Association of Bay Area Governments

Housing Methodology Committee

August 13, 2020   **Agenda Item 5.a.**

RHNA Methodology Concepts

Subject: Refining RHNA Methodology Concepts

Background: The Housing Methodology Committee's (HMC) objective is to
                         recommend to the Executive Board an allocation methodology for
                         dividing up the Bay Area's Regional Housing Need Determination
                         among the region's jurisdictions. This Regional Housing Needs
                         Allocation (RHNA) methodology is a formula that calculates the
                         number of housing units assigned to each city and county, and the
                         formula also distributes each jurisdiction's housing unit allocation
                         among four affordability levels.

                         At the July HMC meeting, the committee considered the role that
                         the Plan Bay Area 2050 Blueprint could play in the RHNA
                         methodology; the committee also continued discussions about
                         potential methodology approaches for allocating units by income
                         category. The August HMC meeting will continue the discussion on
                         the baseline approach and the income allocation, with the cross-
                         cutting lens of achieving consistency with Plan Bay Area 2050. The
                         meeting will focus on some of the key decisions the HMC will need
                         to make to finalize the recommended structure of the RHNA
                         methodology:

                         - Which ***baseline*** should the methodology use?
                         - Should we ***incorporate Plan Bay Area 2050*** in the
                           methodology, and if so, how?
                         - What ***income allocation approach*** should the
                           methodology use?

Issues: None

Recommended Action: Information

Attachment: A. RHNA Methodology Concepts

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