



METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Meeting Transcript



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1 **JOINT BAHFA OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND ABAG HOUSING COMMITTEE**

2 **THURSDAY, JUNE 8TH, 2023, 1:00 PM**

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5 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** BEFORE WE BEGIN, THERE ARE FEW

6 HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS. JUST ABOVE THE CONTROL ROOM YOU WILL SEE

7 AN ON AIR SIGN. WHEN THE SIGN IS ILLUMINATED, WE ARE IN

8 SESSION. THE ON AIR SIGN WILL DON'T NEED TO DO THAT FOR

9 MEMBERS AT THE DAIS, WHENEVER YOUR MICROPHONE IS NOT IN USE,

10 PLEASE BE SURE TO TURN YOUR MICROPHONE OFF AS WELL AS YOUR

11 OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES. FOR MEMBERS PARTICIPATING FROM

12 TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS, THE ZOOM WEBINAR IS NOW LIVE. THIS

13 MEETING IS BEING WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEBSITE. MEMBERS

14 PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK, SHOULD USE THE RAISED

15 HAND FEATURE OR DIAL STAR NINE AND YOU WILL BE CALLED TO

16 SPEAK. DURING PUBLIC COMMENT, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

17 PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USE TO RAISED

18 HAND FEATURE OR DIAL *9. TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE

19 CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THE PHONE NUMBER. IN

20 PERSON MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD FORM A LINE BEHIND THE

21 PODIUM AND WE'LL CALL ON PUBLIC MEMBERS TO SPEAK BECAUSE THERE

22 IS A TELECONFERENCE LOCATION, THE ROLL CALL FORUM AND FOR

23 VOTING ON MOTIONS WILL BE TAKEN. AND WE'RE STILL WAITING FOR

24 NAPA

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1 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** NAPA DID SAY THEY'RE ON.
2 THEY'RE UNDER THE NAPA COUNTY ADMIN BUILDING.

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4 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** WE CAN BEGIN.

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6 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, THANK
7 YOU, ALL. TO THOSE THAT ARE IN-PERSON AND THOSE ATTENDING
8 VIRTUALLY. I APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S EFFORT. WE ARE GOING TO BE
9 CHANGING THIS MEETING TO A NORMAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAYS. JUST
10 TO REMIND EVERYONE I KNOW WE GO TO GREAT LENGTH TO BE PRESENT
11 WHETHER IN-PERSON OR REMOTELY BUT MAKING SURE WE ARE ON TIME
12 AS MUCH AS WE CAN FOR STAFF AND THE PUBLIC. I'M GOING TO CALL
13 TO ORDER THE ABAG HOUSING COMMITTEE AND BAHFA OVERSIGHT
14 COMMITTEE. IF WE COULD PLEASE DO THE ROLL CALL FOR BAHFA
15 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

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17 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THIS IS THE BAHFA OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ROLL
18 CALL FOR QUORUM. ABE-KOGA?

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20 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** HERE.

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22 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** CHAVEZ?

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24 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** HERE.

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1 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** FLEMING IS ABSENT. GLOVER?

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3 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** HERE JOSEFOWITZ IS ABSENT. MILEY? WE'LL
4 GIVE HIM A MOMENT TO -- THERE HE IS. WE'LL COME BACK TO HIM.
5 COUNCIL MEMBER PAPAN?

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7 **SPEAKER:** SHE'S NOT IN THE ROOM.

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9 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR ALFREDO?

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11 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** HERE.

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

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15 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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17 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THAO IS ABSENT. WE HAVE QUORUM.

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19 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** ABAG ROLL CALL.

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

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23 **JESSE ARREGUIN:** PRESENT MILLBRAE STREET, BERKELEY CALIFORNIA.

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25 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** COUNCIL MEMBER BASS IS ABSENT. EKLUND?



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2 **PAT ECKLUND:** PRESENT AT THE NOVATO CITY OFFICES.

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

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6 **SPEAKER:** PRESENT OAKLAND CITY HALL PLAZA.

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

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10 **V. CHAIR, NEYSA FLIGOR, ABAG HC:** HERE.

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

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14 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** SHE'S IN THE BUILDING AND
15 MOMENTARILY GOING TO BE PRESENT.

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

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19 **CARLOS ROMERO:** PRESENT.

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21 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR TIEDEMANN?

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23 **AARON TIEDEMANN:** PRESENT.

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1 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR RONEN? IS ABSENT. QUORUM IS
2 PRESENT.

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4 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** TURNING OVER TO THE ABAG
5 COMMITTEE CHAIR ROMERO, SO HE CAN DO THE COMPENSATION
6 ANNOUNCEMENT.

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8 **CHAIR, CARLOS ROMERO, ABAG HC:** WILL THE CLERK PLEASE GIVE THE
9 HOUSING COMMITTEE COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT?

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11 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ACCORDING TO STATE LAW I AM MAKING THE
12 FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT, THE MEMBERS OF THE ABAG BOARD IN
13 ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING ARE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE PER DIEM AN
14 AMOUNT OF \$150 AS A RESULT OF CONVENING A MEETING FOR WHICH
15 EACH MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO COLLECT PER DIEM. THANK YOU. THANK
16 YOU.

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18 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** ALL RIGHT I'M GOING TO
19 CALL -- WILL THE CLERK PLEASE GIVE THE BAHFA OVERSIGHT
20 COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT?

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22 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** YES, SIR. AS AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW I AM
23 MAKING THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT. EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD
24 HERE TODAY WILL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE \$100 PER MEETING
25 ATTENDED UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$500 PER MONTH PER AGENCY. THIS



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1 AMOUNT IS A PROVIDED AS A RESULT OF CONVENING A MEETING FOR
2 WHICH EACH MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO COLLECT SUCH AMOUNT. THANK
3 YOU.

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5 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** THANK YOU. MOVING TO
6 PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM ONLY. IS THERE
7 ANYONE IN THE BOARD CHAMBERS THAT WISHES TO PROVIDE PUBLIC
8 COMMENT?

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

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15 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED TO
16 COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS. MEMBERS ANY REPORT-OUTS?
17 ANNOUNCEMENTS? I DO NOT SEE ANYONE IN THE BOARDROOM. ANYONE
18 VIRTUALLY.

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20 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEES WITH HANDS
21 RAISED FOR COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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23 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** PROCEEDING TO ITEM FOUR
24 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT. AS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE CHAIR I DO NOT



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1 HAVE A REPORT I'LL ASK IF THE ABAG HOUSING COMMITTEE CHAIR HAS
2 A REPORT.

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4 **CHAIR, CARLOS ROMERO, ABAG HC:** I DO NOT.

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6 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** ITEM FIVE ON OUR AGENDA
7 THE ABAG HOUSING COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR.

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9 **CHAIR, CARLOS ROMERO, ABAG HC:** FORGIVE ME. YES, THERE ARE TWO
10 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR. SHALL WE TAKE THEM -- WELL, I'M
11 GOING TO LOOK TO COUNSEL. SHOULD WE TAKE THEM ONE AT A TIME
12 SINCE ONE IS AN APPOINTMENT OR WE CAN JUST DO THEM BOTH?

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14 **SPEAKER:** WE CAN TAKE THEM BOTH.

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16 **CHAIR, CARLOS ROMERO, ABAG HC:** THIS IS AN ACTION ITEM BY THE
17 ABAG HOUSING COMMITTEE, UNLESS ABAG HOUSING COMMITTEE MEMBERS
18 HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, WE CAN CERTAINLY -- I CAN ACCEPT A MOTION
19 AND THEN WE'LL SEE IF THERE IS ANY PUBLIC COMMENT.

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21 **SPEAKER:** SO MOVED.

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23 **SPEAKER:** SECONDED.

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1 **CHAIR, CARLOS ROMERO, ABAG HC:** OKAY. WE HAVE A MOTION AND A
2 SECOND. WITH THAT, MR. CASTRO, IS THERE ANYONE FROM THE PUBLIC
3 THAT WOULD LIKE TO --

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5 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
6 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
7 ON THIS ITEM. AND AT THE TO THE LOCATIONS, I SEE NO ONE FOR
8 PUBLIC COMMENT. THANK YOU.

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10 **CHAIR, CARLOS ROMERO, ABAG HC:** LET ME GO BACK TO OUR HOUSING
11 COMMITTEE. ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON THIS ITEM THAT IS NOW
12 ON THE TABLE FOR A VOTE? HEARING NONE. LET'S DO ROLL CALL
13 PLEASE.

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15 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ROLL CALL FOR THE HOUSING CONSENT
16 CALENDAR. MOTION BY FLIGOR SECOND BY TIEDEMANN. MAYOR
17 ARREGUIN?

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19 **JESSE ARREGUIN:** YES.

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21 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** BAS IS ABSENT. EKLUND?

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23 **PAT ECKLUND:** AYE.

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25 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** COUNCIL MEMBER FIFE?



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2 **CARROLL FIFE:** AYE.

