

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY
AREA GOVERNMENTS
Meeting Transcript**

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026, 5:00 PM

PRES., BELIA RAMOS: THANK YOU SO MUCH AND WE HOPE TO ADD MORE LET'S PROCEED WE'RE DEFINITELY GOING TO REORDER A LOT OF THINGS TO GET THROUGH OUR BUSINESS TODAY FIRST THIS MEETING IS WEBCAST ON THE ABAG WEB SITE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USE THE RAISED HAND FEATURE OR DIAL STAR NINE I WILL CALL UPON YOU TO SPEAK MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM WHO WOULD LIKE TO GIVEN PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM MAY USE THE RAISED HAND FEATURE OR DIAL STAR NINE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OR THE BOARDROOM SHOULD FORM A LINE NEAR THE PODIUM THE CLERK WILL CALL UPON TO YOU SPEAK ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE CONDUCTED FOR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS BECAUSE OF REMOTE TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION. I WOULD LIKE NOW TO CALL TO ORDER THIS MEETING OF THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR MARCH 19th 2026. PLEASE JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE] "I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL."

PRES., BELIA RAMOS: WOULD THE ABAG CLERK PLEASE CALL THE ROLL, CONFIRM QUORUM?

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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COUNCILMEMBER ADAMS?

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4 **SUSAN ADAMS:** HERE .

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6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR ARENAS? IS ABSENT.

7 COUNCILMEMBER CAMPOS? IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR CANEPA? IS ABSENT.

8 SUPERVISOR CARLSON?

9

10 **KEN CARLSON:** HERE .

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12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COUNCILMEMBER DOAN? IS ABSENT.

13 COUNCILMEMBER ECKLUND?

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15 **PAT ECKLUND:** PRESENT .

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COUNCILMEMBER FIFE?

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19 **CARROLL FIFE:** PRESENT .

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21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR FORTUNATO-BAS? IS ABSENT.

22 SUPERVISOR GAUTHIER? IS ABSENT. MAYOR HANNON?

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24 **MICHAEL HANNON:** HERE .

25

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COUNCILMEMBER KAMEI?

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3 **ROSEMARY KAMEI:** HERE.

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** LUCAN? IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR MANDELMAN? IS

6 ABSENT. COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ-BELTRAN? IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR

7 MILEY? IS ABSENT. MAYOR MOORE?

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9 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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11 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COUNCILMEMBER MOTOYAMA?

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13 **LISA MOTOYAMA:** PRESENT.

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15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MAYOR MOY? IS ABSENT. VICE MAYOR NAGALES?

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17 **MARK NAGALES:** HERE.

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19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR RABBITT? IS ABSENT.

20 RAMACHANDRAN? IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR RAMOS?

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22 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** HERE.

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24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COUNCILMEMBER ROMERO?

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1 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** PRESENT.

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3 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR SCALES-PRESTON? IS ABSENT.

4 COUNCILMEMBER UNGER?

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6 **ZAC UNGER:** PRESENT.

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8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. MAYOR WASHINGTON?

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10 **PIERRE WASHINGTON:** HERE.

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12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR WILLIAMS?

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14 **WANDA WILLIAMS:** HERE.

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16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** DIRECTOR TANNER?

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18 **RACHAEL TANNER:** HERE.

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20 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COUNCILMEMBER TOMS?

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22 **MAUREEN TOMS:** HERE.

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24 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** SUPERVISOR -- SORRY -- COUNCILMEMBER

25 MARTINEZ-BELTRAN IS AT THE SAN JOSE LOCATION.

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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I SEE COUNCILMEMBER BELTRAN, YES. 17
3 PEOPLE ARE PRESENT WE HAVE QUORUM. DID I MISS ANYBODY?

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5 **CHYANNE CHEN:** HI EVERYBODY. HOW ARE YOU? MY NAME IS CHYANNE
6 CHEN SUPERVISOR FOR SAN FRANCISCO, AS AN ALTERNATE JOINING FOR
7 THE FIRST TIME.

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9 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU SUPERVISOR CHEN, YOU ARE AN
10 ALTERNATE FOR WHICH MEMBER?

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12 **CHYANNE CHEN:** YES FOR SUPERVISOR DORSEY.

