 APPROVAL AND YOUR PREDECESSOR THE MTC POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL
25 SPENT A LOT OF TIME ON PLANNED BAY AREA AND GIVING US A LOT OF



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1 ADVICE AND FEEDBACK ON THAT DOCUMENT. AND I WILL GUESS THAT
2 THIS BODY WILL BE VERY ENGAGED WITH 2060, WHICH WILL BE
3 KICKING OFF, AS I MENTIONED, LATER THIS YEAR. REST ASSURED YOU
4 WILL BE HEARING MORE ABOUT THIS TOPIC. NEXT SLIDE. GIVEN THE
5 COMPREHENSIVE SCOPE OF PLANNED BAY AREA, IT VERY MUCH SERVES
6 AS OUR AGENCY'S NORTH STAR, QUOTE UNQUOTE PROVIDING A CLEAR
7 SENSE OF DIRECTION AND GOALS FOR STAFF AND AGENCY LEADERSHIP.
8 SO JUST ABOUT EVERY INITIATIVE THAT WE GET INVOLVED IN
9 TYPICALLY ORIGINATES THROUGH THE INCLUSION IN PLANNED BAY
10 AREA. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. SO WHAT'S INCLUDED IN PLANNED BAY
11 AREA 2050+? AT THE CORE IS THE VISION ESTABLISHED WITH THE
12 FEEDBACK OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS AND IT'S TO ENSURE
13 THAT BY 2050 THAT THE BAY AREA IS AFFORDABLE, CONNECTED
14 DIVERSE, HEALTHY AND VIBRANT FOR ALL. IT INCLUDES FOUR THEMES
15 OR TOPICAL AREAS, TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, THE ECONOMY, AND
16 THE ENVIRONMENT. NESTED WITHIN THESE THEMES, YOU FIND 35
17 STRATEGIES. THESE ARE POLICIES AND INVESTMENTS TO BE ADVANCED
18 AT THE LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND STATEWIDE LEVEL. NEXT SLIDE. OKAY.
19 SO NEXT WE'RE GOING TO TURN TO HOW BOTH AGENCIES COMMITTEES
20 WORK. I'M GOING TO GO OVER THESE VERY QUICKLY KNOWING THAT YOU
21 HAVE THE MATERIALS OF REFERENCE THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO ORIENT
22 YOU TO THE NUMBER AND CADENCE OF OUR COMMITTEE MEETINGS HERE.
23 NEXT SLIDE. SO MTC WORKS THROUGH A SET OF STANDING COMMITTEES.
24 AND THAT'S WHERE MUCH OF THE HEAVY POLICY WORK IS DONE. AS I
25 MENTIONED, THE COMMISSION ALSO MEETS ONCE A MONTH, THE FULL



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1 COMMISSION, AND THOSE ARE ALSO VERY INTERESTING MEETINGS IN
2 THEIR OWN RIGHT. BUT YOU WILL FIND THAT BY THE TIME ITEMS GET
3 TO THE FULL COMMISSION, MOST OF THEM HAVE GOTTEN A LOT OF
4 DISCUSSION AT THE COMMITTEES. SO, MY ADVICE TO YOU IS THAT IF
5 YOU'RE REALLY INTERESTED IN HEARING THOSE TYPES OF POLICY
6 CONVERSATIONS THAT YOU REALLY CHECK OUT THE COMMITTEES. THAT'S
7 REALLY WHERE ALL THE ACTION IS HERE AT MTC AND ABAG. FOR MTC'S
8 STANDING COMMITTEE STRUCTURE, WE HAVE EIGHT STANDING
9 COMMITTEES, FOUR MEET ON WEDNESDAYS, AND FOUR MEET ON FRIDAYS.
10 SO, ON WEDNESDAY WE HAVE THE BATA OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, THE
11 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE, PROGRAMMING AND ALLOCATIONS
12 COMMITTEE, WHICH IS NOT COMPUTER PROGRAMMING, BUT IT IS MOSTLY
13 ABOUT TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AND HOW THAT GETS ALLOCATED OUT
14 INTO THE REGION. AND THEN BAHFA OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, WHICH
15 WORKS ON THE HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY. SO ALL OF THAT HAPPENS
16 SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH, AND THOSE COMMITTEES ALL RUN
17 IN TURN. SO, ONE RIGHT AFTER THE OTHER. AND FRIDAY MORNING,
18 SECOND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH, WE HAVE ANOTHER SET OF
19 COMMITTEES, THE PLANNING COMMITTEE, THE JOINT MTC ABAG
20 LEGISLATION COMMITTEE, OUR RNM COMMITTEE OR REGIONAL NETWORK
21 MANAGEMENT, AND THEN OUR BAIFA, WHICH IS THE BAY AREA
22 INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY, THEY PRIMARILY DEAL WITH THE
23 EXPRESS LANES SYSTEM HERE IN THE REGION. THAT IS THEIR NETWORK
24 AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, THEY ALSO MEET ON FRIDAY. ONE THING
25 TO TAKEAWAY FROM THIS SLIDE IS HOW MTC AND ABAG COMMITTEES



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1 OFTEN MEET TOGETHER, NOT ALL THE TIME. BUT THERE IS A COUPLE
2 EXAMPLES RIGHT HERE ON THE SLIDE, ON THE FRIDAY COMMITTEES,
3 THE MTC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETS JOINTLY WITH THE ABAG
4 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, SO THEY SIT TOGETHER IN ONE ROOM,
5 WHICH IS REALLY HELPFUL. OUR LEGISLATION COMMITTEE ALSO IS A
6 JOINT COMMITTEE MADE UP OF MTC AND ABAG MEMBERS. AND THEN WITH
7 BAHFA, OUR HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY, THEY MEET JOINTLY WITH
8 THE ABAG HOUSING COMMITTEE.

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10 **SPEAKER:** QUESTION. FOR THOSE MEETINGS THAT WE HAVE MONTHLY,
11 ARE THEY GOING TO BE -- GOING TO BE SENT A CALENDAR INVITE TO
12 US? OR SENT TO US AHEAD OF TIME?

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14 **KY-NAM MILLER:** THE QUESTION WAS IF THE MONTHLY CALENDAR
15 MEETINGS FOR THIS BODY ARE GOING TO BE SENT VIA CALENDAR
16 INVITE, AND --

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18 **SPEAKER:** AND THE SUBCOMMITTEES.

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20 **KY-NAM MILLER:** AND SUBCOMMITTEES I CAN'T SPEAK FOR THE
21 SUBCOMMITTEES BECAUSE THEY DON'T EXIST YET FOR THIS BODY BUT
22 FOR THIS COUNCIL WHILE THE PRACTICE HAS NOT BEEN -- I'M GOING
23 TO MAKE THAT AN ACCOMMODATION SO ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE A
24 CALENDAR INVITE JUST LET ME KNOW AS STAFF LIAISON AND I WILL
25 ACCOMMODATE THAT.



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2 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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4 **MATT MALONEY:** OKAY LET'S GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. SO THIS IS JUST
5 A BIT MORE INFORMATIONS ABOUT THE MTC COMMITTEES THAT MEET ON
6 WEDNESDAYS, SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH. SO THIS DETAIL IS
7 HERE IF YOU NEED IT. LET'S GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. SIMILARLY,
8 FOR THE FRIDAY STANDING COMMITTEES, AGAIN, I'LL JUST REFERENCE
9 THAT THE JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE IS THE ONLY
10 FULLY BLENDED COMMITTEE OF THE TWO BODIES, THEY'RE KIND OF
11 LIKE YOU ALL. THEY, ALL THE MEMBERS MEET TOGETHER, THEY TAKE
12 ONE VOTE ON THINGS, AND THEN THOSE ARE FORWARDED TO BOTH THE
13 MTC AND ABAG. YEAH. NEXT SLIDE. OKAY. ABAG ALSO HAS A STANDING
14 COMMITTEE STRUCTURE. SO THIS SLIDE IS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THOSE
15 RESPONSIBILITIES. AS I MENTIONED BEFORE, THE ABAG HOUSING
16 COMMITTEE TYPICALLY MEETS JOINTLY WITH THE BAHFA OVERSIGHT
17 COMMITTEE. YOU GUYS ARE ALL GOING TO GET A QUIZ RIGHT AFTER
18 THIS. [LAUGHTER] IT'S A LOT TO ABSORB. AND I'LL JUST SAY,
19 LIKE, HALF OUR STAFF HASN'T ABSORBED ALL THIS EITHER. SO, IT'S
20 A LOT. THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETS JOINTLY WITH THE MTC
21 PLANNING COMMITTEE, THEN WE HAVE A FINANCE COMMITTEE AT THE
22 ABAG LEVEL, WHICH FOCUSES ON BAGGING'S INTERNAL BUDGET WORK
23 PROGRAM. ALL INFORMATION IS HERE FOR YOU IF YOU NEED IT, IF
24 YOU'RE HAVING TROUBLE SLEEPING AT NIGHT. NEXT SLIDE. LET'S
25 MOVE AWAY FROM THESE INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES, NOT THAT



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1 EXCITING. SO LET'S PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW ABOUT SOME OF MTC'S
2 MOBILITY PROGRAMS SO JUST IN TRANSPORTATION SPEAK MOBILITY
3 REFERS TO HOW EASILY AND EFFICIENTLY PEOPLE AND GOODS MOVE
4 FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER SO RATHER THAN FOCUSING ON CARS AND
5 ROADS IT LOOKS AT ENTIRE NETWORK OF OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO
6 PEOPLE. NEXT SLIDE. BEYOND TRANSIT AND HIGHWAYS MTC PLAYS A
7 HANDS ON ROLE IN THE PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF
8 FACILITIES FOR PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLISTS THIS WORK IS GUIDED BY
9 THE COMMITTEE STREETS POLICY WHICH AIMS TO ENSURE THAT ALL
10 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS SAFELY ACCOMMODATE EVERY TYPE
11 OF TRAVELER REGARDLESS OF AGE OR ABILITY. WE HAVE A REGIONAL
12 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK IT'S 3200 MILES IN LENGTH. WE DO
13 PROVIDE COMPETITIVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. WE BUILD VERY LITTLE
14 OF THIS INFRASTRUCTURE OURSELVES. THAT IS THE WORK OF LOCAL
15 JURISDICTIONS AND OTHERS. BUT OUR WORK PRIMARILY IS ON THE
16 FUNDING SIDE, AND WE DO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND WE
17 MANAGE SOME CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAMS THAT HELP LOCAL CITIES TURN
18 THEIR PLANS INTO REALITY. WE ALSO OVERSEE REGIONAL INITIATIVES
19 LIKE THE BAY WHEELS SYSTEM WHICH IS THE REGIONAL BIKESHARE
20 SYSTEM WHICH SOME CITIES HAVE THE BAY AREA AND YOU CAN SEE THE
21 SET RIGHT OUTSIDE. WHICH PROVIDE RESIDENTS WITH FLEXIBLE
22 OPTIONS FOR COMPLETING FIRST OR LAST MILE TRIPS. NEXT SLIDE
23 PLEASE. THERE WE GO, BAY WHEELS. WE ARE THE AGENCY BEHIND THE
24 SCENES ADMINISTERING THE CURRENT BAY WHEELS PROGRAM. THERE IS
25 A LOT OF STATISTICS ON THIS SLIDE. WON'T READ THEM ALL. THE