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4 **CHAIR, CARLOS ROMERO, ABAG HC:** FLIGOR?

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6 **V. CHAIR, NEYSA FLIGOR, ABAG HC:** YES.

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8 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** RABBITT IS ABSENT. ROMERO?

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10 **CHAIR, CARLOS ROMERO, ABAG HC:** YES.

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

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14 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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16 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THAO IS ABSENT. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY
17 BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

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19 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** PROCEEDING TO THE CONSENT
20 CALENDAR.

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22 **V. CHAIR, NEYSA FLIGOR, ABAG HC:** CHAIR, I WAS MOTIONING
23 BECAUSE I DEFINITELY WANTED TO PUT IT ON THE PUBLIC RECORD MY
24 CONGRATULATIONS TO DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ WHO WAS JUST APPOINTED.
25 IT'S AN EXCELLENT ADDITION TO THE COMMITTEE SHE CURRENTLY IS



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1 THE DIRECTOR FOR THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY OFFICE OF SUPPORTING
2 HOUSING. I HAVE WORKED WITH HER DIRECTLY, AND IT'S REALLY A
3 GREAT ADDITION, AND I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THE PUBLIC RECORD
4 REFLECTED THAT. THANK YOU.

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6 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND
7 WE'RE GOING TO REFLECT THAT AGAIN BY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE DOING
8 THE SAME THING. SO WE HAVE TWO ITEMS ON OUR CONSENT CALENDAR
9 FOR BAHFA OVERSIGHT APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND APPOINTMENT OF
10 HERNANDEZ. ALONG WITH -- ACTUALLY I TAKE THAT BACK. WE HAVE
11 THREE ITEMS ON OUR CONSENT CALENDAR. AT THIS POINT MEMBERS ANY
12 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR? SEEING NONE.
13 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WISH TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT ON
14 THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

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16 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH
17 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED
18 ON THIS ITEM. AND CHECKING AT THE TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS I
19 SEE NO PUBLIC MEMBERS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

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21 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** BACK TO OVERSIGHT.

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23 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** MOTION TO APPROVE.

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1 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** FIRST BY -- I'M HEARING
2 TOO MANY VOICES AT ONE TIME. I'M EASILY CONFUSED TO BE CLEAR.
3 BUT I DON'T KNOW WHO WENT FIRST?

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5 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** I'LL TAKE SECOND.

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7 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** WHO WAS FIRST? LET'S
8 START THERE.

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10 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** FIRST.

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12 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ FIRST
13 AND ABE-KOGA SECOND. FIRST AND SECOND. ROLL CALL VOTE PLEASE.

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15 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ON THE MOTION BY CHAVEZ, SECOND BY ABE-
16 KOGA. COUNCIL MEMBER ABE-KOGA?

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18 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** AYE.

19

20 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR CHAVEZ?

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22 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** YES.

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24 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** FLEMING IS ABSENT. GLOVER?

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1 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** AYE.

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3 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** DIRECTOR JOSEFOWITZ IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR
4 MILEY? IS ABSENT. COUNCIL MEMBER PAPAN?

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6 **GINA PAPAN:** YES.

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8 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR PEDROZA?

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10 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** YES.

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12 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR RONEN?

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14 **HILLARY RONEN:** YES.

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16 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR THAO IS ABSENT. MOTION PASSES
17 UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

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19 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** COMMITTEE MEMBERS
20 PROCEEDING TO ITEM SEVEN BAHFA RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
21 ACTION ITEM ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF 5 MILLION IN
22 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION COMMISSION EXCHANGE
23 FUNDS AND THE CREATION OF THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. I AM
24 EXCITED TO HEAR THIS I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO MISS HARTLEY
25 WHO IS GOING TO KICKOFF THE PRESENTATION.



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2 **KATE HARTLEY:** THANK YOU CHAIR PEDROZA AND I WOULD LIKE TO
3 TRANSFER THAT HONOR TO MY COLLEAGUE IRENE FARNSWORTH WHO
4 PRESENT ON THIS ITEM TODAY.

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6 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. IF I COULD HAVE THE PRESENTATION. MY NAME
7 IS IRENE FARNSWORTH, THE ANTI-DISPLACEMENT PROGRAM COORDINATOR
8 WITH BAHFA PLEASED TO BE HERE TODAY FOR A RENTAL ASSISTANCE
9 PILOT PROGRAM NEXT SLIDE. TO START OFF I'LL SHARE INFORMATION
10 FOR THE NEED FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS AND
11 STABILIZE HOUSING FOR LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS IN THE BAY AREA.
12 I'M GOING TO BE READING SLIDES FOR ACCESSIBILITY PURPOSES. SO
13 TO THE TITLE OF THIS SLIDE IS RENTAL ASSISTANCE TO PREVENT
14 HOMELESSNESS. AND THE NEED FOR HOMELESS PREVENTION, CURRENTLY
15 ACCORDING TO THE LAST PIT COUNT, 36,800 BAY AREA RESIDENTS
16 WERE UNHOUSED IN 2022. APPROXIMATELY 575 PEOPLE ARE CONSIDERED
17 AT-RISK OF HOMELESSNESS. THIS IS OF CONCERN FACING OLDER
18 ADULTS. THEY ARE THE FASTEST GROWING HOMELESS POPULATION. THIS
19 ALSO IS A PARTICULAR CONCERN FACING OLDER ADULTS, SENIORS ARE
20 THE FASTEST GROWING POPULATION WITH THE AGE GROUP WITH 108
21 INCREASE IN CALIFORNIA BETWEEN 2017 AND 2020 COMPARED TO 61%
22 OF THE GENERAL POPULATION BLACK OLDER RENTERS IN CALIFORNIA
23 ARE MOST LIKELY TO BE COST BURDEN WHICH MEANS PAYING MORE THAN
24 30% OF THEIR INCOME AND COST PERSON, MORE THAN 50% THESE ARE
25 CONSIDERED IMPORTANT CRITERIA THAT COULD CAUSE RISK OF



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1 HOMELESSNESS. CURRENTLY THERE ARE HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION
2 PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE RENTAL ASSISTANCE AMONG OTHER SERVICES
3 UNDERWAY IN MANY CITIES MORE THAN IS ON THE SLIDES, SAN JOSE,
4 SAN FRANCISCO AND SOAKED I AM AWARE OF OTHER CITIES AROUND THE
5 BAY DOING THIS WORK NOW AND RECENTLY THROUGH THE CALIFORNIA
6 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WE SAW THE IMPORTANCE OF
7 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS AND
8 DISPLACEMENT DURING THE PANDEMIC. FINALLY THIS IS A SLIGHTLY
9 DIFFERENT TYPE OF PROGRAM BUT THERE ARE DOZENS OF GUARANTEED
10 INCOME PILOTS THAT ARE OPERATING CURRENTLY IN NEARLY EVERY BAY
11 AREA COUNTY NATION-WIDE THAT SHOWS THE DIFFERENCE IT CAN MAKE
12 TO HAVE A LITTLE EXTRA CASH TO HELP STABILIZE YOUR HOUSEHOLD
13 WHETHER WITH RENT OR FOOD OR OTHER BASIC NEEDS. NEXT SLIDE
14 PLEASE. RESOURCES AND LEGISLATIVE MANDATES IS THE TITLE OF
15 THIS SLIDE. SO BAHFA HAS RECEIVED \$5 MILLION IN MTC EXCHANGE
16 FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING THIS RENTAL ASSISTANCE
17 PILOT. WE ANTICIPATE DIRECTING ADDITIONAL FUNDS AS THEY BECOME
18 AVAILABLE TO EXPAND AND CONTINUE THE PILOT BUT RIGHT NOW WE'RE
19 JUST TALKING ABOUT THAT 5 MILLION TO BE CLEAR. AND WHILE THIS
20 FUNDING IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE A.B. 1487 MANDATE, I DO WANT TO
21 JUST REMIND US THAT THE TENANT PROTECTIONS ARE A CRITICAL PART
22 OF WHY BAHFA WAS A CREATED AND TO ADVANCE, AND WE'RE AN
23 IMPORTANT PART OF THE INITIAL CASA COMPACT I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT
24 HOW 1487 DOES INCLUDE RENTAL ASSISTANCE AS AN ESSENTIAL MEANS
25 OF FULFILLING THE TENANT PROTECTION OBLIGATION AND THE