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14 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** I'M GOING TO TURN TO COUNSEL AND TO SEE IF
15 BECAUSE DO NOT HAVE A MAJORITY OF QUORUM IN ONE LOCATION I DO
16 NOT BELIEVE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO INCLUDE YOU ON TONIGHT'S
17 ROSTER UNDERSTAND GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953.8.32 BUT I'M
18 GOING TO TURN TO COUNSEL.

19

20 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** REGRETTABLY THAT'S CORRECT BUT THANK
21 YOU FOR TRYING TO JOIN US AND WE'LL MAKE SURE TO GET WHATEVER
22 NOTICING LOCATION INFORMATION WE NEED FOR YOU ON THE NEXT
23 MEETING KEN CHEN THAT WILL BE GREAT I'M SICK OTHERWISE I WOULD
24 BE IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA BUT I'M ILL TODAY SO I CANNOT
25 PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON.

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2 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING
3 YOU IN THE FUTURE AS I SAID BEFORE THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE
4 CLERK I KNOW THAT WAS A STRENUOUS ROLL CALL MOVING ALONG WE'RE
5 GOING TO SKIP OVER ITEMS 1, 2, 3, I'LL COME BACK TO, MY THANK-
6 YOUS, AND WE WILL MOVE TO ITEM SIX THEN JUMP OVER TO COMMITTEE
7 REPORTS GO STRAIGHT TO PLANNED BAY AREA 2050+ OUR CONSENT
8 CALENDAR TODAY. THIS IS AN ACTION ITEM INCLUDES THREE ITEMS
9 APPROVAL OF YOUR MINUTES FROM JANUARY 15TH IT'S AUTHORIZATION
10 TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MITHUN FOR RESTORING
11 WILD CAT CREEK PROJECT THROUGH MARCH 31ST 2028 AND UP TO 2.3
12 EFFECTIVE \$1 MILLION ON BEHALF OF THE SAN FRANCISCO ESTUARY
13 PARTNERSHIP ALSO ADOPTION OF THE ABAG RESOLUTION 3-2026
14 AUTHORIZING USE OF TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS BY MTC ABAG
15 COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL ARE THERE ANY FINDINGS RELATED
16 THERE TO ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? I'LL ASK FOR A MOTION.

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18 **SPEAKER:** MOVE THE CONCEPT.

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20 **SPEAKER:** SECOND.

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22 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** MOTION ECKLUND SECOND NAGALES. BOARD
23 MEMBER DISCUSSION? PUBLIC COMMENT?

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25 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE IS NO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR

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1 THIS ITEM, AND THERE NO MEMBERS IN THE BOARDROOM OR ZOOM
2 WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

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4 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH IF THE CLERK WOULD
5 CULL ROLL CALL.

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7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** VOTE ON THE MOTION ECKLUND SECOND NAGALES
8 COUNCILMEMBER ADAMS?

9

10 **SUSAN ADAMS:** YES.

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12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ARENAS ABSENT CAMPOS? ABSENT. CANEPA?
13 ABSENT CARLSON?

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15 **KEN CARLSON:** AYE.

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** DOAN? IS ABSENT. DORSEY? ABSENT. DUONG?
18 ABSENT. ECKLUND?

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20 **PAT ECKLUND:** AYE FIFE? IS ABSENT. FORTUNATO BAS? IS ABSENT.
21 GAUTHIER? IS ABSENT. HANNON?

22

23 **MICHAEL HANNON:** YES .

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25 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** KAMEI?

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2 **ROSEMARY KAMEI:** YES.

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4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** LUCAN? IS ABSENT. LURIE? IS ABSENT.

5 MANDELMAN? IS ABSENT. MARTINEZ-BELTRAN?

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7 **YVONNE MARTINEZ-BELTRAN:** HERE. SORRY -- YES.

8

9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [LAUGHTER] THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MILEY? IS

10 ABSENT. MAYOR MOORE?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** YES.

13

14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MOTOYAMA?

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16 **LISA MOTOYAMA:** YES.

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MOY? IS ABSENT. VICE MAYOR NAGALES?

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20 **MARK NAGALES:** YES.

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22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RABBITT? IS ABSENT. RAMACHANDRAN? IS

23 ABSENT. RAMOS?

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25 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** YES.