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1 ONE THAT I LIKE, AND YOU CAN USE IT AT PARTIES, IS THAT IF THE
2 BAY WHEELS WERE A TRANSIT AGENCY, IT WOULD BE THE 7TH LARGEST
3 TRANSIT AGENCY IN TERMS OF MONTHLY RIDERS. SO HOW ABOUT THAT?
4 WE NOW HAVE OVER 5,000 BIKES, AND THE SYSTEM IS OPERATIONAL IN
5 BERKELEY, EMERYVILLE, OAKLAND, SAN JOSE, AND SAN FRANCISCO,
6 AND MOST RECENTLY, WE EXPANDED TO DALY CITY. WE ARE ALSO
7 EXPLORING EXPANSION INTO A NUMBER OF SMALLER CITIES OVER THE
8 COMING YEARS. NEXT SLIDE. AND WHEN THEY ARE E-BIKES, WE FIND
9 THAT PEOPLE RIDE MORE THAT'S ONE DATA POINT WE HAVE, PROBABLY
10 NOT SURPRISING TO MANY OF YOU. TRANSIT TRANSFORMATION AND
11 REGIONAL NETWORK MANAGEMENT, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? THAT SOUNDS
12 LIKE JARGON. BUT LET'S TALK ABOUT THAT. SO, SINCE THE COVID
13 PANDEMIC, THE AGENCY HAS REALLY STEPPED UP ITS EFFORTS TO
14 UNIFY THE BAY AREA'S TRANSIT SYSTEM INTO A SINGLE SEAMLESS
15 EXPERIENCE. IN JULY 2021, THE COMMISSION ADOPTED SOMETHING
16 CALLED THE "BAY AREA TRANSIT TRANSFORMATION ACTION PLAN" WHICH
17 LAID OUT A BOLD VISION FOR IMPROVEMENT IN EACH ONE OF THESE
18 AREAS. YOU CAN SEE THIS NOW THROUGH EFFORTS WELL UNDER WAY
19 INCLUDING THINGS LIKE CLIPPER BAY PASS, SO THAT IS A UNIVERSAL
20 TRANSIT PASS WHICH WE ARE SUCCESSFULLY PILOTING AT COLLEGES,
21 SOME PRIVATE SECTOR COMPANIES, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING
22 DEVELOPMENTS. WE'RE ALSO ROLLING OUT A COMMON SET OF DESIGN
23 STANDARDS FOR MAPPING AND WAYFINDING. AND THROUGH AN AMBITIOUS
24 BAY AREA TRANSIT NETWORK VISION, THAT WE JUST COMPLETED IN
25 PARTNERSHIP WITH OPERATORS, AND THAT'S CALLED TRANSIT 2050+.



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1 REGARDING ACCESSIBILITY, MTC IS ALSO SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO
2 MAKE SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION SERVICE FOR PEOPLE WITH
3 DISABILITIES. ALSO KNOWN AS PARATRANSIT, EASIER TO USE,
4 ESPECIALLY WHEN CROSS COUNTY BOUNDARIES. LAST BUT NOT LEAST
5 FUNDING. MTC HAS BEEN A CHAMPION AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE ONE
6 FOR ENSURING THAT OUR PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM HAS SUFFICIENT
7 FUNDING THIS IS SOMETHING WE DO PRIMARILY THROUGH OUR
8 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY EFFORTS AT STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS. NEXT
9 SLIDE. OKAY. HOMESTRETCH. I THINK WE HAVE GOT SEVEN MORE
10 SLIDES. SO CLIPPER, IN CASE YOU WEREN'T AWARE, MTC IS THE
11 AGENCY THAT OPERATES CLIPPER. THE CLIPPER SYSTEM REPRESENTS
12 ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT COORDINATION EFFORTS IN THE
13 REGION, BRINGING TOGETHER 22 DIFFERENT TRANSIT OPERATORS UNDER
14 A SINGLE PAYMENT PLATFORM. AS SHOWN ON THE SLIDE, THE SYSTEM
15 HANDLES MASSIVE VOLUME, AVERAGING 16 MILLION TAPS PER MONTH
16 AND COLLECTING ROUGHLY 36 MILLION FOR OPERATORS MONTHLY. THE
17 CLIPPER SYSTEM, ESPECIALLY THE LEGACY SYSTEM THAT WE HAVE, HAS
18 BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL, A 2024 SURVEY, RIDERS REPORTED A 24 --
19 SORRY -- A 94% SATISFACTION RATE AND THE SYSTEM CURRENTLY
20 MAINTAINS OVER 5 MILLION ACTIVE ACCOUNTS THAT HAVE BEEN USED
21 IN THE PAST YEAR. WE'RE CURRENTLY IN THE MIDST OF
22 TRANSITIONING TO THE NEXT GENERATION CLIPPER SYSTEM WHICH
23 LAUNCHED IN 2025 TO INTRODUCE ALL NEW EQUIPMENT AND FEATURES
24 LIKE CONTACTLESS BANK CARD PAYMENTS AND REALTIME VALUE
25 AVAILABILITY. IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS CLIPPER SYSTEM OF THE NEW



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1 CLIPPER2.0 HAS BEEN CHALLENGING. WE HAVE FACED A NUMBER OF
2 TECHNICAL CHALLENGES THAT ARE AFFECTING MANY CUSTOMERS, WE ARE
3 WORKING HARD ON SORTING OUT ALL PROBLEMS THAT HAVE OCCURRED
4 WITH THAT SYSTEM AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT TAKES UP A LOT OF
5 OUR TIME AND ENERGY AND MAKING SURE WE'RE MAKING THAT MORE
6 SEAMLESS. WE'RE WORKING WITH A CONTRACTOR CALLED CUBIC TO
7 ENSURE ALL ISSUES ARE RESOLVED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. AND YOU
8 KNOW, WORKING TOWARD THIS NEXT GENERATION CLIPPER IS ESSENTIAL
9 TO MAINTAINING THE HIGH-LEVEL OF SERVICE THAT BAY AREA RIDERS
10 HAVE COME TO EXPECT. NEXT SLIDE. SPOTLIGHT ON HOUSING. SO, THE
11 AGENCY HAS INTEGRATED HOUSING AS A CORE PRIORITY WITHIN ITS
12 REGIONAL PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE WORK. THIS HAS BEEN
13 BUILDING OVER THE LAST SEVERAL DECADES. SO LET'S TALK A LITTLE
14 BIT MORE ABOUT THAT. NEXT SLIDE. SO AS WE TRANSITION, I THINK
15 GROUNDING OURSELVES IN THE FACT THAT OUR ACTIVITIES HAVE GROWN
16 SIGNIFICANTLY, ROOTED AGAIN IN THAT COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION
17 LAND USE PLANNING REQUIRED BY SB 375. THE LAW THAT MANDATED AN
18 INTEGRATED APPROACH TO LONG-RANGE PLANNING, MTC AND ABAG HAVE
19 LONG PROVIDED GRANTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ENCOURAGE INFILL
20 DEVELOPMENT NEAR PUBLIC TRANSIT. THOSE EFFORTS ACCELERATED
21 ABOUT EIGHT YEARS AGO WITH A PROCESS LED BY MTC KNOWN AS CASA.
22 THE GOAL OF CASA WAS TO IDENTIFY GAME CHANGING RECOMMENDATIONS
23 TO ADDRESS THE BAY AREA'S HOUSING AFFORDABILITY CRISIS. THAT
24 EFFORT LED TO A NUMBER OF CHANGES IN STATE LAW, INCLUDING THE
25 CREATION OF THE BAY AREA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY, OR BAHFA.



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1 NEXT SLIDE. BAHFA WAS CREATED BY THE LEGISLATURE IN 2019, AND
2 IS THE STATE'S PIONEERING REGIONAL HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY.
3 THE CORE PURPOSE OF BAHFA IS TO RAISE REVENUE TO ADDRESS WHAT
4 ARE FONDLY KNOWN AS THE THREE P'S. PRODUCTION OF NEW
5 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, PRESERVATION OF EXISTING AFFORDABILITY --
6 OF EXISTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND PROTECTION FOR LOW-INCOME
7 RESIDENTS AND PEOPLE AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS. BAHFA'S
8 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE IS UNIQUE, AS I MENTIONED BEFORE, THE
9 BOARD OF BAHFA IS THE SAME AS THE MTC COMMISSION, BUT MAJOR
10 DECISIONS RELATED TO A POTENTIAL BALLOT MEASURE MUST BE MADE
11 JOINTLY WITH THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD. NEXT SLIDE. THIS SLIDE
12 SHOWS A LOT OF WORDS. SHOWS THE IMPACT WE HAVE HAD WITH OUR
13 COORDINATED SET OF HOUSING INITIATIVES ACROSS MTC ABAG BAHFA.
14 WHICH WE COLLECTIVELY REFER TO AS OUR REGIONAL HOUSING
15 PORTFOLIO. THIS INCLUDES INCREASED ZONING CAPACITY FOR ROUGHLY
16 200,000 NEW HOMES AS PART OF MTC AND ABAG'S PRIORITY
17 DEVELOPMENT AREA OR PDA GRANT PROGRAM. PDA, IT'S IN YOUR
18 ACRONYM LIST IT'S ANOTHER ONE IT ALSO INCLUDES THOUSANDS OF
19 NEW AND IMPROVED AFFORDABLE HOMES THAT WE HAVE FINANCED WHICH
20 HIGHLIGHTS HOW BAHFA HAS ENABLED US TO MOVE BEYOND PLANNING TO
21 IMPLEMENTATION. NEXT SLIDE. OKAY. BRIEF OUTLOOK ON 2026. ONE
22 MORE SLIDE. WE'RE ALMOST THERE. LET'S DO THE BRIEF OUTLOOK.
23 OKAY. SO HERE IS A FEW THINGS WE PUT ON A SLIDE IN TERMS OF
24 THINGS COMING UP IN 2026 WHICH THIS COUNCIL MAY BE INVOLVED
25 IN. BUT AGAIN AS MENTIONED AT THE OUTSET DEVELOPMENT OF THAT