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1 CRITERIA THAT IS SET OUT IN THAT LEGISLATION SO THAT BAHFA CAN
2 FUND 48 MONTHS OF RENTAL ASSISTANCE PER HOUSEHOLD WITH OPTION
3 TO CONTINUALLY RENEW ASSISTANCE FOR LOW-INCOME SENIORS. SO
4 THAT MEANS IF THERE WERE FUNDS ELIGIBLE FOR 1487 MANDATE THAT
5 WOULD BE THE CRITERIA. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. ALL RIGHT. SO, FIRST
6 I WANT TO PREFACE THIS SLIDE. BY SAYING THAT BAHFA PLANS TO
7 CONTRACT WITH A HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND A SERVICE PROVIDER THAT
8 HAS DEMONSTRATED SUCCESS IN THIS AREA. WE ARE NOT PLANNING TO
9 CREATE THIS ALONE. THESE ARE OUR PILOT PROGRAM GOALS BUT WE
10 ANTICIPATE WORKING CLOSELY WITH A SERVICE PROVIDER TO HONE
11 THESE GOALS AND MAKE SURE THAT OUR PILOT IS GOING TO
12 ACCOMPLISH WHAT WE'RE HOPING TO. THE SO OUR GOALS ARE TO
13 PREVENT INCIDENCES OF HOMELESSNESS AND PROVIDE LONG-TERM
14 HOUSING STABILITY FOR LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS AND FOCUS ON
15 SENIORS PRIORITIZE EFFICIENCY TO REDUCE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN
16 AND REDUCE BARRIERS FOR PARTICIPANTS LEARN FROM EXISTING PILOT
17 PROGRAMS AND CREATE FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE BAHFA PROGRAMS. WE
18 ALSO WANT TO -- YOU KNOW THIS IS A PILOT PROGRAM SO WE HOPE TO
19 LEARN FROM THIS WORK. THERE IS TO OUR KNOWLEDGE FEW PILOTS
20 THAT FOCUS ON SENIORS WE'RE LOOKING TO LEARN ABOUT THE SENIOR
21 POPULATION ALSO HOPING TO LEARN WHAT THE PILOT CAN DO THIS
22 PILOT IS GOING TO SERVE PEOPLE FOR LONGER THAN THE CURRENT
23 PILOTS WE SEE IN THE REGION WE'RE DEALING WITH SCARCE
24 RESOURCES IT MAKES SENSE TO HAVE SHORTER PILOTS IN SOME CASES
25 BUT WE HOPE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR LONGER THAN THE TYPICAL 12



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1 TO 24 MONTHS THAT WE SEE IN THE REGION. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. AS
2 I MENTIONED, BAHFA WILL -- THE PILOT OVERVIEW PROGRAM
3 ADMINISTRATION, BAHFA WILL CONTRACT WITH AN EXPERIENCED
4 SERVICE PROVIDER TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM THROUGH AN OPEN
5 PROCUREMENT. WE WILL LAUNCH THE PROGRAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
6 WITH A FUNDING COMMITMENT EXTENDING THROUGH AT LEAST JUNE
7 2026, AND BAHFA WILL PURSUE ALL AVAILABLE FUNDS WITH THE GOAL
8 OF CONTINUING THE PROGRAM. IN TERMS OF GEOGRAPHIC REACH, FROM
9 OUR RESEARCH WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THESE FUNDS, WHILE
10 FANTASTIC WE HAVE AVAILABLE, WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REACH EVERY
11 COMMUNITY SO WE DO HOPE TO WE'LL HAVE A PREFERENCE FOR
12 PROVIDERS OPERATING IN MORE THAN ONE COUNTY BUT OUR CRITERIA
13 FOR OUR SERVICE PROVIDER WILL BE THAT THEY OPERATE WITHIN THE
14 BAY AREA REGION. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. FOR DRAFT PROGRAM
15 ELEMENTS, THE ENROLLMENT, WE WILL BE REQUIRING OUR SERVICE
16 PROVIDER TO HELP CREATE AN EQUITY FOCUSED OUTREACH AND
17 ENROLLMENT PROCESS INCLUDING THE VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY.
18 THIS COULD MEAN A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT THINGS, BUT NOT LIMITED
19 TO MAKING SURE THERE IS REALLY ROBUST LANGUAGE ACCESS AND
20 OUTREACH, MAKING SURE THAT THE OUTREACH PROCESS IS ALSO NOT
21 ONLY DECIDE FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF POPULATIONS, BUT IT'S
22 DESIGNED FOR SENIORS, THERE ARE DIFFERENT TYPES OF MEDIA
23 THEY'RE GOING TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THAN OTHERS, MAYBE DOING AN
24 E-MAIL BLAST ISN'T GOING TO WORK SO MAKING SURE THE WAY KEY DO
25 ENROLLMENT IS TAILORED TO THE POPULATION AND CULTURALLY



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1 APPROPRIATE. FOR PROGRAM INTERVENTION PART OF THE PROGRAM
2 WE'LL PROVIDE A MONTHLY HOUSING SUBSIDY OF \$500 TO \$800 FOR UP
3 TO 48 MONTHS WITH OPTION OF EXTENSION IF ELIGIBLE AND
4 CONNECTIONS TO SUPPORT SERVICES, THIS IS VOLUNTARY NOT A
5 REQUIREMENT OF ENTERING THE PROGRAM FOR EACH PARTICIPANT.
6 LASTLY EVALUATION, WE ENVISION THIS TO BE A SMALLER IN-HOUSE
7 EVALUATION COMPARED TO RANDOMIZED CONTROL TYPE PILOTS, WE WANT
8 TO FOCUS FOUNDERING ON THE PROGRAM ITSELF SO THIS WOULD BE
9 JUST IN GENERAL WORKING TO MAKE SURE WE'RE EVALUATING THE
10 PROGRAM IMPACT, MAKING TWEAKS AS NEEDED MAKE SURE WE'RE
11 MEETING OUR PROGRAM GOALS. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. AND THEN THE
12 DRAFT SERVICE PROVIDER SELECTION CRITERIA THAT WE HOPE TO
13 INCLUDE IN OUR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS. THE MINIMUM EXPERIENCE
14 WE ARE PLANNING TO REQUIRE IS EXPERIENCE DESIGNING
15 ADMINISTERING AT LEAST ONE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM,
16 ADMINISTERING DIRECT SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS WITHIN THE MEAN
17 IF COUNTY REGION WITH A PREFERENCE FOR EXPERIENCE OF HOMELESS
18 SERVICES AND HOMELESS PREVENTION SERVICES AND A PRESENCE IN
19 MULTIPLE COUNTIES. SERVING OLDER ADULTS DIVERSE HARD TO REACH
20 POPULATIONS AND TINY HIGH NEED POPULATIONS CAN CULTURAL
21 COMPETENCE AND STRONG WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL
22 GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND PROVIDERS IN THE REGION. NEXT SLIDE.
23 SEVERAL ADDITIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER PREFERENCES THIS WILL NOT
24 BE A REQUIREMENT FOR APPLYING FOR FUNDS BUT BAHFA WILL BE
25 GIVING PREFERENCE AND ASKING FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICE



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1 PROVIDERS WHO CAN CONTRIBUTE FUNDS IN SERVICES OR BLEND THESE
2 PROGRAM FUNDS WITHIN EXISTING OR NEW RENTAL ASSISTANCE PILOT
3 TO MEANINGFULLY EXPAND THE PROGRAM I HAVE A FEW EXAMPLES SO
4 PEOPLE CAN GET A SENSE OF WHAT THAT MIGHT LOOK LIKE. WE
5 UNDERSTAND WHEN BIDDING ON A CONTRACT IT CAN BE HARD TO KNOW
6 WHAT FUNDS ONE HAS AVAILABLE THIS IS NOT A REQUIREMENT BUT
7 SOMETHING WE ASK ABOUT FOR INFORMATION IN OUR RFP. NEXT SLIDE
8 PLEASE. THAT IS OUR OVERVIEW FOR TODAY. HAPPY TO TAKE
9 QUESTIONS OR ANSWER ANY OTHER -- OR GIVE ANY OTHER
10 INFORMATION. THANK YOU.

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12 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
13 YOUR PRESENTATION. YOU KNOW, I WAS MENTIONING TO SOMEONE. WE
14 JUST HAD A SIMILAR PRESENTATION IN NAPA TALKING ABOUT SENIOR
15 HOUSING SO THIS IS VERY APPROPRIATE. THAT LEADS ME TO
16 QUESTION, 5 MILLION IS A LOT. BUT 5 MILLION IS NOT A LOT. AND
17 JUST BECAUSE I'M IN SAN FRANCISCO NOW, I KNOW THERE IS MORE
18 THAN \$5 MILLION OF NEED IN SAN FRANCISCO. BUT BECAUSE I'M
19 GOING TO GO BACK TO NAPA I'M ALSO GOING TO THINK ABOUT SENIORS
20 IN NAPA THAT NEED HELP. IN THIS MODEL HOW DO WE PROVIDE EQUITY
21 IN TERMS OF TRYING TO SPREAD THE FUNDING AROUND WHERE WE HAVE
22 PARTICIPATION FROM SMALLER RURAL COUNTIES, AS WELL, JUST AS
23 BIG URBAN COUNTIES?