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23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COUNCILMEMBER TOMS?

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25 **MAUREEN TOMS:** YES.

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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS
3 PRESENT.

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5 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH NOW WE'LL TURN TO THE
6 MAIN EVENT AND THAT IS UNDER ITEM 10A THROUGH C, AND THAT IS
7 PLANNED BAY AREA 2050+. I WANT TO START OFF, WE'LL HAVE THREE
8 ITEMS WHERE STAFF WILL GIVE US A PRESENTATION WE'LL KIND OF
9 HAVE THE PRESENTATION OF ALL. THERE ARE TWO SEPARATE VOTES SO
10 FIRST ONE IS THE INFORMATION OF THE PRESENTATION THEN WE'LL
11 TAKE TWO SEPARATE ACTIONS OF THIS BOARD. SO, THE FIRST ONE IS
12 THE INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW OF THE REGIONAL PLAN FOR
13 TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
14 ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE UNDER THE DEVELOPMENT SINCE MID-2023
15 INCLUDING REVISIONS MADE BASED ON FEEDBACK DURING THE FINAL
16 ROUND OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT. THIS PART IS AN INFORMATION ITEM.
17 AND I JUST WANT TO SAY, IT'S AN EXCITING MOMENT. MAYBE OTHERS
18 DON'T FIND THIS MANY WORDS WHITING, BUT WHEN WE ARE IN THIS
19 WORLD OF PLANNING OF REGIONAL PLANNING, IT IS OF EXTREME
20 IMPORTANCE THAT WE DO HAVE THESE LONG RANGE PLANS FOR
21 TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND MORE
22 RECENTLY, ESPECIALLY EVIDENT IN THIS PLAN IS ENVIRONMENTAL
23 RESILIENCE. AS SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW OUR PRIOR PLAN WAS PLANNED
24 BAY AREA 2050 AND BECAUSE WE DO THESE EVERY FOUR YEARS WE JUST
25 DECIDED TO ADD A PLUS, I'M NOT SURE WHY, BUT WE DID. AND SOON

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1 ENOUGH, YOU WILL START SEEING PLANNED BAY AREA 2060 BECAUSE
2 THAT'S WHAT WE DO. WE DO THESE PLANS OVER AND OVER AGAIN. 2050
3 WAS ADOPTED IN 2021, AND REALLY WHEN WE LOOK AT HOW THE WORLD
4 CHANGED BETWEEN 2021 AND 2022, WE HAD A NEW NORMAL. SO AS WE
5 LOOKED AT IT FROM A PLANNING PERSPECTIVE, WE HAD TO REALLY
6 ACKNOWLEDGE THE REALITIES OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE BAY
7 AREA, WITH TIGHTER FISCAL CONSTRAINTS AND WE MADE SURE WE
8 ENGAGED THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS AND STAKEHOLDER ORGANIZATIONS.
9 ON MARCH 13th, JUST LAST WEEK, THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE
10 COMMITTEE MEETING JOINTLY WITH THE MTC PLANNING COMMITTEES
11 REFERRED BOTH THE FINAL EIR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND
12 PROPOSED PLANNED BAY AREA 2050+ TO THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD
13 AND TO THE COMMISSION FOR CERTIFICATION AND APPROVAL NEXT WEEK
14 THAT WITH THE COMMISSION WE WILL MEET AND WE WILL BE DOING THE
15 EXACT SAME THING THAT WE'RE DOING HERE THIS EVENING WHICH I
16 THINK ACTUALLY HAS ONE ADDITIONAL RESOLUTION. DAVE VAUTIN IS
17 GOING TO PROVIDE US THE PRESENTATION AND THE REVISIONS WITH
18 THE FOCUS ON WHAT WE KNOW HAS BEEN OF INTEREST HERE AT THIS
19 BOARD, AND THEN WE'LL GO AHEAD AND TAKE THE SUBSEQUENT ACTIONS
20 OF 10B AND 10C. AND, SO, TAKE IT AWAY.