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1 WORK PLAN IS REALLY GOING TO COME FROM IDEAS THAT YOU BRING TO
2 THE TABLE, AS LONG AS -- AS WELL AS IDEAS FROM OUR MTC AND
3 ABAG LEADERSHIP. SO, 2026 MARKS THE COMPLETION OF PLANNED BAY
4 AREA 2050+, AGAIN, TO BE ADOPTED HERE IN MARCH. AFTER THAT,
5 WE'RE GOING BEGIN PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ON OUR UPDATE TO MTC'S
6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN THAT WILL INCLUDE A ROADMAP FOR HOW
7 THE PUBLIC CAN ENGAGE IN THE NEXT ROUND OF PLANNED BAY AREA
8 AND IN ALL OF OUR WORK. THE UPDATE IS A FEDERAL REQUIREMENT
9 PRIOR TO EACH REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN WE EXPECT COMPLETE
10 THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN BY FALL SO I ANTICIPATE THIS
11 GROUP WILL BE PART OF REVIEWING THAT DOCUMENT AND GIVING US
12 FEEDBACK ON IT. AS SOON AS THE CURRENT PLANNED BAY AREA 2050+
13 IS FINALIZED, WE WILL BEGIN LAYING THE GROUND WORK FOR PLANNED
14 BAY AREA 2060. THIS PRELIMINARY PHASE FOCUSES ON ESTABLISHING
15 A FRAMEWORK FOR THE PLANNING PROCESS, IDENTIFYING EMERGING
16 TRENDS AND CHALLENGES THAT WILL SHAPE THE REGION'S FUTURE AND
17 BEGINNING EARLY ENGAGEMENT WITH COMMUNITIES AND PARTNERS TO
18 INFORM THE PLAN'S DIRECTION. WE ALSO ANTICIPATE BEGINNING
19 EARLY DISCUSSIONS LATER THIS YEAR ABOUT THE 7th CYCLE OF THE
20 REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION, OR RHNA. WITH THAT WORK
21 REALLY EXPECT TO GET GOING IN 2027. THERE ARE MANY OTHER
22 THINGS ON THE AGENCY'S PLATES. WE SAW A BIT OF A LOT OF THOSE
23 THINGS IN THIS PRESENTATION. BUT WE WANT TO JUST NOTE SOME OF
24 THESE UPCOMING PLANNING EFFORTS FOR YOU TODAY. SO, WITH THAT,
25 I HAVE CONCLUDED MY PART. WOW. THAT WAS A LOT. I KNOW. AND I



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1 WOULD LIKE TO OPEN IT UP, I GUESS, WITH KY-NAM AND THE CLERK,
2 OPENING IT UP TO THE COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR ANY QUESTIONS. AND I
3 KNOW, JUST, YOU KNOW, A NOTE ABOUT TIMING, WE ARE AT 12 NOON
4 RIGHT NOW, WE'RE HOPING TO BE OUT BY ONE? WE DO HAVE A COUPLE
5 MORE ITEMS AFTER THIS. THEY ARE NOT LONG POWERPOINT
6 PRESENTATIONS LIKE THIS ALTHOUGH THEY MAY INSPIRE A BIT OF Q
7 DISCUSSIONS SO WE SHOULD JUST KEEP THE TIMING IN MIND.

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9 **KY-NAM MILLER:** AS FUNCTIONING CHAIR I'LL TRACK WHO IS RAISING
10 THEIR HAND TO ASK QUESTIONS AND THEN TRY TO KEEP YOUR
11 QUESTIONS BRIEF MAYBE A MINUTE OR TWO EACH. START OFF WITH MS.
12 BENITEZ HANKERSON, CHANG, AND MADRID START WITH THOSE FOUR AND
13 THEN I'LL TAKE MORE.

14

15 **DIANA BENITEZ:** THANK YOU SO MUCH A LOT INFORMATION SHARED I
16 THINK A LOT OF US ARE STILL PROCESSING THE HANDBOOK THAT WAS
17 SHARED ALSO GAVE CONTEXT TO THE EQUITY PLATFORM AND I WANT TO
18 KNOW IN THE EQUITY PLATFORM YOU MENTIONED ONE OF THE THINGS
19 YOU'RE WORKING TOWARDS IS SHARED DECISION-MAKING I WANT TO
20 HEAR A BIT ABOUT EXAMPLES HOW THAT'S BEING DONE AND WHAT YOU
21 ARE WORKING ON. THANK YOU.

22

23 **KY-NAM MILLER:** WHY DON'T WE GO THROUGH THE FIRST FOUR I NAMED,
24 THEN TURN YOUR MICS OFF THEN GO BACK TO ANSWERING THE FOUR
25 QUESTIONS.



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2 **DWAYNE HANKERSON:** I HAVE TWO QUESTIONS. THE FIRST ONE IS
3 PROBABLY NOT THAT HARD. LIKE, WHY WAS THE NAME OF THIS COUNCIL
4 CHANGED FROM THE MTC ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE MTC ABAG
5 COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL? THAT'S MY FIRST QUESTION. AND THEN
6 MY SECOND QUESTION DEALS WITH THE FEDERAL BUDGET. WILL WE SEE
7 CHANGES IN FUNDING AND WILL THAT AFFECT THE HOUSING
8 DEVELOPMENT? THANK YOU.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. JUST A FEW QUESTIONS
11 OF THE ACTUALLY I ASKED KY-NAM A COUPLE OF MY QUESTIONS SO I
12 WON'T REITERATE THOSE. FIRST QUESTION IS LIKE THE DIFFERENCE
13 BETWEEN MINOR AND MAJOR UPDATES TO PLANNED BAY AREA. SO WHAT
14 DOES A MINOR UPDATE LOOK LIKE VERSUS MAJOR UPDATE JUST
15 ENVISION WHAT'S GOING TO BE ON THE TABLE FOR PLANNED BAY AREA
16 2060 AND THEN KIND OF IN CONJUNCTION WITH THAT, WHAT IS, LIKE,
17 THE ENFORCEMENT LOOK LIKE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN?
18 BECAUSE IT'S ONE THING TO HAVE A PLAN ANOTHER THING TO
19 IMPLEMENT IT SO LIKE IS THERE ANY PARTICIPATION FOR THIS
20 COUNCIL AND WHAT IT ACTUALLY LOOKS LIKE TO IMPLEMENT THE
21 EXISTING PLAN. BECAUSE YEAH I WOULD LOVE TO OBVIOUSLY HELP
22 WORK WITH THE REITERATION OF IT BUT I ALSO WOULD LIKE IT MAKE
23 SURE THE CURRENT PLAN IS FOLLOWED THROUGH WITH THEN LASTLY THE
24 UNRELATED QUESTION BAY WHEELS PROGRAM WHERE DOES REVENUE FLOW
25 PRIVATE PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP? WHAT DOES REVENUE FLOW LOOK LIKE



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1 AND THEN HAS THERE BEEN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS POST
2 2027 HAS IS THAT DECISION PART OF THE BAY WHEELS LIKE WHAT
3 HAPPENS WITH THE BAY WHEELS PROGRAM? YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER
4 THAT RIGHT NOW IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT. THANKS.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** I HAVE A COUPLE QUESTIONS ONE OF THEM IS RUNNING UP
7 TO HOUSING, JUST HOW MTC ABAG DOES ACCOMMODATE LOW-INCOME AND
8 UNDERPRIVILEGED FOLKS? I KNOW THAT SOME, MOST OF THE TIME,
9 AFFORDABILITY IS USED A LOT IN MOST HOUSING PLACES IS NOT
10 AFFORDABLE FOR MOST POPULATION, JUST ONE. THE SECOND THING
11 COMES TO LIVABLE, I WAS CURIOUS IF THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ON
12 USING THAT AS PARATRANSIT, AND THE LAST THING IS HOW, YOU
13 MENTIONED -- AGENCY, YOU CAN TALK ABOUT -- I UNDERSTAND MTC,
14 MTA IN CHARGE OF LIVED AND SHARED SERVICES, I'M JUST CURIOUS
15 WHAT MTC RULE ON THAT WHEN IT COMES TO JUST CURIOUS THE
16 DIFFERENCE OF THE ON THAT.

17

18 **KY-NAM MILLER:** WE'RE GOING TO PAUSE THERE AND I WANT TO MAKE
19 SURE EVERYONE IN THE ROOM GETS MR. MADRID'S FINAL QUESTION AND
20 LET ME KNOW IF I GOT THIS RIGHT, WHEN IT COMES TO HOUSING AND
21 HOW DOES MTC OR ABAG PLAN TO ACCOMMODATE LOW-INCOME
22 UNDERPRIVILEGED FOLKS THAT AFFORDABILITY NOT ALWAYS BUILT WITH
23 HOUSING UNITS THAT ARE AVAILABLE WHEN IT COMES TO CLIPPER2.0
24 USING SOMETHING AS PAYMENT I MISSED USING CLIPPER ITSELF AS
25 PAYMENT PARATRANSIT, I SEE YES, THEN THE THIRD PIECE WAS



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1 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MTC AND MTA CONTRACT FOR SHARED SERVICES
2 WHAT IS MTC'S ROLE WHEN IT COMES TO THAT CONTRACT DOES THAT
3 SOUND RIGHT? OKAY. THOSE FIRST FOUR THEN CALL THE NEXT FOUR
4 INCLUDING YOU MR. SAUNDERS WHEN WE GET THROUGH THESE FOUR
5 QUESTIONS. I'LL HAND IT OVER TO YOU MATT WHEN HE'S READY. SO
6 WE'RE STARTING WITH MS. BENITEZ EQUITY PLATFORM?

7

8 **MATT MALONEY:** YEAH SO, AND MAYBE MY COLLEAGUES CAN JUMP IN,
9 THERE IS A QUESTION ABOUT SHARED DECISION-MAKING IN THE EQUITY
10 PLATFORM AND WANTING TO KNOW MORE UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THAT
11 MEANT. THERE IS A FEW EXAMPLES THAT COME TO THE TOP OF MY
12 MIND. I THINK IT'S ABOUT HOW WE MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE
13 INVOLVING ALL VOICES IN OUR PROCESS. I THINK ONE EXAMPLE OF IT
14 IS SIMPLY THE FEEDBACK AND THE WAY WE WORK WITH ALL OF YOU IN
15 MOVING A LOT OF OUR BIG INITIATIVES FORWARD AND HEARING THAT
16 FEEDBACK. ALSO HOW WE ENGAGE MORE BROADLY AROUND THE REGION. I
17 THINK OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS SINCE WE HAVE ADOPTED THE EQUITY
18 PLATFORM, WE HAVE CERTAINLY BEEN VERY MINDFUL OF THE WAY WE
19 CONDUCT PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT IN THIS REGION MAKING SURE THAT
20 WE'RE MEETING PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE USING DIFFERENT TECHNIQUES
21 AND TOOLS THAT HAVE HISTORICALLY NOT BEEN PART OF THE PROCESS,
22 THAT'S MANAGE THAT COMES TO MIND AND WE COULD PROBABLY TALK
23 LONGER BECAUSE AUTO A VERY RICH SUBJECT MATTER. THE QUESTION
24 ABOUT MTC ABAG COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL AND WHY THE NAME
25 CHANGE WELL, I THINK FOR ONE, THE BIGGEST CHANGE IS THAT ABAG