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1 **IRENE FARNSWORTH:** THROUGH THE CHAIR THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION.
2 THE WAY WE'RE PLANNING TO STRUCTURE THIS PROPOSAL WE WOULD
3 ACCEPT PROPOSALS FROM SERVICE PROVIDERS OPERATING IN BOTH
4 RURAL OR URBAN AREAS. AND I THINK YOUR QUESTION GETS AT, YOU
5 KNOW, THIS MONEY WOULD POTENTIALLY HELP MORE PEOPLE OR FEWER
6 PEOPLE, DEPENDING ON WHERE WE'RE GOING, AND I DON'T THINK THAT
7 WE CAN SAY IT'S FAIR TO ONE PLACE OR ANOTHER. [LAUGHTER] BUT I
8 THINK THAT'S ONE OF THE RELATIONSHIPS WHY WE HAVE A SLIDING --
9 WE HAVEN'T DETERMINED THE FINAL AMOUNT THAT PEOPLE WOULD
10 RECEIVE BECAUSE \$500 COULD GO A LOT FURTHER IN NAPA FOR
11 EXAMPLE, THAN SAN FRANCISCO

12

13 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** I APPRECIATE THAT. AND
14 LOOK, IF NO ONE APPLIES FOR NAPA FAIR GAME AND I DON'T WANT TO
15 STAND IN THE WAY OF OTHER COUNTIES WHO ARE APPLYING OR
16 OPERATORS IN OTHER COUNTIES SO I BELIEVE WE NEED TO MAKE SURE
17 THAT WHOEVER SUBMITS GETS OPPORTUNITY TO GO. BUT I ASK FOR
18 CONSIDERATION AS WE SEE FOLKS APPLYING LOOKING AT EQUITY
19 GEOGRAPHICALLY WE'RE HELPING AS MANY FOLKS AS WE CAN VERSUS
20 CONCENTRATION IN ONE COMMUNITY. THOSE ARE MY COMMENTS. THIS IS
21 THE TYPE OF STUFF WE GOT TO KEEP PUSHING FORWARD. I APPRECIATE
22 IT. COMMISSIONER RONEN?

23

24 **HILLARY RONEN:** THANK YOU. I JUST WANT WANTED TO MENTION A
25 PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE IN SAN FRANCISCO THAT MIGHT DOVE TAIL



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1 WITH SOMETHING LIKE THIS, INTERESTINGLY. IT'S CALLED THE SOS
2 SUBSIDY PROGRAM. SO, WHAT -- MANY SENIORS ARE INELIGIBLE FOR
3 OUR LATEST INCOME AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN SAN FRANCISCO BECAUSE
4 THE AREA AMI IS SO HIGH THAT THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY OR SSI
5 DOESN'T QUALIFY THEM. AND, SO -- AND THIS IS PARTICULARLY FOR
6 SENIORS. SO SAN FRANCISCO HAS A LOCAL PROGRAM WHERE WE FURTHER
7 SUBSIDIZE THE AFFORDABLE AND, YOU KNOW, IN QUOTES "HOUSING FOR
8 SENIORS" IN ORDER TO MAKE THEM ELIGIBLE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING
9 THAT'S HOW GRIM THINGS ARE IN SAN FRANCISCO THAT WE HAVE TO
10 SUBSIDIZE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR SENIORS TO AFFORD TO LIVE IN
11 IT. SO, YOU KNOW -- IT MIGHT GO FURTHER IN OTHER COUNTIES -- I
12 PROBABLY SHOULDN'T SAY THAT -- BUT THAT IS THE TRUTH. BUT, WE
13 ALSO JUST HAVE SUCH A GREAT NEED IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR, TRULY,
14 AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR SENIORS. SO SOME, SORT OF, OVERLAP OF
15 PROGRAMS OR PORTION OF THE MONEY WITH A PROGRAM LIKE THAT TO
16 INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE SENIORS WOULD BE GREAT.

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18 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONER.
19 CHAIR ROMERO?

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21 **CHAIR, CARLOS ROMERO, ABAG HC:** A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. SO YOU
22 WERE LOOKING FOR ONE PROVIDER THAT WOULD, IN THE MINE CAN'T
23 BAY AREA WILL DOING THIS FOR THE NINE COUNTIES? OR IS IT JUST
24 ONE PROVIDER IN ONE COUNTY, THEY'RE THE WINNERS?



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1 **IRENE FARNSWORTH:** YES, TO CLARIFY, WE WOULD BE STRUCTURING
2 THIS TO BE ONE PROVIDER, HOWEVER THE DRAFT LANGUAGE I'M
3 LOOKING AT, FOR EXAMPLE, A SIMILAR STATE PROGRAM THAT IS
4 PROVIDING ASSISTANCE FOR GUARANTEED INCOME ALLOWS THERE TO BE
5 A GROUP OF ENTITIES SUCH AS LOCAL JURISDICTIONS SO THAT THE
6 DEPARTMENT AND SERVICE PROVIDER TOGETHER WE HAVEN'T FINALIZED
7 THAT BUT TO CLARIFY THIS WOULD BE OPERATING IN 1 TO 2
8 JURISDICTIONS AT ONE TIME. I DON'T ANTICIPATE THERE BEING
9 SUFFICIENT -- FROM FOLKS WE HAVE TALKED TO, THIS COULD SERVE
10 ABOUT 100 TO 150 PEOPLE SO THAT WOULD BE A LOT TO SPREAD
11 THINNER ACROSS MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS. I HOPE THAT HELPS.

12

13 **CHAIR, CARLOS ROMERO, ABAG HC:** I GUESS. RIGHT, IT LOOKS LIKE
14 IF YOU TESTED THIS PROGRAM FOR A YEAR AND YOU GET THE LOWEST
15 AMOUNT OF MONEY WHICH IS 500 IN MY HEAD YOU GET 830 PEOPLE YOU
16 CAN SERVE IN A YEAR AND YOU WOULD EXHAUST THE MONEY THIS IS A
17 MULTI-YEAR PROGRAM.

18

19 **IRENE FARNSWORTH:** WE ARE HOPING TO OFFER ASSISTANCE FOR UP TO
20 48 MONTHS IT COULD BE LESS IF PEOPLE NO LONGER NEED FUNDING.

21

22 **CHAIR, CARLOS ROMERO, ABAG HC:** COULD BE 200. I'M SORRY CHAIR,
23 JUST A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. THE MATCHING COMPONENT THERE WOULD
24 BE POINTS OFFERED IN THE RFP FOR THE NON-PROFIT PROVIDER OR
25 THE COLLABORATION OF PROVIDERS, COMING TOGETHER AND PROVIDING



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1 ADDITIONAL MASK FUNDS? IS THAT CORRECT? ARE YOU LOOKING AT
2 THAT?

3

4 **IRENE FARNSWORTH:** WE'RE LOOKING AT A DESCRIPTIVE PORTION OF
5 THE RFP WHERE YOU COULD WRITE IN INFORMATION ABOUT ADDITIONAL
6 SOURCES FOR EXAMPLE, YOU COULD HAVE CASE MANAGEMENT EFFORT OR
7 SOMETHING LIKE THAT AS AN ENDLESS SERVICE.

8

9 **CHAIR, CARLOS ROMERO, ABAG HC:** IS THERE ANY COMPENSATION
10 WHATSOEVER OF TRYING TO FIND CENTRALIZED PROVIDER THAT MIGHT
11 ABLE TO DO THIS? I KNOW THAT NOT A LOT OF MONEY BUT I KNOW
12 THEY'RE ARE GOING TO BE COUNTIES THAT MAY NOT BE ABLE TO
13 APPLY.

14

15 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** ARE WE TALKING ONE
16 OPERATOR FOR THE WHOLE REGION.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** I'M NOT AWARE OF SUCH AN OPERATOR EXISTS.

19

20 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** IF THEY WERE TO EXIST
21 THEY COULD APPLY BUT DECISION WORK WITH THE OPERATORS.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** ONE SERVICE PROVIDER HOWEVER IF TWO WANT TO BAND
24 TOGETHER AND SUBMIT A FANTASTIC PROPOSAL I WOULD CONSIDER IT,
25 TO CLARIFY THE VISION IS ONE SERVICE PROVIDER THAT OPERATES



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1 AND ONE OF THE NINE COUNTIES COULD APPLY FOR THE FUNDS IF THEY
2 OPERATE IN MORE THAN ONE COUNTY THAT'S GREAT BUT WE'RE LOOKING
3 AT LIKELY ONE SERVICE PROVIDER PROVIDING SERVICE USING THESE
4 FUNDS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN MAYBE 1, 2 COUNTIES.

5

6 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** WHEN YOU SAY SERVICE
7 PROVIDER, WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** I MEAN, LIKELY AN AGENCY, LIKELY A NON-PROFIT AGENCY
10 THAT PROVIDES -- THAT CURRENTLY -- ONE OF THE CRITERIA'S THAT
11 I MENTIONED IS THAT THE SERVICE PROVIDER HAS PROVIDED RENTAL
12 ASSISTANCE IN THE PAST SO THEY HAVE THE MECHANISMS IN PLACE TO
13 PROVIDE MONTHLY PAYMENTS. THIS IS A SPECIALIZED AREA THAT NOT
14 A LOT OF ORGANIZATIONS HAVE. SO, BEING ABLE TO DO THAT BANKING
15 SIDE OF THINGS, AND THEN I USE THE TERM SERVICE PROVIDER
16 BECAUSE WE ALSO ENVISION THERE BEING AVAILABLE SERVICES TO GO
17 ALONG WITH THIS ASSISTANCE.