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22 **DAVE VAUTIN:** GOOD EVENING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'M EXCITED TO
23 BE HERE TODAY TO SHARE THE PROPOSED FINAL PLANNED BAY AREA
24 2050+ FOR POTENTIAL ADOPTION THIS EVENING. AS YOU ALL ARE
25 KEENLY AWARE, PLANNED BAY AREA 2050+ IS OUR LONG RANGE PLAN

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1 CONNECTING TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, THE ECONOMY, AND THE
2 ENVIRONMENT. AND IT FULFILLS A VARIETY STATE AND FEDERAL
3 REQUIREMENTS. BEFORE WE GET GOING, I WANT TO RECOGNIZE AND
4 APPRECIATE THE ROBUST ENGAGEMENT FROM PARTNERS AND
5 STAKEHOLDERS THROUGHOUT THE REGION, AS WELL AS THOSE THOUSANDS
6 OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO SHARED THEIR THOUGHTS ON THE
7 REGION'S FUTURE, AS WELL AS THE MANY STAFF HERE AT ABAG AND
8 MTC WHO HELPED US GET TO TONIGHT'S MILESTONE. NEXT SLIDE. SO
9 FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS, WE HAVE BEEN TRACKING PROGRESS WITH
10 THIS DIAGRAM, AND WITH THE UPCOMING ACTIONS BOTH TONIGHT AND
11 NEXT WEDNESDAY AT THE COMMISSION WE'RE VERY CLOSE TO THE
12 FINISH LINE FOR THIS LIMITED AND FOCUSED UPDATE TO PLANNED BAY
13 AREA 2050, WHICH WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THIS BOARD AND THE
14 COMMISSION IN 2021. SINCE IT KICKED OFF IN 2023 THIS UPDATE
15 HAS SOUGHT TO RECOGNIZE POST-PANDEMIC HEADWINDS AND TIGHTER
16 FISCAL CONSTRAINTS SLOWER POPULATION GROWTH AND HIGHER OFFICE
17 VACANCY RATES AND WHAT THEY MEAN FOR OUR POLICY PRIORITIES AS
18 A REGION. IN JANUARY 2025 THE COMMISSION AND ABAG BOARD
19 APPROVED THE FINAL BLUEPRINT STRATEGIES AND IN SUMMER 2025
20 SUBSEQUENTLY ADVANCED THE FINAL BLUEPRINT INTO THE CEQA
21 PROCESS SINCE THEN OUR TEAM HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON CONDUCTING
22 STATE-MANDATED ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS CRAFTING THE PLAN
23 DOCUMENT AND ASSOCIATED REPORTS AND MOST IMPORTANTLY
24 TRANSLATING THE VISIONARY LONG RANGE STRATEGIES INTO THIS TYPE
25 OF 25 YEAR PLAN INTO DISCRETE NEAR-TERM ACTIONS THAT MTC CAN

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1 ACT UPON BY 2030 AS DELINEATED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN IN
2 NOVEMBER 2025 WE PRESENTED TO THIS BOARD THE DRAFT PLAN DRAFT
3 EIR AND SUBSEQUENTLY CONDUCTED FINAL ROUND OF PUBLIC
4 ENGAGEMENT THROUGHOUT THE FALL AND COMMENT WINDOW CLOSE LATE
5 DECEMBER STAFF SINCE PROVIDED TWO RECENT PRESENTATIONS AT THE
6 COMMITTEE LEVEL AND INFORMATIONAL UPDATE IN FEBRUARY 2026
7 SUMMARIZING SYNTHESIZING COMMENTS FROM THE FOURTH AND FINAL
8 ROUND OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AS WELL AS DEEPER DIVE ON THE FINAL
9 REGIONAL GROWTH FORECAST THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED IN THE
10 JANUARY 2025 ACTION ITEM AND SECOND LASTLY AS THE ABAG PRESENT
11 NOTED THE ABAG ADMIN COMMITTEE ALONGSIDE THE MTC PLANNING
12 COMMITTEE VOTED TO ADVANCE BOTH FINAL EIR AND FINAL PLAN TO
13 THE BOARD AND COMMISSION FOR POTENTIAL ADOPTION. NEXT SLIDE.
14 YOU PROBABLY HAVE SEEN THIS SLIDE A NUMBER OF TIMES BUT I WANT
15 TO PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE FINAL PLAN BEFORE YOU TONIGHT
16 ONE LAST TIME PLANNED BAY AREA 2050+ ATTEMPTS TO ANSWER THE
17 NOT SO SIMPLE QUESTION OF WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO ENSURE THE BAY
18 AREA IS TRULY AFFORDABLE CONNECTED DIVERSE HEALTHY AND VIBRANT
19 FOR ALL BY 2050 WHILE THE THEMES OF THE PLAN WERE RETAINED
20 FROM THE PRIOR CYCLE WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE 35 STRATEGIES IN
21 TOTAL THE COMMISSION AND BOARD THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS
22 APPROVED THE CRITICAL PIVOT TO KEY STRATEGIES WAVING COST
23 SAVING APPROACHES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING REIMAGINING THE
24 TRANSIT VISION FOR THE POST-PANDEMIC REALITIES WITH FOCUS ON
25 FREQUENCY SPEED AND SAFETY AND MORE CLEARLY DELINEATING