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1 IS IN THE NAME AND NOT JUST MTC, AS WE TRIED TO EXPLAIN WE
2 WERE LOOKING TO FORM A COUNCIL CONSOLIDATED COUNCIL THAT
3 REPORTED TO BOTH BOARDS JUST AS WE DO AS STAFF AND THAT WILL
4 PROVIDE, ALSO ENABLE THIS COUPLE TO TALK ABOUT A THE WIDER
5 RANGE OF ISSUES. SO THAT'S ESSENTIALLY WHY. AND COMMUNITY
6 ADVISORY COUNCIL JUST SEEMED LIKE A NEW DAY. SO WE CAME UP
7 WITH A NEW NAME. FEDERAL BUDGET, WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN CHANGES
8 IN THE FEDERAL BUDGET, FOR YOU SHOULD, AND WE HAVE BEEN
9 EXPERIENCING CERTAIN CONCERNING CHANGES AND CUTS TO CERTAIN
10 PROGRAMS. IT'S -- I THINK WITH TRANSPORTATION IN PARTICULAR,
11 WHICH IS ONE OF THE AREAS THAT WE FOCUS ON THE MOST, WE'RE
12 KEEPING A WATCHFUL EYE ON WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE
13 REAUTHORIZATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION BILL. THEY USUALLY DO
14 THAT IN, SORT OF, FOUR OR FIVE-YEAR CYCLES IN CONGRESS. SO
15 WE'RE BEING VERY MINDFUL OF THAT AND WATCHING IT. FOR THE MOST
16 PART, MOTORIST OF THE TRANSPORTATION MONEYS THIS WE DEPEND ON
17 AS A REGION HAVE BEEN STABLE OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. WHAT
18 WE HAVE SEEN ARE CUTS TO CERTAIN TYPES OF DISCRETIONARY
19 PROJECTS OR PROGRAMS. BUT WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT CONGRESS WILL
20 WORK THIS OUT IN TRANSPORTATION. ANYTHING YOU WANT TO SAY
21 ABOUT HUD OR HOUSING? REBECCA IS OUR PERSON SO SHE CAN ANSWER
22 THIS BETTER THAN ME.

23

24 **REBECCA LONG:** I THINK ON THE HOUSING SIDE IT'S MUCH MORE
25 CHALLENGING. CONGRESS IS LOOKING AT A NUMBER OF AFFORDABLE



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1 HOUSING RELATED BILLS RIGHT NOW. BUT I DON'T WANT TO GET TOO
2 OPTIMISTIC IN THIS PARTICULAR CONGRESS. SO, AS MATT MENTIONED,
3 YOU KNOW, MY TEAM DOES A LOT OF THE ADVOCACY WORK, AND WE'RE
4 REALLY -- YOU KNOW, THOSE ARE BIG FOCUSES, IS GETTING MORE
5 RESOURCES FOR HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION, BOTH FROM SACRAMENTO
6 AND WASHINGTON. BUT IT'S A DIFFICULT TIME IN WASHINGTON, AS I
7 THINK EVERYONE KNOWS.

8

9 **MATT MALONEY:** THERE WAS A QUESTION ABOUT PLANNED BAY AREA, I
10 THINK IT WAS AMANDA, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MINOR AND MAJOR
11 UPDATES. I THINK MINOR UPDATES -- WELL, FIRST MAJOR UPDATE
12 REALLY CONNOTES THAT WE ARE MOVING OUT THE HORIZON YEAR. SO,
13 FOR EXAMPLE, FROM 2050 TO 2060 NEW HORIZON YEAR ANALYTICS THAT
14 GO INTO THAT NEW FORECASTING AND TYPICALLY FOR THOSE MAJOR
15 UPDATES WE DO MORE SO SOPHISTICATED SCENARIO PLANNING. A LOT
16 MORE JUST -- WE POUR A LOT MORE RESOURCES INTO THE MAJOR
17 UPDATES. THE MINOR UPDATES AND THIS IS PLANNED BAY AREA 2050+
18 WITH A MINOR UPDATE, YOU KNOW, MADE SOME AUGMENTATIONS AND
19 CHANGES FROM THE LAST PLAN, BUT DIDN'T GO THROUGH, LIKE, AN
20 ENTIRELY NEW SCENARIO PROCESS, OR DIDN'T COME -- YOU KNOW, GO
21 THROUGH AN ENTIRE NEW METHODOLOGY FOR DEVELOPING ITS REGIONAL
22 FORECAST. IT, SORT OF, WAS BASED ON THE LAST PLAN, ALTHOUGH WE
23 MADE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE LAST PLAN. SO HOPEFULLY THAT'S
24 HELPFUL. WHAT ABOUT ENFORCEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION. I DON'T
25 THINK OF PLANNED BAY AREA AS BEING A DOCUMENT WE ENFORCE; NOT



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1 REALLY A WORD I WOULD USE IN GIVEN WE'RE ALL TRYING TO
2 COOPERATE WITH OUR 101 CITIES AND 27 TRANSIT -- [LAUGHTER] --
3 OPERATORS. THEY CERTAINLY WOULDN'T LIKE US TO USE THAT WORD
4 ENFORCE BUT I DO GET WHAT YOU MEAN BY THAT. I THINK THE FIRST
5 FOREMOST WHERE THE PLAN HAS MOST STRENGTH IS ON THE
6 TRANSPORTATION SIDE FOR MAJOR PROJECTS TO MOVE FORWARD THEY
7 NEED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PLAN. SO, THAT'S JUST PART OF
8 WHAT'S IN THE FEDERAL STATUTE. THEN I THINK THE OTHER REALLY
9 INTERESTING AREA THAT THIS GROUP CAN EXPLORE IS THE TIE
10 BETWEEN PLANNED BAY AREA AND RHNA. RHNA CERTAINLY HAS SOME
11 COMPLIANCE PIECES THAT ARE A PART OF IT. RHNA NEEDS TO BE
12 CONNECTED TO THE PLAN. THEY DON'T NEED TO BE EXACTLY THE SAME,
13 BUT THEY NEED TO BE, YOU KNOW, SIMILAR IN TERMS OF THEIR, SORT
14 OF, DEVELOPMENT PATTERN AND THEIR ALLOCATION. SO, CITIES NEED
15 TO, SORT OF, ZONE TO ACCOMMODATE THAT. AND SO I THINK THAT'S,
16 YOU KNOW AGAIN IN A COOPERATIVE MIND SET THAT'S WHERE WE, SORT
17 OF, SEE THERE BEING IMPLEMENTATION AND EVEN A LITTLE BIT OF
18 COMPLIANCE AND ON THE HOUSING SIDE. THE STATE HAS CERTAINLY
19 GOTTEN MORE COMPLIANCE-MINDED IN THE LAST FEW YEARS AND THAT
20 WORK HAS ROOTS IN PLANNED BAY AREA. BUT WE CAN TALK MORE ABOUT
21 THAT. THERE WAS A QUESTION ABOUT BAY WHEELS WHAT HAPPENS TO IT
22 AFTER 2027. I DON'T KNOW. BUT I THINK WE'RE TALKING A LOT
23 ABOUT THAT INTERNALLY AND THERE IS A CONTRACT THAT NEEDS TO
24 BE, OBVIOUSLY, REFRESHED. AND THE WHOLE LANDSCAPE THERE HAS
25 CHANGED. AND THERE ARE A LOT OF NEEDS. AND I JUST THINK THAT



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1 BAY WHEELS, OBVIOUSLY, LIKE MANY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
2 SERVICES THAT ARE OUT THERE, IS NOT THE TYPE OF THING THAT,
3 LIKE, PULLS A PROFIT ON ITS OWN. SO A LOT OF THESE THINGS NEED
4 TO BE PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO COME IN
5 WITH MONEY TO HELP SUBSIDIZE CAPITAL AND OPERATIONS WITH THOSE
6 AND WE'RE SEEING THAT IN BAY WHEELS AS WELL. IS THAT WE NEED
7 THE TO BRING MONEY TO THE TABLE AS A REGION. PLANNING FOR
8 ACCOMMODATING LOW-INCOME FOLKS NO HOUSING, GREAT QUESTION AND
9 YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR A LOT ABOUT THAT AND I THINK THE TWO MAIN
10 THINGS WE TALKED ABOUT TODAY, PLANNED BAY AREA AND RHNA BOTH
11 HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO DO JUST THAT. WE NEED TO, IN THE
12 PLANNING REALM, MAKE SURE THIS WE ARE FORECASTING AND BUILDING
13 ENOUGH HOUSING TO ACCOMMODATE FOLKS AT ALL INCOME LEVELS, THAT
14 IS ALSO A PART OF THE RHNA PROCESS THAT THE STATE MANDATES US
15 TO DO. IT'S NOT JUST BUILDING 440,000 NEW HOUSING UNITS IN THE
16 REGION IT'S ENSURING THEY ARE BUILT AT ALL INCOME LEVELS. AND,
17 OF COURSE, PART OF THAT IN TERMS OF PRODUCTION OF AFFORDABLE
18 HOUSING, IS HOW ARE WE GOING TO FIND THE GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY TO
19 SUPPORT THOSE TYPES OF INVESTMENTS. SO, WE TALK A LOT ABOUT
20 THOSE ISSUES. AND IT'S A RICH SUBJECT MATTER. THERE WERE SOME
21 QUESTIONS ABOUT CLIPPER2, AND I DON'T KNOW REBECCA IF YOU --
22 YEAH?

23

24 **REBECCA LONG:** I WANTED TO GO BACK QUICKLY TO THE BAY WHEELS. I
25 WAS JUST CHECKING OUR CALENDAR HERE, BUT ACTUALLY NEXT WEEK AT



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1 THE REGIONAL NETWORK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, THERE IS A PROPOSAL
2 TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT WITH LYFT UNTIL 2032. SO, THAT'S
3 SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE JUST BEEN TALKING ABOUT AND I WANT
4 EXACTLY SURE WHEN THAT WAS HAPPENING BUT THAT'S VERY TIMELY.
5 AND YEAH THERE WAS A QUESTION, I THINK FROM COUNCIL MEMBER
6 MADRID ABOUT PARATRANSIT ACCEPTING CLIPPER AND THAT IS
7 SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN A BIG PRIORITY, PART OF OUR TRANSIT
8 TRANSFORMATION ACTION PLAN AND THAT HAS, I BELIEVE, STARTED TO
9 ROLL OUT WITH SAN FRANCISCO MUNI, BUT AS MATT MENTIONED,
10 RIGHT, THERE ARE SOME CHALLENGES WITH THE NEXT GEN ROLL OUT SO
11 I DON'T KNOW THAT IT'S EVERYWHERE YET BUT IT'S ABSOLUTELY A
12 PRIORITY TO GET CLIPPER ON ALL PARATRANSIT. YEP.