18

19 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** I GUESS MY STRUGGLE IS,
20 THERE IS INFRASTRUCTURE AND MANY MUNICIPALITIES, COMMUNITY
21 FOUNDATIONS THAT DID IT DURING THE PANDEMIC, WHY WOULD WE NOT
22 WANT TO GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY SO IF THE FOUNDATION IN NAPA
23 BIDS AND THE FOUNDATION IN SAN FRANCISCO BIDS THEN MARIN AND
24 SONOMA IT SEEMS YOU'RE STRETCHING IT MORE AND WILL POTENTIALLY
25 REACH MORE PEOPLE, DIE LOSING THE 5 MILLION BUT IS THERE



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1 VALUE, IN THE REGION WE CAN COME BACK AS POLICY MAKERS AND OUR
2 500,000 -- WITH THE WAITING LIST OF 1,000 YOU KNOW -- ARE WE
3 MISSING AN OPPORTUNITY.

4

5 **KATE HARTLEY:** OUR GOAL IS TO REACH AS MANY PEOPLE IN, OUR GOAL
6 OF 100 A MONTH OR 200 A MONTH IS PROBABLY NOT GOING TO PREVENT
7 A SENIOR FROM BECOMING HOMELESS, AND SO WHY WE'RE THINKING 500
8 TO 800 A MONTH IS STILL QUITE SHALLOW, THE FACT THAT MANY
9 SENIORS HAVE SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME AT 800 A MONTH, MIGHT HAVE
10 1,000 A MONTH RENT PAYMENT IF THEY'RE LUCKING SO WE HAVE A
11 SMALL AMOUNT OF FUNDS 5 MILLION IS MORE THAN MANY OF THE
12 PROGRAMS THAT ARE OUT THERE SO WE FELT FORTUNATE THAT WE CAN
13 EXTEND IT AND REALLY PREVENT HOMELESSNESS BUT OUR GOAL
14 REGIONALLY IS TO BE ABLE TO OVER TIME THROUGH OUR LENDING AND
15 OTHER FUND RACING INCREASE THIS POOL OF FUNDS IT'S ABSOLUTELY
16 NECESSARY AND IT'S VITAL TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS ESPECIALLY
17 FOR SENIORS THIS IS JUST A START AND WE WANT TO BE IN EVERY
18 COUNTY BUT WE KNOW WE HAVE TO WORK WITHIN THE CONSTRAINTS OF
19 THE ONE TIME SOURCE OF FUNDS RIGHT NOW BUT WE'RE GOING TO
20 WELCOME EVERY SINGLE APPLICATION THE FARTHER ARE WE CAN MAKE
21 THE MONEY GO THE MORE PEOPLE WE CAN REACH, THE BETTER.

22

23 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHAOC:** I DON'T WANT TO GET IN
24 THE WAY OF PROGRESS BUT I HOPE WE ALLOW CONSORTIUMS TO BID SO
25 IF IT'S A FOUNDATION IN NAPA, SONOMA-MARIN, SANTA CLARA, THEY



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1 BID AND THEY'RE JUST AS COMPETITIVE AS ONE BIGGER SERVICE
2 PROVIDER. SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE NOT EXCLUDEING
3 ANYONE FROM APPLYING. SOUNDS LIKE WE'RE NOT. PERFECT.
4 COMMISSIONER PAPAN?

5

6 **GINA PAPAN:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR ALL THIS GREAT WORK.
7 THIS IS EXCITING, BUT AS YOU CAN UNDERSTAND, WE ALL HAVE
8 JURISDICTIONS THAT ARE IN SUCH DIRE NEED FOR THIS. SO, LET ME
9 BACK UP FOR A SECOND. HOW DO WE DETERMINE WHO IS AT RISK AS
10 FAR AS SENIORS GO? BECAUSE MOST PEOPLE, UNTIL THEY'RE
11 EXTREMELY JUST THERE, IS -- HOW ARE YOU DETERMINING THIS?

12

13 **IRENE FARNSWORTH:** THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION. PRIORITIZATION IS
14 ONE OF THE BIGGEST THINGS THAT THESE PROGRAMS GRAPPLE WITH.
15 BECAUSE AS YOU'RE ALL SAYING THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE IN NEED
16 OF THIS ASSISTANCE WE ANTICIPATE OUR RFP HAVING A BROAD LOW-
17 INCOME PEOPLE MUST BE LOW-INCOME MUST DEMONSTRATE A NEED FOR
18 THE ASSISTANCE, AND WITH A PREFERENCE FOR BEING SENIORS.
19 HOWEVER, FROM DOING RESEARCH TO CREATE THIS PROPOSAL, I TALKED
20 TO NUMEROUS PROGRAMS, INCLUDING SEVERAL THAT SERVE SENIORS
21 SPECIFICALLY, FOR EXAMPLE, ONE IN SAN DIEGO WAS SAYING THAT IT
22 CAN BE VERY CHALLENGING WITH THE SENIOR POPULATION TO USE THE
23 SAME CRITERIA WE USE FOR THE GENERAL POPULATION AROUND RISK OF
24 HOMELESSNESS BECAUSE THEY MAY BE VASTLY PREFERENCING SPENDING
25 THEIR MONEY ON HOUSING, COMPARED TO THE WORKING POPULATION.



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1 SO, FOR EXAMPLE, SPENDING 90% OF THEIR -- 100% OF THEIR INCOME
2 ON THEIR HOUSING. SO, HAVING REALLY SPECIFIC CRITERIA AROUND
3 THEIR FINANCES IS SOMETHING THAT I GOT FEEDBACK THAT IT'S
4 BETTER TO START MORE GENERAL IN THAT AREA. HOWEVER, AGAIN, I
5 WOULD BE LOOKING TO THE CONSORTIUM, THE INDIVIDUAL PROVIDER,
6 WHOEVER WE CONTRACT WITH, TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE IN THAT AREA.
7 AND I THINK TO YOUR POINT, THE MAIN CRITERIA THAT I HAVE SEEN
8 IN RESEARCH FOR PREDICTING HOMELESSNESS IS A PREVIOUS
9 INCIDENCE OF HOMELESSNESS. THIS IS, UNFORTUNATELY, ONE OF THE
10 MOST CONSISTENT PREDICTORS OF HOMELESSNESS. AND GIVEN THE
11 SENIOR POPULATION, A LOT OF PEOPLE BECOME HOMELESS FOR THE
12 FIRST TIME. THEY HAVEN'T BEEN HOMELESS SINCE THEY WERE 25,
13 THEY HAVE BECOME HOMELESS FOR THE FIRST TIME AS AN OLDER
14 PERSON AND I'M NOT SURE THAT'S SOMETHING WE WANT A STAKE IN
15 THE GROUND RIGHT NOW. NOT TO SAY WE WOULDN'T PUT IN PLACE AT A
16 LATER DATE BUT RIGHT NOW I THINK YOU WANT TO STICK TO A
17 SLIGHTLY BROADER DEFINITION.

18

19 **GINA PAPAN:** YOU CLEARLY IDENTIFIED HEALTH ISSUES AND WE KNOW
20 FOR A FACT THAT CAN SEND PEOPLE INTO HOMELESSNESS VERY
21 QUICKLY, I'M NOT SURE IF THERE IS AN INDICATOR ARE PEOPLE
22 FOLLOWING THIS TYPE OF THING BUT WOULD IT BE A GOOD PREVENTION
23 ASPECT TO IT HERE I MEAN I'M PROBABLY IN THE JURISDICTION WITH
24 THE LARGEST INCOME GAP LITERALLY PEOPLE ARE LIVING THIS YEAR
25 ALONE UNDER 15,000 I'M NOT SURE HOW THEY ARE, BUT THEY ARE. WE



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1 DON'T WANT TO SEE THIS JUST GET CENTERED IN ONE AREA. BECAUSE
2 EASILY ALL OF OUR AREAS ARE TUMBLING DOWN FURTHER AND FURTHER,
3 AND WE ALL HAVE DISPARATE NEED FOR THIS. SO, I KNOW YOU GUYS
4 ARE INTERESTED IN RESULTS. SO ARE WE, AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN GET
5 MUCH MORE FUNDING OUT THE DOOR HERE. BUT YEAH WE REALLY WANT
6 TO SEE THAT IT'S JUST NOT FAVORED IN ONE AREA, THAT IT'S -- IT
7 GETS SPREAD AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, AND HOPEFULLY WE GET LOTS MORE
8 MONEY TO ENSURE THIS HAPPENS. AND WE'RE EAGER TO SEE HOW IT
9 WORKS, TOO. SO, THAT WILL BE GOOD. THANK YOU. I'M EXCITED, BUT
10 WISH I WAS MORE EXCITED. [LAUGHTER] THANKS.