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1 INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS ASSOCIATED WITH RISING SEA LEVELS IT'S
2 IMPORTANT TO UNDER SCORE THAT PLANNED BAY AREA IS A VISION AND
3 NORTH STAR IT DOES NOT ALLOCATE MONEY DOES NOT OVERRIDE LOCAL
4 LAND USE AUTHORITY OR IMPOSE PLAN DATES OR PROPOSED
5 LEGISLATION. NEXT SLIDE. SO THIS ITERATION OF PLANNED BAY AREA
6 CONTINUES A LONG-STANDING FOCUS ON FOCUSED GROWTH WITH THE
7 VAST MAJORITY OF HOUSING AND JOBS ANTICIPATED TO OCCUR WITHIN
8 LOCALLY NOMINATED PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT AREAS AND PRIORITY
9 PRODUCTION AREAS AS WELL AS OUR TRANSIT ORIENT THE COMMUNITIES
10 AND HIGH-RESOURCE AREAS NEARLY ALL DEVELOPMENT IS ANTICIPATED
11 TO OCCUR WITHIN TODAY'S URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARIES PROTECTING
12 CRITICAL AGRICULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL LANDS. NEXT SLIDE. IF
13 IMPLEMENTED THIS PLAN WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE HOUSING AND
14 TRANSPORTATION COST WITH EVEN GREATER SAVINGS FOR LOW-INCOME
15 HOUSEHOLDS. IT WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE THE SHARE OF
16 HOUSEHOLDS WITHIN A SHORT WALK OF FREQUENT TRANSIT NO OUR
17 TRANSIT ORIENTED COMMUNITIES. WOULD CREATE HOMEOWNERSHIP
18 OPPORTUNITIES AND MORE THAN DOUBLE THE SHARE OF FOLKS
19 COMMUTING BY FOOT, BY BIKE, BY BUS, BY TRAIN AND FERRY THROUGH
20 EXPANSIVE PARKS AND CONSERVATION STRATEGIES IT WOULD INCREASE
21 GREEN SPACE FOR ALL AND SUPPORT ROBUST INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC
22 GROWTH AND MOST IMPORTANTLY THE PLAN ACHIEVES THE STATUTORY
23 19% PER CAPITA GREENHOUSE GAS TARGET SET BY STATE THROUGH A
24 COMBINATION OF PRICING LAND USE AND TRANSIT STRATEGIES
25 FULFILLING AN ESSENTIAL STATE REQUIREMENT. NEXT SLIDE. AS