13

14 **KY-NAM MILLER:** YEAH. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE, MR. SAUNDERS HAD A
15 QUESTION, AND THERE ARE A COUPLE MORE PEOPLE. OBLIGED MEMBER
16 BALAJI, TRACHTENBERG.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** I'M GOING TO TAKE US BACK A TINY BIT, I WANT TO FIND
19 OUT, SORT OF, HOW BEYOND MY OWN LIFE EXPERIENCE I'M SUPPOSED
20 TO -- I'M SUPPOSED TO AID THE PARTICULAR GROUP THAT I WAS
21 BROUGHT IN HERE AS A COUNCIL MEMBER FOR? BECAUSE I KNOW WHAT
22 MY PERSONAL LIFE EXPERIENCE IS, BUT I'M WONDERING WHAT OTHER
23 SOURCES TO MAKE SURE I'M REPRESENTING THE GROUP THAT I NEED TO
24 REPRESENT HERE. THAT'S THE ONE QUESTION I HAD. AND THEN I ALSO
25 HAVE AN ACCESSIBILITY ISSUE. I WAS LOOKING AT THE MANUAL THAT



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1 YOU GUYS PUT OUT, AND IT HAS LOTS OF DETAILED REALLY GOOD
2 INFORMATION IN THERE. AND I LIKE THAT. ONE THING I WOULD LIKE
3 TO SEE, AND I HAVE SEEN THIS IN OTHER MANUALS IS WHERE THERE
4 IS AN E-MAIL ADDRESS, WHERE THERE IS A WEB ADDRESS, THERE IS A
5 LINK. AND IT TAKES YOU -- ESPECIALLY YOU IF YOU ARE VISUALLY
6 IMPAIRED AND YOU GO TO STUFF YOU CAN GO RIGHT TO THE PLACE YOU
7 WANT TO GO SO JUST THINKING ABOUT THAT AS AN IDEA TO THINK
8 ABOUT. THANK YOU.

9

10 **REBECCA LONG:** THANK YOU FOR THAT COUNCIL MEMBER SAUNDERS WE
11 CAN DEFINITELY FIX THAT. THAT'S AN EASILY FIXABLE
12 ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENT I'M SORRY THAT WASN'T LIKE THAT THE
13 FIRST TIME. THANK YOU FOR RAISING THAT.

14

15 **KY-NAM MILLER:** BALAJI?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** I'M CURIOUS IF BAYREN IS ASSOCIATED WITH COMMUNITY
18 VOICE AGGREGATES ACROSS THE BAY AREA AND ALSO IF ABAG HAS ANY
19 DECISION-MAKING POWER OR INFLUENCE HOW CLEAN ENERGY OPERATES
20 IN THE BAY AREA?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** HI JUST TO FOLLOW UP ON THE BAY WHEELS CONTRACT, ONE
23 QUESTION IS, IF THE REGIONAL NETWORK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WILL
24 BE TAKING A VOTE NEXT WEEK? OR IS THAT JUST A HEARING ITEM?
25 AND THEN ALSO, ARE THE BIKES AND DOCKS KIND OF OWNED LOCALLY



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1 OR ARE THOSE BEING RENTED BY CONTRACT. OR IF LYFT WERE NO
2 LONGER TO BE THE PROVIDER WOULD ALL THOSE KIND OF CAPITAL
3 ITEMS GO AWAY OR WOULD THEY REMAIN IN CONTROL? AND THEN ALSO I
4 JUST WANTED TO NOTE THAT WE DIDN'T REALLY HEAR ANY DISCUSSION
5 OF AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES AT ALL. AND I FEEL LIKE I SHOULD KNOW
6 MORE ABOUT THIS, BUT WOULD BE CURIOUS HOW MTC HAS KIND OF
7 ENGAGED WITH THAT ISSUE IN THE PAST AND MOVING FORWARD. AND
8 THEN I DO WANT TO FLAG SOMETHING ABOUT SB 375 FOR THE COUNCIL,
9 BUT MAYBE THERE WILL BE A BETTER TIME TO DO THAT LATER ON. SO,
10 I'LL JUST HOLD THAT THERE.

11

12 **JOSHUA SAUNDERS:** THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT INFORMATION AND TO MY
13 FELLOW COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR ALL YOUR GREAT QUESTIONS. I HAVE A
14 QUESTION ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THIS COUNCIL AND THE BAY
15 AREA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY, BAHFA. I KNOW THAT BAHFA ALSO
16 HAS ITS OWN ADVISORY BODY, AND I'M WONDERING, OVER
17 RELATIONSHIP HERE HOW THAT'S BEING CONTEMPLATED GIVEN THEY
18 HAVE INPUT, BIT MORE TECHNICAL WE REPRESENT A BROADER RANGE OF
19 PERSPECTIVES BUT CURIOUS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE THINK SUGGEST
20 THERE. THANK YOU.

21

22 **KY-NAM MILLER:** YEAH, MR. SAUNDERS IN RESPECT TO REPRESENTING
23 PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND, YOU KNOW, THERE IS A DIVERSITY
24 OF DISABILITIES, SO, WE DON'T EXPECT YOU TO HAVE DIRECT
25 EXPERIENCE IN IT, BUT I THINK WHETHER YOU'RE EXPECTING --



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1 REPRESENTING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES,
2 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, OLDER ADULTS IT'S LEANING ON THE
3 NETWORKS OF PEOPLE THAT YOU KNOW THROUGH YOUR LIFE EXPERIENCE,
4 YOUR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE TO LIFT UP THE PEOPLE WHO AREN'T
5 AT THE TABLE. I THINK, YOU KNOW, PART OF THE EQUITY VALUE THAT
6 RUN THROUGHOUT OUR AGENCIES THINKING OF THE PEOPLE WHO FACE
7 THE BIGGEST BARRIERS TOWARDS ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY. SO, WHILE
8 YOU MIGHT HAVE ONE, YOU KNOW, INSIGHT INTO THAT, IT'S LEANING
9 ON THAT INSIGHT TO, I SUPPOSE LEARNING AND LISTENING TO PEOPLE
10 ALONGSIDE. THAT'S MY BASIC ANSWER ON THAT.

11

12 **MATT MALONEY:** IN TERMS OF BAYREN AND COMMUNITY CHOICE
13 AGGREGATORS I CAN SAY A BIT IT'S NOT MY EXPERTISE BUT THIS
14 COUNCIL IS INTERESTED OF THAT HASH WE CAN HEAR MORE ABOUT IT I
15 THINK THE DIFFERENCE IS BAYREN IS FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON ENERGY
16 EFFICIENCY, YOU KNOW, UPGRADING BUILDINGS AND ALL THAT.
17 COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATORS IS MORE ABOUT PROCUREMENT OF
18 ELECTRICITY AND YOU KNOW, RENEWABLE ENERGY, DEVELOPMENT. SO
19 THEY'RE KIND OF COMPLEMENTARY I WOULD SAY AND THEY DO WORK
20 TOGETHER. I THINK IT'S A MAIN DIFFERENCE AND OUR FOLKS HERE
21 WHO WORK ON THAT COULD GIVE YOU AN ANSWER ON THAT. AUTONOMOUS
22 VEHICLES CAME UP. WE ARE ENGAGED WITH THAT SPACE FROM A
23 PLANNING CONTEXT. IT WAS -- WE ACTUALLY HAD A STRATEGY, SORT
24 OF, PERSPECTIVE PAPER THAT WE WROTE ON THAT ISSUE ABOUT SEVEN
25 YEARS AGO FOR PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 AND IT WAS INCORPORATED



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1 INTO OUR ASSUMPTIONS FOR THAT PLAN. SO, WE ACTUALLY DO HAVE
2 ASSUMPTIONS IN FORECAST AND SIMULATIONS. OBVIOUSLY WOULD NEED
3 TO BE UPDATED FOR PLANNED BAY AREA 2060 SO WE HAVE BUILT INTO
4 OUR PLANNING SPHERE AND CERTAINLY THAT'S CHANGED IN THAT ARENA
5 QUITE A BIT OVER THE LAST SEVEN OR EIGHT YEARS. BAHFA I'M
6 GOING TO KICK THE BAY WHEELS QUESTION MAYBE OVER THIS WAY I
7 THINK MY COLLEAGUE HAS BEEN STUDYING THAT IN TERMS OF BAHFA
8 ADVISORY COUNCIL VERSUS THIS COUNCIL REALLY GOOD QUESTION I
9 WOULD SAY WE ARE WRESTLING WITH THAT, THE QUESTION WHETHER THE
10 FEEDBACK FROM THIS COUNCIL WORKING ALONGSIDE THAT OTHER
11 ADVISORY COUNCIL I DON'T HAVE AN EASY ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION.
12 I THINK WE'RE THINKING ABOUT IT AS WELL.

13

14 **REBECCA LONG:** BACK TO THE BAY WHEELS QUESTION ACTION ITEM I
15 THINK ON THE QUESTION OF OWNERSHIP KIND OF A COMBINATION LYFT
16 DOES OWN MOST OF THE DOCKS AND BIKES BUT THERE MAY BE SOME
17 PUBLIC OWNERSHIP FOR A SMALLER PORTION.

18

19 **KY-NAM MILLER:** ALL RIGHT NOT SEEING ANY OTHER HANDS IF THERE
20 ARE OTHER REMAINING QUESTIONS I'M GOING TO ASK OUR CLERK FRED
21 ARE THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED FOR THIS ITEM? OR
22 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH -- OH WE HAVE CHARLES LAVERY
23 BEFORE WE GET TO PUBLIC COMMENT. GO AHEAD.

24

25 **CHARLES LAVERY:** I HAVE A QUESTION REGARDING SUBCOMMITTEES I'M



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1 NOT SURE IF THAT WAS ADDRESSED IN THE ORIENTATION DO WE
2 ANTICIPATE SUBCOMMITTEES FORMED FROM THIS BODY?

3

4 **MATT MALONEY:** WE JUST DON'T KNOW YET AND I THINK IT WILL
5 DEPEND UPON THE WORK PLAN I THINK THAT WILL COME FIRST AND
6 THEN DISCUSSIONS WITH OUR LEADERSHIP. SO, I GUESS MAYBE. AND
7 STAY TUNED.

8

9 **KY-NAM MILLER:** SO FRED ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

10

11 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** NO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED NO ONE IN THE
12 BOARDROOM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ONE PERSON IN THE ATTENDEE SPACE
13 HOW MUCH TIME WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE?

14

15 **KY-NAM MILLER:** UP TO TWO MINUTES.