11

12 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** COMMISSIONER RONEN?

13

14 **HILLARY RONEN:** THANK YOU. SORRY TO TALK AGAIN. I JUST WANTED
15 TO SAY THAT I REALLY APPRECIATE THE CRITERIA THAT YOU HAVE
16 COME UP WITH. I THINK IT'S SO LITTLE MONEY THAT IT ACTUALLY
17 DOES PROBABLY MAKE SENSE TO GO WITH ONE. OR, YOU KNOW, ONE OR
18 TWO PROVIDERS. AND I THINK IT'S A GREAT PILOT PROJECT, AS
19 BAHFA'S ESTABLISHING ITSELF AND LEARNING HOW TO OPERATES IF A
20 REGIONAL CONTEXT. BECAUSE IN SAN FRANCISCO, ALONE, WE HAVE
21 MANY LOCAL PROGRAMS AND WE GO THROUGH, SIMILAR TO THIS, ALL
22 LOCAL AGENCIES. SO, AND EVERY ONE HAS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT
23 CRITERIA, I BELIEVE, BASED ON THE POPULATION THAT THEY WORK
24 WITH. SO YOU LEARN A LOT ABOUT WHAT THAT PARTICULAR POPULATION
25 LOOKS LIKE, AND HOW THEY'RE VULNERABLE TO HOMELESSNESS. AND,



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1 SO, ONE -- YOU KNOW, PROBABLY OUR BIGGEST PROVIDER OF
2 ASSISTANCE OF THIS TYPE OF ASSISTANCE IS THE EVICTION DEFENSE
3 COLLABORATIVE AND SO WHAT THEY HAVE DONE IS THEY HAVE
4 CONNECTED THEIR EVICTION DEFENSE ATTORNEY WORK WITH THIS
5 HOUSING SUBSIDY PREVENTION WORK. SO, IF SOMEONE IS GETTING
6 EVICTED FOR FAILURE TO PAY RENT, THEY SEE IF THEY'RE ELIGIBLE
7 FOR THIS PROGRAM AND THEY COMBINE IT TOGETHER AND PREVENT THIS
8 PERSON FROM BECOMING HOMELESS THAT'S A PARTICULAR MOD OLE
9 BECAUSE THEY HAVE LAWYERS IN-HOUSE DOING EVICTION DEFENSE THAT
10 HE WORKED QUITE WELL, OTHER THAN CENTRAL LEGAL DE LA RAZA THAT
11 DOES HAVE LAWYERS IN-HOUSE ISN'T DOING EVICTION DEFENSE BUT
12 IT'S WORKING WITH A VERY LOW-INCOME POPULATION IT LOOKS A
13 LITTLE DIFFERENT WITH LITTLE MONEY THEN YOU DON'T HAVE THE
14 SAME KIND OF LEARNING THAT YOU WOULD HAVE AS A PILOT, AND SEE
15 SUCCESS AS YOU WOULD, AND I MEAN MY JURISDICTION WOULD KILL ME
16 FOR SAYING THIS, BUT I THINK IT MAKES SENSE THIS WILL PROBABLY
17 BE THE FIRST AND LAST TIME YOU HEAR ME SAY THIS IT'S PROBABLY
18 GOING TO A SMALLER AREA THAT DOESN'T HAVE SUCH A ROBUST LOCAL
19 PROGRAM I'M GOING TO GET KILLED FOR THIS, BUT BECAUSE YOU HAVE
20 TO -- YOU KNOW, WE HAVE TO SPREAD THIS OPPORTUNITY OUT, AND WE
21 NEED ALL OF OUR REGIONS TO BE LEARNING THIS REALLY, REALLY
22 SUCCESSFUL TECHNIQUE IN PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS. AND, YOU
23 KNOW, MANY JURISDICTIONS HAVE NOTHING. AND SAN FRANCISCO HAS
24 QUITE A ROBUST PROGRAM. WE HAVE MANY PEOPLE, MANY MORE PEOPLE
25 THAN WE CAN SERVE. SO, I HATE SAYING THIS, BUT, AGAIN, THIS IS



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1 -- IT'S A PILOT POT OF MONEY. AND SO YOU WANT TO LEARN
2 SOMETHING NEW FROM IT. AND, SO, DON'T TELL ANYONE THAT I SAID
3 THAT, BUT -- I JUST WANT TO THROW THAT OUT THERE.

4

5 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** COMMISSIONER ABE-KOGA?

6

7 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** THANK YOU, CHAIR. I WOULD AGREE WITH
8 EXACTLY THAT, IT'S A PILOT PROGRAM. I ACTUALLY THINK \$5
9 MILLION IS A GOOD AMOUNT OF FUNDING. WE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW DID
10 RENTAL HOUSING -- RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RENT RELIEF DURING
11 COVID AND IT WAS 5 TO \$6 MILLION AND I HAVE TO LOOK BUT I
12 THINK WE HELPED ABOUT 2000 FAMILIES. SO THAT WAS A SUBSTANTIVE
13 AMOUNT OF PEOPLE WE HELPED. AND I GUESS I WAS LOOKING AT THE
14 POSSIBILITY OF MATCHING, AND I WAS THINKING CROSS
15 JURISDICTION, THERE IS AGENCY THAT DOES SERVE SAN MATEO AND
16 SANTA CLARA COUNTIES AND THEY'RE REALLY EMBARKING ON THE
17 GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME INITIATIVE. I'M WONDERING IF THERE IS
18 SOME WAY TO PARTNER WITH THAT. I FIND -- I'M REALLY EXCITED
19 ABOUT THIS. I THINK THERE ARE SOME OPPORTUNITIES OUT THERE,
20 AND AS MENTIONED, COMMISSIONER RONEN, I THINK WE JUST NEED TO
21 DO MORE OF THESE TO SHOW PEOPLE THAT THEY CAN WORK AND THEN TO
22 LEARN FROM THESE PROGRAMS. BECAUSE, FRANKLY, I HAVE BEEN
23 ADVOCATING FOR RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR MANY YEARS, AND
24 FOLKS HAVE BEEN VERY SKEPTICAL, AND IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE
25 PANDEMIC THAT WE DID IT AND IT SHOWED SUCCESS, AND I BELIEVE



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1 WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO DO THESE PILOTS AND SHOW THE BENEFIT OF
2 THEM. THANK YOU.

3

4 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** THANK YOU COMMISSIONER.
5 MEMBER TIEDEMANN?

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7 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. FIRST I WANT TO AGREE WITH THE PREVIOUS
8 MEMBERS, AND SPEAKING FROM MY EXPERIENCE, IF YOU -- THERE IS A
9 LOT OF ECONOMIES OF SCALE GOING ON HERE AND IF YOU BREAK IT
10 DOWN FURTHER THAN 5 MILLION AS SAID THIS IS A COMPLICATED
11 THING TO ADMINISTER, AND IT MAY START TO BECOME DIFFICULT TO
12 ADMINISTER IT WHILE ALSO HAVE A MEANINGFUL IMPACT WHERE IT IS.
13 SO, YOU KNOW, AS A PILOT PROGRAM IT MAY MAKE SENSE TO DO IT IN
14 ONE PLACE, IT'S INCUMBENT ON US TO FIGURE OUT MORE FUNDING FOR
15 IT AT SOME POINT DOWN THE LINE. I HAVE TWO QUESTIONS IN A
16 SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT TACK, BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE A PROVIDER
17 WHICH IS TOTALLY FINE, SAYS HAS THE DECISION BEEN MADE ON HOW
18 FUNDING IS GOING TO PEOPLE IF IT'S GOING TO THEM OR A LANDLORD
19 DIRECTLY.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** THAT DECISION HAS NOT BEEN MADE BUT AS YOU MENTIONED
22 PILOTS ARE CURRENTLY DOING BOTH.

23



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1 **SPEAKER:** AND THEN SECONDLY YOU MENTIONED THE CORE GOAL TO
2 REDUCE ADMIN BURDEN FOR APPLICANTS HAS THERE BEEN THOUGHT
3 ABOUT HOW THAT'S GOING TO BE ACCOMPLISHED.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** THAT WOULD ALSO BE SOMETHING I WOULD FINALIZE
6 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SERVICE PROVIDER BUT I HAVE HEARD
7 MULTIPLE EXAMPLES FROM OTHER PILOTS JUST HAVING RELATIVELY
8 SIMPLE FORMS HAVING THINGS IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES BRINGING
9 PAPER TO PEOPLE'S HOUSES MEETING PEOPLE WHERE THEY'RE AT AND
10 IF HE DIDN'T HAVE THE PERFECT DOCUMENTATION IN PLACE FIGURE
11 OUT ANOTHER WAY.

12

13 **AARON TIEDEMANN:** WE HAVE DONE A PROGRAM IN ALBANY AND I HAVE
14 LOOKED AT SOCIAL SAFETY NET PROGRAMS AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE
15 BURDEN FOR APPLICANTS IS REALLY HARD TO OVERSTATE HOW BIG OF
16 AN ISSUE THAT CAN BE FOR PEOPLE WHO MOST NEED THIS SO I WANT
17 TO MAKE SURE WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO MAKE SURE THAT
18 DOESN'T MAKE PEOPLE NOT APPLY AND IT SEEMS ESPECIALLY IN THIS
19 CASE, IN ALAMEDA COUNTY THERE IS A WHOLE LIST OF PEOPLE WHO
20 HAVE COMPLETED AN APPLICATION TO GET RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND NOT
21 GOTTEN IT, IF YOU HAVE SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION AND PROVEN
22 EVERYTHING FOR ANOTHER PROGRAM IF WE CAN TAKE THAT FULLY
23 FORMED AND SAY YOU QUALIFY, YOU HAVE ALREADY DONE THE WORK AS
24 MUCH AS POSSIBLE, AND SIMILARLY HOW WE'RE GETTING IT TO
25 PEOPLE, I WANT US TO BE CAREFUL IN ALBANY OF, THERE IS A



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1 DANGER SOMETIMES IF WE ARE GIVING MONEY TO FOLKS THAT IT WILL
2 DEQUALIFY THEM FOR OTHER MONEY THAT THEY'RE DEPENDENT ON,
3 WHICH MEANS THAT SOME OF THE PEOPLE THAT NEED IT MOST WON'T
4 APPLY FOR THIS. SO, YOU KNOW IF WE CAN GIVE IT DIRECTLY TO
5 LANDLORDS, THAT MAY HELP US AVOID THAT OR IF THERE IS OTHER
6 WAYS TO AVOID GOING OFF THAT CLIFF FOR PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

7

8 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.
9 GREAT COMMENTS. I DON'T SEE ANYONE ELSE IN THE BOARD CHAMBERS
10 DO WE HAVE ANYONE VIRTUALLY.

11

12 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** TWO MEMBERS, EKLUND AND GLOVER FOR
13 COMMENT.

14

15 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** ALL RIGHT. GO AHEAD.

16

17 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** COUNCIL MEMBER EKLUND?

18

19 **PAT ECKLUND:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO
20 REGISTER MY SUPPORT FOR CHAIR PEDROZA'S SUGGESTION TO TRY AND
21 REACH OUT TO ALL OF THE COUNTIES OR MOST OF THE COUNTIES.
22 MARIN COUNTY HAS THE HIGHEST POPULATION OF SENIORS OUT OF ALL
23 THE WHOLE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA. AND OUT OF THAT, WE PROBABLY
24 HAVE -- WE HAVE A LOT OF SENIORS THAT ARE ON THE VERGE OF
25 BEING EVICTED FROM THEIR APARTMENT OR EVEN STRUGGLING TO BE



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1 ABLE TO MAKE THEIR PAYMENTS. IN FACT, I AM -- I GET CALLS FROM
2 SENIORS ALMOST EVERY DAY SAYING THEY'RE ON THE VERGE OF IT.
3 FOR SOME REASON PEOPLE ASSOCIATE ME WITH SENIORS, I DON'T KNOW
4 WHY, PROBABLY BECAUSE I FIGHT FOR MOBILE HOME RENT CONTROL
5 ORDINANCES BUT I AGREE THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE EQUITY
6 AROUND THE REGION I LIKE THE SUGGESTION THAT CHAIR PEDROZA
7 MADE HAVING A CONSORTIUM OF PEOPLE TO MANAGE THIS, I THINK
8 WOULD HELP EXTEND THE USE OF THIS LIMITED AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT
9 WE HAVE, BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY THE RENT IN SAN FRANCISCO IS A LOT
10 MORE THAN IN THE OUTLYING AREAS OF THE BAY AREA. AND, SO, IF
11 YOU WERE ABLE TO HAVE GEOGRAPHIC EQUITY, THOSE IN THE OUTER
12 REGIONS OF THE COUNTY LIKE MARIN, SONOMA AND NAPA, THEN A
13 CONSORTIUM, OR ONE PROVIDER REPRESENTING THAT AREA, YOU
14 WOULDN'T NEED \$500 A MONTH. YOU KNOW? YOU COULD DO SOMETHING A
15 LITTLE BIT LESS BECAUSE OUR RENTS ARE NOT AS MUCH AS SAN
16 FRANCISCO. AND NOT KNOWING WHAT THE VERY VARIATION IS AMONGST
17 THE COUNTIES, I THINK THERE NEEDS TO BE A FINER LOOK ON HOW
18 YOUR PROPOSING TO ADMINISTER THIS. BECAUSE I THINK THE MONEY
19 WOULD GO A LITTLE BIT FURTHER IF WE HAD MORE GEOGRAPHIC
20 DISTRIBUTION. THE OTHER THING I WANTED TO COMMENT, I THINK I
21 MADE THIS COMMENT BEFORE, IS THAT A LOT OF SENIORS GO TO
22 MOBILE HOMES AND EITHER PURCHASE THEM WITH THE LIMITED AMOUNT
23 OF MONEY THIS THEY DO HAVE, OR SOMETIMES THEY ACTUALLY RENT
24 THEM AS WELL. AND I KNOW MORE FOLKS IN THE MOBILE HOMES THAT
25 ARE ON THE VERGE OF NOT BEING ABLE TO STAY THERE BECAUSE THEY



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1 CAN'T PAY THE RENT FOR THE PAD. AND, LIKE THE CITY OF NOVATO
2 OWNS A MOBILE HOME PARK, AND WE ARE INCREASING IT -- THE RENT
3 -- AND, BECAUSE WE PROMISED THE COMMUNITY THAT THAT WOULD BE
4 SELF-SUFFICIENT AND NOT BE DEPENDENT UPON THE CITY FUNDS, AND
5 THE PEOPLE CAN'T HANDLE IT. SO, I JUST GOT TWO CALLS THE OTHER
6 DAY SAYING WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO HANDLE THIS. AND I'M
7 GOING TO HAVE TO MOVE, AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO GO. THERE'S -
8 - YOU KNOW -- SO, I THINK THAT WE REALLY NEED TO LOOK AT THE
9 EQUITY THING. BUT LASTLY, ARE MOBILE HOMES -- PEOPLE WHO ARE
10 IN MOBILE HOMES, ARE THEY GOING TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN
11 THIS RENTAL HOME PROGRAM? BECAUSE, YEAH, THEY MAY OWN THE
12 MOBILE HOME, BUT YOU'RE RENTING THE PAD AND YOU NEED THE PAD
13 TO BE ABLE TO STAY THERE, AND IF THE RENT IS TOO HIGH, THEN
14 WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO MOVE YOUR MOBILE HOME? YOU CAN'T. IT'S
15 NOT A BUSINESS WHERE YOU MOVE YOUR MOBILE HOME. YOU HAVE TO
16 SELL IT. THEN WHERE DO YOU GO? AND SOMETIMES RENT IN AN
17 APARTMENT IS A LOT MORE THAN RENTING A PAD IN A MOBILE HOME
18 PARK. SO, HAVE YOU HAD A CHANCE TO LOOK AT THAT ISSUE WHETHER
19 OWNERS OF MOBILE HOMES WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS RENTAL
20 ASSISTANCE

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22 **IRENE FARNSWORTH:** THANK YOU FOR THAT POINT WE KNOW MOBILE HOME
23 RENTAL ASSISTANCE WOULD BE HELPFUL WE HAVE TAKEN A LOOK AT IT
24 AND PEOPLE WHO OWN THEIR MOBILE HOME BUT PAY RENT ON THEIR PAD
25 WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS SOURCE OF FUNDS.



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2 **PAT ECKLUND:** GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LOOKING AT THAT
3 AND MAKING IT AVAILABLE. JUST REALLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO RETHINK
4 ABOUT THIS ONE PROVIDER THING. BECAUSE, DOING IT IN JUST ONE
5 COUNTY OR A COUPLE OF COUNTIES I DON'T THINK IS FAIR AND THIS
6 IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT CONSORTIUM VERSUS ONE
7 PROVIDER WORKS BETTER OR MORE EFFICIENTLY, OR ACTUALLY REACHES
8 OUT TO MORE PEOPLE. ANYWAY, SUGGESTIONS FROM NORTH BAY.
9 [LAUGHTER] THANKS.

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11 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR GLOVER?

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13 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** THANK YOU. AND I THINK THAT CHAIR PEDROZA
14 SUMMED IT ALL UP IN HIS OPENING REMARKS, BUT I GUESS I JUST
15 NEEDED TO HEAR MY VOICE, AND SPEAKING TOWARDS THE GEOGRAPHIC
16 EQUITY PIECE OF THIS. BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S KEY AND
17 IMPORTANT. AND I, ALSO, JUST WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER RONEN
18 FOR HER COMMENTS AND BEING WILLING TO TAKE THE BULLET FOR
19 MAKING BOTH STATEMENTS THAT MAY NOT ALWAYS REFLECT THE WAY
20 THAT MEMBERS OF HER DISTRICT FEEL.