16

17 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** TWO MINUTES OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS ALETA
18 DUPREE. TWO MINUTES.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, TO THE CHAIR ALETA DUPREE FOR THE RECORD
21 SHE AND HER WITH TEAM FOLDS. I NEED MY CLOCK HERE. I'M GOING
22 TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT CLIPPER. I USE CLIPPER, JUST USED
23 IT RIGHT NOW BECAUSE I'M INSIDE THE BART TRAIN. I'M GOING GIVE
24 YOU A GOOD NEWS STORY. I HAVE BEEN USING IT FOR A LITTLE OVER
25 A WEEK SINCE I GOT HERE, AND IT'S WORKING. IT'S TRUE THE APP



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1 SOMETIMES TAKES TIME TO UPDATE MY HISTORY, AND I DID ADD SOME
2 MONEY. IT TOOK A LITTLE BIT LONGER, BUT WE'RE TALKING SECONDS
3 LONGER. I MIGHT HAVE TO CHALK THAT UP TO SPOTTY INTERNET WHERE
4 I'M AT. BUT IT'S WORKING. I WAS AUTO MIGRATED TO THE CLIPPER2
5 ON DECEMBER 11TH, BECAUSE I HAVE A REDUCED FARE CLIPPER CARD.
6 AND SO I AM GETTING ALL OF THE TRANSFERS. EVERYTHING IS
7 UPDATING, IF NOT IN REALTIME, DEFINITELY BY NEXT DAY. I
8 HAVEN'T LOST A SINGLE PENNY IN THIS. SO, I'M SHARING MY STORY,
9 NOT JUST BECAUSE I TALK A LOT ABOUT CLIPPER, AND I HAVE BEEN
10 TALKING ABOUT CLIPPER FOR THE PAST EIGHT YEARS, BUT BECAUSE
11 I'M LOOKING FOR BALANCED REPORTING. THERE IS A LOT OF
12 NEGATIVITY OUT THERE, AND NOBODY SHOULD BE LEFT BEHIND WHEN IT
13 COMES TO THINGS OF CLIPPER. IF IT COULD HAPPEN TO SOMEONE
14 ELSE, IT COULD HAPPEN TO ME. I HAD A CLOSE FAMILY MEMBER WHO
15 HAD TROUBLE WITH OMNI IN NEW YORK, AND HAD SOME ISSUES PAYING
16 FOR THE SUBWAY, THAT'S FIXED. WASN'T THERE TO HELP THAT PERSON
17 OUT. YEAH, IT'S FINE NOW. SO, I AM MINDFUL OF THE CHALLENGES
18 THAT WE HAVE, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR MORE FROM THOSE WHO ARE
19 HAVING GOOD EXPERIENCES WITH CLIPPER. I THINK CLIPPER2 IS A
20 GREAT THING. WE HAVE TO GIVE THE TEAM CREDIT FOR THE HARD AND
21 COMPLEX WORK THAT WE DO TO BUILD THIS CLIPPER PROGRAM. SO
22 SOON, HOPEFULLY I'LL BE OFF THE TRAIN AND I'LL SEE YA IN-
23 PERSON. THANK YOU.

24

25 **KY-NAM MILLER:** THANK YOU MISS DUPREE FOR YOUR POSITIVE



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1 COMMENTS ON CLIPPER WE'LL SEE YOU AGAIN SOON. MOVING TO AGENDA
2 ITEM FOUR OVERVIEW OF THE BROWN ACT MY COLLEAGUE JOHN MEYERS
3 ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO GIVE THE REPORT.

4

5 **COUNSEL, JOHN MYERS:** I'M JOHN MEYERS ATTORNEY WHO SERVES AS
6 ASSOCIATE COUNSEL FOR MTC AND ABAG AND I'LL BE TALKING ABOUT
7 THE BROWN ACT. DON'T WORRY. MY PRESENTATION IS LESS THAN FIVE
8 SLIDES. LESS THAN FIVE, I PROMISE. [LAUGHTER] NEXT SLIDE,
9 PLEASE. SO, WHAT IS THE BROWN ACT? WHAT AM I TALKING ABOUT?
10 THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT IS CALIFORNIA'S OPEN MEETINGS LAW ITS
11 PURPOSE IS TO ENSURE THAT ALL DECISIONS AND DISCUSSIONS BY
12 ELECTED AND APPOINTED BODIES ARE DONE IN A WAY WHERE THE
13 PUBLIC CAN VIEW, HEAR, AND PARTICIPATE WE ALL SERVE THE PUBLIC
14 SO THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN THOSE DECISION-MAKING
15 PROCESSES. SO THE KEY PHRASE OF THE BROWN ACT IS THAT ALL
16 MEETINGS OF A LEGISLATIVE BODY MUST BE OPEN AND ACCESSIBLE TO
17 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. AND THE BROWN ACT HAS SPECIAL
18 DEFINITIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE BODY AND MEETING. SO, LEGISLATIVE
19 BODY IS ALMOST ANY BOARD COMMITTEE OR COUNCIL THAT SERVES A
20 PUBLIC AGENCY. AND, SO, WE HERE AT THIS COUNCIL SERVE MTC AND
21 ABAG, SO WE QUALIFY AS A LEGISLATIVE BODY. A MEETING IS NOT
22 JUST AN OFFICIAL MEETING, LIKE THE ONE THAT WE'RE HAVING RIGHT
23 NOW. BUT IT'S ACTUALLY ANY CONGREGATION OF A QUORUM OR
24 MAJORITY OF A LEGISLATIVE BODY IN THE SAME PLACE IN THE SAME
25 PLACE AT THE SAME TIME TO HEAR, DISCUSS, AND DELIBERATE ON



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1 AGENCY BUSINESS. AND SO A MEETING UNDER THE BROWN ACT IS
2 REWARD TO COMPLY WITH CERTAIN FORMALITIES LIKE HAVING AN
3 AGENDA LIKE WE HAVE TODAY AND PROVIDING PUBLIC NOTICE. SO IF A
4 QUORUM OR MAJORITY OF A BODY CONGREGATED TOGETHER WITHOUT
5 THOSE FORMALITIES THAT'S PROHIBITED UNDER THE BROWN ACT AND A
6 MEETING IN THAT DEFINITION ISN'T JUST MEETING IN-PERSON OR
7 TALKING ON THE PHONE IT CAN ALSO INCLUDE ONLINE SPACES LIKE E-
8 MAIL THREADS THAT INCLUDE A MAJORITY OR QUORUM OF THE BODY OR
9 SOCIAL MEDIA DISCUSSIONS THAT INCLUDE MAJORITY OR QUORUM. NEXT
10 SLIDE, PLEASE. AND SO THE AGENDA IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT'S
11 KIND OF YOUR ROADMAP TO THE MEETING, AND UNFORTUNATELY THERE
12 ARE NO DETOURS. SO, YOU CANNOT DISCUSS ITEMS AT LENGTH THAT
13 ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA, AND YOU CAN'T TAKE ACTION ON ITEMS THAT
14 AREN'T LABELED AS ACTION ITEMS. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. SO, GOING
15 BACK TO MEETINGS FOR A SECOND. THE BROWN ACT SPECIFICALLY
16 PROHIBITS SERIAL MEETINGS, WHICH ARE DEFINED AS A SERIES OF
17 COMMUNICATIONS WHICH MIGHT, BY THEMSELVES, MIGHT NOT BE A
18 MEETING, BY THEMSELVES, BUT WHEN PUT TOGETHER BECOME A
19 DISCUSSION OF AGENCY BUSINESS AMONG A QUORUM OR MAJORITY OF
20 THE COUNCIL. AND, SO, I HAVE A FEW EXAMPLES ON HERE. THE FIRST
21 EXAMPLE IS WHAT WE CALL A "CHAIN MEETING" THAT'S LIKE A GAME
22 OF TELEPHONE WHERE ONE MEMBER TALKS TO ANOTHER MEMBER THAT
23 MEMBER THEN TALKS TO ANOTHER MEMBER AND SO ON AND THEY START
24 DISCUSSING THINGS THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO BE DISCUSSED AT
25 MEETINGS HERE FOR THIS COUNCIL. ANOTHER KIND OF IS A HUB AND



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1 SPOKE MEETING WHERE ONE MEMBER TALKS TO ANOTHER MEMBER THEN
2 FIRST MEMBER TALKS TO SECOND MEMBER THEN FIRST MEMBER GOES AND
3 TALKS TO THIRD MEMBER SO ON UNTIL YOU HAVE A QUORUM OR
4 MAJORITY. THEN THE LAST ONE IS WHAT WE CALL FIREWORK MEETING
5 KIND OF LIKE A REPLY ALL TO E-MAILS WHERE YOU'RE KIND OF
6 BROADCASTING YOUR OPINION OR SOMETHING TO AN AUDIENCE OR
7 QUORUM OR MAJORITY OF THE COUPLE. THE BROWN ACT SPECIFICALLY
8 PROHIBITS MEMBERS OF LEGISLATIVE BODIES FROM COMMENTING ON OR
9 INTERACTING WITH OTHER MEMBER'S SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS ABOUT
10 COUNCIL BUSINESS. SO, YOU CAN WISH EACH OTHER HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
11 THAT'S OKAY. BUT SOMEBODY SAYS HERE IS MY OPINION ON PROJECT
12 20 -- OR BAY AREA PLAN 2050+; SORRY. YOU CAN'T COMMENT ON THAT
13 ONE. ALL RIGHT OF THE NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. SO, BEFORE WE GET TO
14 QUESTIONS, I HAVE TWO QUICK THINGS I WANT TO BRING UP THAT
15 UNFORTUNATELY I DON'T HAVE SLIDE FOR BUT IF I HAD SLIDES IT
16 WOULD STILL BE FIVE OR LESS. THESE THINGS MIGHT HELP YOU,
17 ACTUALLY, IN THIS. SO ONE IS I WANT TO MENTION IS THERE ARE
18 EXCEPTIONS TO THE BROWN ACT ABOUT MEETINGS. SO, SOME IMPORTANT
19 ONES THAT YOU MIGHT COME ACROSS IN YOUR SERVICE HERE ARE
20 ATTENDING MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES. SO, IF A MAJORITY OR
21 QUORUM OF YOU ALL WANT TO ATTEND A MTC MEETING OR ABAG
22 MEETING, THAT'S FINE, YOU CAN ALL DO THAT. AS LONG AS YOU
23 DON'T DISCUSS AMONG YOURSELVES SOMETHING THAT'S NOT BEING
24 DISCUSSED AT THE ACTUAL MEETING. ANOTHER ONE IS, YOU KNOW,
25 SOCIAL GATHERINGS, LIKE IF YOU ALL WANT TO COME TO A RIBBON



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1 CUTTING CEREMONY THAT MTC IS DOING THAT'S ALSO OKAY. TOTALLY
2 FINE AGAIN AS LONG AS YOU DON'T DISCUSS AMONG YOURSELVES.
3 CONFERENCES THAT ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC THAT'S OKAY TOO. AND
4 FINALLY INDIVIDUAL COMMUNICATES SO IF YOU ARE JUST TALKING
5 ONE-ON-ONE, JUST BE CAREFUL THAT DOESN'T BECOME A SERIAL
6 MEETING IF ONE OF YOU THEN STARTS TALKING TO OTHER PEOPLE ON
7 THE COUNCIL. LAST THING I WANT TO MENTION IS THE BROWN ACT IS
8 ENFORCED BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL BUT
9 THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE BROWN ACT HAS A SAFETY NET BUILT
10 INTO IT WHERE IF WE DO RUN INTO A SITUATION WHERE WE WORRY
11 THAT WE MIGHT ACCIDENTALLY CAUSE A BROWN ACT ISSUE WE HAVE
12 ABLE TO GO BACK AND FIX THAT. SO IF YOU DO RUN INTO A
13 SITUATION THAT YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT IT'S BETTER TO COME TO US
14 AND TELL US THAT WE CAN QUICKLY CURE THAT RATHER THAN PUSHING
15 IT UNDER THE RUG. AND WITH THAT I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY
16 QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE.

17

18 **KY-NAM MILLER:** I SEE MR. HANKERSON WITH YOUR HAND RAISED.
19 ANYBODY ELSE? NEMSICK. WE'LL START WITH THOSE TWO.

20

21 **DWAYNE HANKERSON:** MY QUESTION, I CAN'T REGULAR THE NAME OF THE
22 BILL SUPPOSE I WANT TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN-PERSON AND WANT
23 TO ATTEND THE MEETING ONLINE AND I WANT TO DO THAT AT MY HOUSE
24 IS THAT POSSIBLE? AND WHAT WOULD BE THE GUIDELINES BEHIND
25 THAT? THANK YOU.



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2 **KY-NAM MILLER:** NEMSIC.

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4 **KAREN NEMSICK:** QUESTION ABOUT QUORUM IF I'M MEETING WITH TWO
5 OF MY COLLEAGUES AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, LET'S SAY WE'RE
6 TALKING ABOUT NAPA, OR WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SOME THINGS THAT
7 ARE HAPPENING AT NAPA THAT ARE RELATED TO TRANSIT, HOW MANY OF
8 US CAN HAVE THAT CONVERSATION BEFORE WE HIT QUORUM? OR IS IT
9 REALLY -- IT DOESN'T MATTER? IT'S ONE-ON-ONE, WE CAN'T TALK
10 ABOUT BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU HAPPY TO ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS. THANK YOU
13 FOR BRINGING UP REMOTE PARTICIPATION. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT
14 COULD COME IN THE FUTURE. THE SO, ONCE THIS BODY HAS ELECTED
15 ITS LEADERSHIP, LIKE ITS CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR, YOU CAN
16 CERTAINLY HAVE DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT TYPES OF REMOTE
17 PARTICIPATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO USE, AND BE ABLE TO
18 PARTICIPATE FROM OUTSIDE LOCATIONS, SUCH AS YOUR HOME, AND SO
19 THAT COULD COME IN THE FUTURE THERE. THE OTHER QUESTION WAS
20 ABOUT THE QUORUM, AND, SO, YEAH. SO, I'M SORRY -- FRED, WHAT
21 IS OUR NUMBER FOR QUORUM? IS IT A MAJORITY?

22

23 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAJORITY IS 14.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** OKAY SO 14 PEOPLE WOULD BE THE LIMIT THAT YOU COULD



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1 HAVE THAT DISCUSSION WITH -- WELL, UNDER 14. YEAH UNDER 14
2 WOULD BE THE LIMIT.

3

4 **DWAYNE HANKERSON:** IN ADDITION, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK ANOTHER
5 QUESTION AS A FOLLOW-UP? SO, WHEN WE ELECT OUR LEADERS FOR
6 THIS COUNCIL, IS THAT GOING TO BE AN ACTION ITEM THAT WE HAVE
7 TO SUBMIT TO ABAG OR SOMETHING THAT WE CAN DECIDE HERE ON THE
8 COUNCIL?

9

10 **KY-NAM MILLER:** YOU WILL DECIDE IT AS AN ACTION ITEM AND THAT
11 CERTAINLY WILL BE REPORTED OUT TO ABAG AND MTC BUT THEY DON'T
12 HAVE TO RATIFY THE LEADERSHIP IT'S JUST REPORTED OUT HOW YOU
13 HAVE SELECT WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT ITEM COMING UP LATER THIS
14 AFTERNOON WHAT THE ELECTION PROCESS WILL BE. OF THE.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** SO IN TERMS OF OUR E-MAILS, I GUESS, QUALIFYING AS A
17 MEETING DOES THAT MEAN THAT ANY OF OUR E-MAILS CAN BE SUBJECT
18 TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AT SOME POINT IF THAT WERE TO
19 ARISE?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** YEAH THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION. SO, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT
22 E-MAIL -- PERSONAL E-MAILS THAT ARE PART OF THE -- YOUR
23 BUSINESS HERE, COULD BE THE SUBJECT OF A PUBLIC RECORDS ACT
24 REQUEST AND BE TURNED OVER. BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT
25 PERSONAL ITEMS WILL BE TURNED OVER, ONLY THINGS THAT ARE



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1 RELATED TO THIS ACTUAL BUSINESS. SO, THAT IS A POSSIBILITY.
2 SO, IF YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THAT, YOU COULD ALWAYS CREATE A
3 SEPARATE E-MAIL THAT'S ONLY -- THAT YOU ONLY USED FOR COUNCIL
4 BUSINESS THAT'S ONE WAY YOU COULD DO THAT IN ORDER TO KEEP
5 THAT SEPARATE FROM NOT ONLY YOUR PERSONAL BUT ALSO YOUR OTHER,
6 YOU KNOW, WORK. BUT, YES, THAT IS POSSIBLE.

7

8 **KY-NAM MILLER:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS ON THIS ITEM? AND, FRED, IS
9 THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM?

10

11 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ON THIS ITEM NO WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE
12 RECEIVED NO MEMBERS OF PUBLIC IN THE BOARDROOM FOR PUBLIC
13 COMMENT NO ONE IN THE ATTENDEE SPACE. THANK YOU.

14

15 **KY-NAM MILLER:** ALL RIGHT WE'RE GOING ON TO AGENDA ITEM FIVE
16 FIRST OF TWO HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS, THE COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE
17 AND AS A RECOMMENDATION FROM STAFF THAT THIS BODY ADOPT A
18 MEETING SCHEDULE, MEETING FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 10:00
19 A.M. TO DO NOON UNLESS NOTIFIED OTHERWISE BY THE CLERK.
20 BACKGROUND THIS MAY FEEL LIKE A SIMPLE PROCEDURAL ACTION BUT
21 IT'S IMPORTANT IN STANDING UP THIS COUNCIL AS A FUNCTIONING
22 ADVISORY BODY. THIS IS A BIT OF DRESS REHEARSAL FOR
23 SUBSTANTIAL DECISIONS YOU WILL BE MAKING AS YOU WEIGH IN ON
24 REGIONAL POLICY AND INVESTMENT. FIRST FRIDAY EACH MONTH THIS
25 DATE IS ARBITRARY IT'S THE ONE THAT CONSISTENTLY ALIGNS WITH



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1 THE AVAILABILITY OF THE BAY AREA METRO CENTER BOARDROOM, THIS
2 ROOM WE'RE IN WHICH WILL BE YOUR PRIMARY MEETING SPACE IT'S
3 SET TO SUPPORT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HYBRID ACCESS MEETING
4 FIRST FRIDAY ALSO GIVES YOUR BEST POSSIBLE CHANCE TO INFLUENCE
5 BOTH GOVERNING BODIES YOU REPORT TO ABAG AND MTC, AND BUILDS
6 TIME FOR YOUR ROAMS TO BE INCORPORATED INTO STAFF REPORTS AND
7 MEMOS AND BRIEFINGS BEFORE DECISIONS ARE MADE TIMING SUPPORTS
8 PURPOSES OF THIS COUNCIL. YOUR SCHEDULE DETERMINES WHEN YOUR
9 VOICE ENTERS THE PROCESS AND MEETING FIRST FRIDAY POSITIONS TO
10 YOU INFLUENCE OUTCOMES RATHER THAN REACT TO THEM. WHILE YOUR
11 VOTE IS STRAIGHTFORWARD IT DEMONSTRATES THE REGULAR ACTION YOU
12 WILL BE TAKING AS AN ADVISORY BODY SETTING DIRECTION
13 CONFIRMING PROCESS AND HELPING US STAY ACCOUNTABLE TO
14 STRUCTURE HOW WE WORK TOGETHER. WITH THAT CONTEXT IN MIND
15 STAFF ASKS YOU TO APPROVE THE FIRST FRIDAY EACH MONTH AS YOUR
16 STANDING MEETING DATE WITH 10:00 A.M. START TIME HERE AT THE
17 BAY AREA METRO CENTER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTICED I WANT TO NOTE
18 THAT FOR TODAY'S MEETING STAFF IS CHAIRING SERVING AS CHAIR
19 WITH THAT IN MIND NOW YOU HAVE HEARD STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO
20 ADOPT FIRST FRIDAYS NEXT STEP IS TO SEE IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE
21 TO OFFER A MOTION TO ADVANCE THE PROPOSE CALENDAR SIGNAL.

22

23 **CHARLES LAVERY:** SO MOVED MOVED.

24

25 **KY-NAM MILLER:** QUICK BACKGROUND ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER VOTE



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1 SUGGEST IS ORDERLY AND FAIR VOTING BEGINS WITH A MEMBER OF THE
2 BODY MAKES MOTION AS MEMBER LAVERY JUST DID SIMPLY FORMAL WAY
3 OF SAYING THEY PROPOSE WE TAKE SPECIFIC ACTION. AFTER A MOTION
4 AND SECOND THE CHAIR AND VICE DISCUSSION THE BODIES MOVES TO
5 VOTE. WE HEARD MEMBER LAVERY MAKE THE MOTION IS THERE A SECOND
6 WHO HAVEN'T VOTED BEFORE WHO WOULD LIKE TO GIVE IT A SPIN?
7 MEMBER SHEPHARD?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** I'LL SECOND IT.

10

11 **KY-NAM MILLER:** I'LL ASK THE CLERK TO TAKE A VOTE ON THE
12 MOTION.

13

14 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ON THIS ITEM NO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED
15 NO MEMBERS IN THE PUBLIC BOARDROOM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT NONE IN
16 THE ATTENDEE SPACE. MOTION BY LAVERY SECOND BY SHEPHARD.
17 ARVELO? WE'RE NOW CONDUCTING THE ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE MOTION.

18

19 **VICTORINA AREVELO:** YES.

20

21 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** PADMA BALAJI?

22

23 **PADMA BALAJI:** YES.

24

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



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2 **DIANA BENITEZ:** YES.

3

4 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** CHANG IN.

5

6 **AMANDA CHANG:** AYE.

7

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

9

10 **WARREN CUSHMAN:** YES.

11

12 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** DUONG?

13

14 **BRYANT DUONG:** AYE.

15

16 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** HANKERSON?

17

18 **DWAYNE HANKERSON:** AYE.

19

20 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** KALLINS? IS ABSENT. LAVERY?

21

22 **CHARLES LAVERY:** AYE.

23

24 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MADRID? IS ABSENT. MILES?

25



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1 **R. SHAY MILES:** AYE.

2

3 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** LEWIS MIRANTE? KAREN NEMSICK?

4

5 **KAREN NEMSICK:** AYE.

6

7 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SAATHODD-HARSHFIELD?

8

9 **PETER SAATHODD-HARSHFIELD:** AYE.

10

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

12

13 **MARLENE SALAZAR:** AYE.

14

15 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SONJA SHEPHARD?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** AYE.

18

19 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** TRACHTENBERG?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** AYE.

22

23 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** WONG?

24

25 **HOWARD WONG:** AYE.



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2 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ORANTES? IS.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** AYE.

5

6 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS
7 PRESENT.