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22 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** I GUESS WE WOULD LIKE TO
23 HEAR COMMISSIONER GLOVER'S VOICE AND COMMISSIONER RONEN'S
24 VOICE TODAY. SO, WELL ESTABLISHED. THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER.

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1 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** CHAIR PEDROZA THERE ARE NO MORE COMMITTEE
2 MEMBERS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. AND NO WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE
3 RECEIVED FOR THIS ITEM. THE TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS I SEE NO
4 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR PUBLIC COMMENT BUT WE HAVE TWO IN
5 THE ATTENDEE ROOM AND I CAN CALL ON THEM FOR TWO MINUTES?

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7 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** YES, SIR.

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9 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** FIRST IS VEDA FLOREZ, GO AHEAD, PLEASE.
10 YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

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12 **VEDA FLOREZ:** THANK YOU FOR THE ROBUST CONVERSATION. I'M
13 WONDERING WHEN STRUCTURING YOUR OUTREACH PROGRAM IF IT WOULD
14 MAKE SENSE TO CONSIDER TALKING ABOUT TWO OUTREACH PROGRAMS,
15 ONE CAMPAIGN FOR PARTNER ORGANIZATION, OR PROVIDERS TO SPREAD
16 THE WORD TO GROUPS SUCH AS SALVATION ARMY OR CATHOLIC
17 SERVICES, CATHOLIC CHARITIES AND SECOND CAMPAIGN TO REACH OUT
18 TO THOSE WHO NEED HOUSING ASSISTANCE SUCH AS SENIORS IN OUR
19 COMMUNITY WHEN OUR SENIORS MANY SENIORS ARE NOT INTERNET SAVVY
20 AND YOU NEED MORE BOOTS ON THE GROUND CAMPAIGN TO REACH THOSE
21 PEOPLE OR THOSE GROUPS OF PEOPLE. AND I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO ASK
22 THE CHAIR FOR CLARIFICATION IS THIS PILOT PROGRAM \$5 MILLION
23 PER YEAR FOR THE NINE BAY AREA COUNTIES? OR IS THE TOTAL OF \$5
24 MILLION FOR THE ENTIRE MULTI-YEAR PROGRAM? AND IF SO, I WONDER
25 IF IT WOULD MAKE SENSE TO DIVIDE \$5 MILLION BY THE NINE BAY



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1 AREA COUNTIES AND JUST GIVE THE FUNDING DIRECTLY TO THE
2 ORGANIZATION, IF THAT WOULD MAKE SENSE? AND, FINALLY, IF THERE
3 IS ANY TIME LEFT, I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST A LIMIT IN THE
4 AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT A PARTNER ORGANIZATION CAN KEEP FOR IN-
5 HOUSE SERVICE WORK TO ENSURE THAT MORE MONEY GOES OUT TO OUR
6 SENIOR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND BY THE WAY, THIS IS
7 VEDA FLOREZ. I AM REPRESENTING SENIORS ON THE POLICY ADVISORY
8 COUNCIL IN MARIN COUNTY.

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10 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** THANK YOU VEDA. AND WE'RE
11 GOING TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AT THE END AFTER PUBLIC COMMENT.

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13 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** NEXT SPEAKER IS WARREN CUSHMAN GO AHEAD,
14 TWO MINUTES.

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16 **SPEAKER:** THIS IS WARREN CUSHMAN, AND I AM EMPLOYED AT
17 COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING. I WANT TO FIRST OF
18 ALL THANK THE BAHFA STAFF FOR MOVING THIS PROGRAM FORWARD. IT
19 IS A REALLY EXCITING AND, JUST A REALLY BIG OPPORTUNITY FOR
20 SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. THIS PROGRAM, I THINK,
21 WILL DO REAL GOOD FOR REAL FOLKS. AND YOU KNOW, I APPRECIATE
22 ALL THE IMPORTANT LENSES THAT HAVE BEEN TALKED ABOUT
23 GEOGRAPHIC EQUITY, BUT YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES IT'S IMPORTANT TO
24 REMIND OURSELVES OF THE NEED. THE NEED IS HUGE. IN EVERY
25 COUNTY IT IS HUGE. SO WHAT THIS PROGRAM DOES IS IT PROVIDES



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1 OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS, WITH OTHER
2 PARTNERS, WITH OTHER PLAYERS TO INCREASE THE NEED. IT
3 UNDERGIRDS THE EFFORTS THAT BAHFA HAS TO INCREASE THE NEED AS
4 WE MOVE FORWARD. THERE ARE REFERENCES TO THE FUTURE, AND THE
5 ABILITY TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE UPON THE NEED. SO I'M ALL IN
6 FAVOR OF THIS, AND I URGE THE MEMBERS OF BOTH BOARDS TO
7 SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

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9 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. AND THERE ARE NO OTHER MEMBERS
10 OF THE PUBLIC FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

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12 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** THERE IS A QUESTION, MISS
13 FARNSWORTH IF YOU CAN CLARIFY THAT?

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17 **>> IRENE FARNSWORTH:** QUESTION ABOUT 5 MILLION TOTAL OR 5
18 MILLION PER YEAR, IT'S 5 MILLION TOTAL.

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20 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** THANK YOU. CLARIFYING
21 QUESTION COMMISSIONER PAPAN?

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23 **GINA PAPAN:** YES. ARE WE GOING TO TRACK THE FACT THAT THIS
24 REALLY WORKS? SAY WE GET THE 130 PEOPLE, BUT WITH THE RISING
25 COSTS HERE, CAN WE REALLY PREVENT THEM FROM GOING INTO



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1 HOMELESSNESS? BECAUSE, I MEAN, I JUST -- COSTS ARE SO OUT OF
2 CONTROL.

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4 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** WE DO NEED MEASURABLES.

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6 **GINA PAPAN:** WE WANT TO MAKE SURE IT'S SUCCESSFUL. THANK YOU.

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8 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** THANK YOU TO ALL MEMBERS
9 THAT PARTICIPATED. REALLY APPRECIATE THE ROBUST DIALOGUE. WE
10 KNOW WHAT WE WANT TO DO. WE KNOW WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE, I
11 THINK WE'RE PROVIDING YOU SOME FLEXIBILITY. YOU HEARD CONCERNS
12 MAKING SURE WE DON'T WANT TO DILUTE THIS TO THE POINT IT
13 BECOMES INEFFECTIVE BUT YOU HEARD ABOUT GEOGRAPHIC EQUITY YOU
14 HAVE THE LATITUDE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE NOURISHING EVERYONE
15 TO APPLY MINDFUL OF THE DIRECTION YOU HEARD FROM US WANTING TO
16 HAVE SOME RESULTS IT'S A PILOT PROGRAM NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO
17 REACH EVERY CORNER OF THE REGION JUST BEING MINDFUL WHAT WE
18 HEARD.

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20 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** LOOKING FOR A MOTION.

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22 **GINA PAPAN:** MOVE APPROVAL.

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24 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** SECOND.

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1 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** MOTION AND SECOND. ROLL
2 CALL VOTE.

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4 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MOTION BY PAPAN AND SECOND BY ABE-KOGA.
5 COUNCIL MEMBER ABE-KOGA?

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7 **MARGARET ABE-KOGA:** AYE.

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

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11 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** YES.

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13 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** FLEMING IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR GLOVER?

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15 **FEDERAL D. GLOVER:** YES.

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17 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** JOSEFOWITZ? IS ABSENT. MILEY?

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19 **NATHAN MILEY:** YES. I APOLOGIZE FOR BEING LATE. I WAS AT A
20 SUPERVISORS MEETING.

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22 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** COUNCIL MEMBER PAPAN?

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24 **GINA PAPAN:** YES.

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1 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** PEDROZA.

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3 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** YES.

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

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7 **HILLARY RONEN:** YES.

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9 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THAO IS ABSENT. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY
10 BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

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12 **CHAIR, ALFREDO PEDROZA, MTC BAHFAOC:** ALL RIGHT GOOD DAY TODAY
13 FOLKS. WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO ITEM EIGHT. ADJOURNMENT. THE
14 NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THIS BAY AREA HOUSING FINANCE
15 AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE JOINT MEETING WITH THE ABAG
16 HOUSING COMMITTEE IS JULY 12TH, 2023. NOTE THAT IT IS NOW
17 MOVING TO WEDNESDAY TO FACILITATE OUR SCHEDULE. SO, I THANK
18 YOU TO ALL THOSE THAT MADE IT ON A THURSDAY, BUT WE'RE TRYING
19 TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR EVERYONE. AT THIS POINT THE MEETING IS
20 ADJOURNED. THANK YOU, STAFF. THANK YOU TO MEMBERS OF THE
21 PUBLIC. MEETING IS ADJOURNED. [ADJOURNED]

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