8

9 **KY-NAM MILLER:** THANK YOU FRED WITH THAT ITEM NUMBER SIX ABOUT
10 COUNCIL ELECTION PROCEDURES A BIT MORE INVOLVED BUT HOPEFULLY
11 STATE FORWARD THIS IS AN ACTION ITEM. SO I'M GOING TO DO A
12 BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE COUPLE'S LEADERSHIP ELECTION PROCESS,
13 WHICH YOU WILL NEED TO ADOPT TODAY SO THAT YOU'RE FIRST
14 LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE NEXT MEETING ON
15 APRIL 3RD. A CHAIR IS REQUIRED TO PRESIDE OVER COUNCIL
16 MEETINGS UNDER STANDARD RULES OF ORDER AND THE RESOLUTION THAT
17 STASHED THIS COUNCIL SETS OUT A BIENNIAL CYCLE FOR ELECTING
18 BOTH CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR. THE OVERALL COUNCIL TERM IS FOUR
19 YEARS LEADERSHIP CYCLES DIVIDED INTO TWO SUBTERMS WHICH WILL
20 END DECEMBER 31ST, 2027 AND DECEMBER 31ST, 2029. TO ENSURE
21 TRANSPARENCY, FAIRNESS, AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE BROWN ACT
22 STAFF IS RECOMMENDING A CLEAR SET OF PROCEDURES TO GUIDE ALL
23 ELECTIONS THROUGH END OF 2029. UNDER THE PROPOSED PROCESS THE
24 NOMINATION PERIOD FOR THE CURRENT LEADERSHIP TERM OPENS TODAY
25 AND WILL STAY OPEN UNTIL THE APRIL 30TH VOTE. FOR THE SECOND



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1 SUBTERM THE NOMINATIONS PERIOD WILL OPEN AT THE DECEMBER 2027
2 COUNCIL MEETING AND REMAIN OPEN UNTIL THE JANUARY 2028
3 MEETING, WHEN THAT VOTE INCURS. ANY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL MAY
4 NOMINATE THEMSELVES OR ANOTHER MEMBER FOR CHAIR, VICE CHAIR,
5 OR BOTH POSITIONS. CANDIDATES MAY ALSO CHOOSE TO SUBMIT A
6 WRITTEN CANDIDATE STATEMENT BUT BECAUSE OF BROWN ACT POSTING
7 REQUIREMENTS THOSE STATEMENTS MUST BE PROVIDED TO STAFF AT
8 LEAST TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE MEETING WHERE THEY WILL BE
9 DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING THE VOTE TAKES PLACE EACH CANDIDATE
10 WILL HAVE UP TO TWO MINUTES TO TAKE AND MAKE ORAL STATEMENTS
11 BEFORE VOTING BEGINS VOTING WILL OCCUR BY ROLL CALL EACH
12 MEMBERS WILL NEED TO STATE THEIR VOTE OR ABSTENTION CLEARLY A
13 CANDIDATE MUST RECEIVE MAJORITY OF THE VOTES. IF MORE THAN TWO
14 CANDIDATES ARE RUNNING AND NO ONE REACHES THE REQUIRED
15 MAJORITY THE COUNCIL WILL MOVE INTO ADDITIONAL ROUNDS OF
16 VOTING. HOW PROCEEDS FIT WITHIN ROBERT OWE RULES OF ORDER THIS
17 IS THE STANDARD TRANSPARENT STRUCTURE USED BY MOST ADVISORY
18 LEGISLATIVE BODIES NOMINATIONS IDENTIFY WHO IS ELIGIBLE EACH
19 CANDIDATE HAS OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THEIR CASE VOTING PROCEDURES
20 STRUCTURED ROUNDS IF NEEDED AND ONCE MAJORITY IS REACHED CHAIR
21 ANNOUNCES OUTCOME ONE FINAL STEP AFTER CANDIDATE WINS UNDER
22 PROPOSE RULES WINNER IS DETERMINED COUNCIL WILL RATIFY RESULT
23 THROUGH MOTION. FOR EXAMPLE, IF MY COLLEAGUE REBECCA LONG WAS
24 THE WINNER WE WOULD SAY UNDER AGREED UPON RULES REBECCA LONG
25 HAS BEEN ELECTED CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL SERVING THROUGH DECEMBER



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1 31ST, 2027 THIS RATIFICATION STEP ENSURES FINAL ACTION FULLY
2 REFLECTED IN PUBLIC RECORDS. STAFF IS RECOMMENDING THIS
3 COUNCIL ADOPT THESE LEADERSHIP ELECTION PROCEDURES SO THEY'RE
4 IN PLACE FOR YOUR APRIL 3RD LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS FOR
5 SUBSEQUENT CYCLES ENDING 2029 I WOULD LIKE TO ASK AT THIS TIME
6 WHETHER YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO ADOPT A PROPOSED
7 LEADERSHIP ELECTION PROCESS ONCE WE HAVE MOTION LOOKING FOR A
8 SECOND OF COURSE. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS WE COULD ANSWER THAT
9 AHEAD OF THE MOTION. ANY DISCUSSION?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** I HAVE A QUESTION WHAT ARE THE DUTIES OF CHAIR AND
12 VICE PRESIDENT I KNOW SOME COMMITTEES MEET WITH STAFF PLAN
13 THEIR AGENDA WHAT ARE THE DUTIES?

14

15 **KY-NAM MILLER:** YOU NAMED THE BIG ONES WHICH IS BETWEEN THE
16 MONTHLY MEETINGS LEADERSHIP AND CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR DO MEET
17 WITH STAFF TO LOOK AHEAD TO TRIAGE DECISIONS ABOUT WHAT ITEMS
18 TO SORT. THE CHAIR DOES HAVE REPORTING DUTY TO MAKE A REPORT
19 AT LEAST WRITTEN BUT THEY HAVE THE OPTION OF DOING IT ORALLY
20 IN-PERSON IN THIS ROOM TO THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD AND TO THE
21 MTC COMMISSION THAT'S A MONTHLY REPORTING DUTY AS WELL IT'S
22 CERTAINLY MORE INVOLVED THEN YOU WOULD FUNCTIONS AS THE
23 FACILITATOR AND MODERATOR FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS IMPORTANT IS
24 MAKING SURE MEETINGS MOVE ALONG AT A GOOD PACE AND BALANCING
25 GETTING EVERYBODY'S VOICE HEARD WITHOUT DRAGGING OUT THE



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1 MEETINGS TOO LONG.

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3 **SPEAKER:** DID YOU SAY THAT DID INCLUDE SETTING THE AGENDA DOES
4 STAFF SET THE AGENDA OR DOES THE CHAIR.

5

6 **KY-NAM MILLER:** IT'S COLLABORATIVE EFFORT THE WORK PLAN IS THE
7 MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THAT RATIFIED BY THIS BODY IN COMING
8 MONTHS THAT SETS PARAMETERS FOR WHAT ITEMS COME BEFORE THIS
9 BODY.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** OKAY THANK YOU.

12

13 **KY-NAM MILLER:** AMANDA? TAKING A QUESTION FROM YOU? NO? OKAY.
14 SO ANY MOTION THEN AND OR WHERE ARE WE AT?

15

16 **SPEAKER:** SO MOVED.

17

18 **KY-NAM MILLER:** SECOND ANYONE? I SEE A MOTION BY MS. CHANG AND
19 A SECOND BY MR. CUSHMAN AND I THINK WE WILL PROCEED WITH ROLL
20 CALL VOTE.

21

22 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ON THIS ITEM NO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED
23 NO MEMBERS IN THE BOARDROOM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND NONE IN THE
24 ATTENDEE SPACE. ON THE MOTION BY CHANG, SECOND BY CUSHMAN.
25 VICTORINA ARVELO?



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2 **VICTORINA AREVELO:** YES.

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

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6 **PADMA BALAJI:** YES.

7

8 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** BALDINI? ABSENT. BENITEZ?

9

10 **DIANA BENITEZ:** AYE. CANTRELL? ABSENT. CHANG?

11

12 **AMANDA CHANG:** YES.

13

14 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** CUSHMAN? DESMANGLES? DUONG?

15

16 **BRYANT DUONG:** AYE.

17

18 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** GERASIMENKO?

19

20 **JULIA GERASIMENKO:** AYE. HANKERSON?

21

22 **DWAYNE HANKERSON:** AYE.

23

24 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** KALLINS? ABSENT. LAVERY?

25



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1 **CHARLES LAVERY:** AYE.

2

3 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MADRID? IS ABSENT. SHAY MILES?

4

5 **R. SHAY MILES:** AYE.

6

7 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** LOUIS MIRANTE? IS ABSENT. I'M SORRY. KAREN

8 NEMSICK? SAATHODD-HARSHFIELD?

9

10 **PETER SAATHODD-HARSHFIELD:** AYE.

11

12 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SALAZAR?

13

14 **MARLENE SALAZAR:** AYE.

15

16 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SAUNDERS?

17

18 **JOSHUA SAUNDERS:** YES.

19

20 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SONJA SHEPHARD?

21

22 **SONJA SHEPHARD:** AYE.

23

24 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** TRACHTENBERG?

25



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1 **GAETANO TRACHTENBERG:** AYE.

2

3 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** LIEU? IS ABSENT.

4

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

6

7 **JANELLE WONG:** AYE.

8

9 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ORANTES?

10

11 **GABRIELA YAMILET ORANTES:** AYE.

12

13 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS
14 PRESENT.

15

16 **KY-NAM MILLER:** THANK YOU, FRED. AS A REMINDER, IF YOU ARE SO
17 MOVED SAY IT OUT LOUD HERE OR E-MAIL FRED AND I IN BETWEEN OR
18 SAY IT AT THE NEXT MEETING IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RUNNING
19 FOR POSITIONS. AND I'LL WRITE BACK WITH MORE DETAIL FLESHING
20 OUT QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DUTIES OF THE CHAIR SO YOU CAN
21 CONSIDER BOTH POSITIONS. SO, WITH THAT, MOVING TO AGENDA ITEM
22 SEVEN PUBLIC COMMENT WOULD THE CLERK INFORM US OF PUBLIC
23 COMMENT SUBMITTED FOR THIS ITEM OR WHETHER THERE WERE MEMBERS
24 OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO GIVE PUBLIC COMMENT?

25



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1 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ON THIS ITEM, THERE IS NO WRITTEN COMMENTS
2 RECEIVED FOR THIS ITEM, AND THERE NO MEMBERS IN THE BOARDROOM
3 OR ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. NONE IN THE ATTENDEE
4 SPACE. THANK YOU.

5

6 **KY-NAM MILLER:** MOVING ON TO AGENDA ITEM NUMBER EIGHT
7 ADJOURNMENT. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE MTC ABAG
8 COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL WILL TAKE PLACE IN THIS ROOM HERE,
9 APRIL 3RD, 2026. THIS MEETING OF THE MTC ABAG COMMUNITY
10 ADVISORY BOARD IS ADJOURNED. CONGRATULATIONS ON ADJOURNING
11 YOUR FIRST MEETING ON TIME. [ADJOURN]