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1 MENTIONED EARLIER, THE STRATEGIC CHANGES TO THE LONG RANGE
2 PLAN WERE INFORMED BY ROBUST COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TOUCHING ON
3 ALL CORNERS OF THE REGION IN-PERSON THROUGH DIGITAL MEANS LIKE
4 WEBINARS ONLINE SURVEYS MORE THAN 17,000 RESIDENTS
5 PARTICIPATED IN THE GUIDED PROCESS WITH 41 POP-UP WORKSHOPS 22
6 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION PARTNERSHIPS AND NUMEROUS
7 WEBINARS AND HEARINGS THROUGHOUT WHILE THIS MAY HAVE BEEN HEAR
8 FOCUSED UPDATE FROM POLICY PERSPECTIVE OUR ENGAGEMENT APPROACH
9 REMAINS ROBUST EXPANSIVE AND TOUCHING PLACES AS DIVERSE AS
10 GUERNEVILLE AND GILROY MOUNTAIN VIEW AND MARIN. NEXT SLIDE.
11 THAT BRINGS US TODAY TO MARCH 2026 OUR TEAM HAS FOCUSED
12 THROUGHOUT WINTER MAKING REVISIONS TO VARIOUS PLAN DOCUMENTS
13 IN RESPONSE TO PUBLIC STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK I WANT TO WALK
14 THROUGH VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE PLAN THAT ARE BEING BROUGHT
15 FORWARD FOR APPROVAL AND HIGHLIGHT WHAT CHANGED SINCE OCTOBER
16 2025 DRAFT. NEXT SLIDE. AS PART OF OUR ROUND FOUR ENGAGEMENT
17 WE HELD WEBINARS HEARINGS PRESENTED TO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION
18 AGENCY BOARDS PROVIDED OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT ONLINE BY MAIL
19 A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT MEANS COLLECTED MORE THAN 300 COMMENTS
20 ON THE PLAN EIR, RESIDENTS UNDER SCORED NEED TO BUILD PUBLIC
21 CONFIDENCE BY FOCUSING ON IMPLEMENTATION RAISED QUESTIONS
22 ABOUT THE PLAN'S REGIONAL GROWTH FORECAST UNDERSCORED
23 IMPORTANCE OF AFFORDABILITY TRANSIT SERVICE AND EQUITY AND
24 NOTED LOCAL CAPACITY STRETCHED QUITE THIN STAFF HAVE WORKED TO
25 ENHANCE THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AS BASED ON FEEDBACK AND HAVE

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1 ADDED ADDITIONAL CONTEXT TO THE PLAN DOCUMENT SUPPLEMENTAL
2 REPORTS AS MENTIONED BEFORE THE COMMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE
3 PLANNED BAY AREA WEBSITE AND WERE RESPONDED TO IN EARLY MARCH
4 VIA E-MAIL LETTER AND FAQ ON THE REGIONAL GROWTH FORECAST ON
5 THE PLANNED BAY AREA WEBSITE WE PROVIDED ANY COMMENTS RECEIVED
6 SUNS THE PROPOSED FINAL PLAN WAS PUBLISHED IN EARLY MARCH AS
7 WELL AS THE FINAL EIR COMMENTS ARE INCLUDED IN YOUR PACKET.
8 LET'S START BY TALKING ABOUT SOME OF THE REVISIONS NOW
9 STARTING WITH THE PLAN DOCUMENT WHILE STRATEGIES GROWTH
10 GEOGRAPHIES AND STRUCTURE REMAIN CONSISTENT WITH THE ACTIONS
11 BY THE COMMISSION AND BOARD IN 2025 WE HAVE MADE TARGETED
12 REFINEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE DOCUMENT AND SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS
13 THESE INCLUDE REFINED UPDATED ENGAGEMENT METRICS AND MAP
14 REFINEMENTS ADDITIONAL CONTEXT ON THE PLAN'S VISION AND
15 PATHWAY TO IMPLEMENTATION EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CONTENT ON
16 AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES SEA LEVEL RISE AND GROWTH PROJECTIONS IN
17 ADDITION TO REGIONAL RESILIENCE PROJECT LIST REPORT ALSO
18 CONSOLIDATED EXISTING CONTENT ON SEA LEVEL RISE THAT WAS ONCE
19 SPRINKLED ACROSS THE PLAN DOCUMENTS INTO ONE-STOP-SHOP WHERE
20 YOU CAN FIND ALL THE SEA LEVEL RISE CONTENT THERE IS A LIST OF
21 CHANGES FULL LIST OF CHANGES IN ITEM 10C UNDER ATTACHMENT A
22 NEXT SLIDE. WE HAVE MADE TARGETED REVISIONS TO THE
23 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AS WELL AS 65 ACTIONS FOR NEAR-TERM MOST
24 NOTABLY STAFF RECOMMENDED ADDING IMPLEMENTATION ACTION 61
25 WHICH COMMITS TO RECONVENING A ROBUST TECHNICAL ADVISORY

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1 COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND UPDATE THE REGIONAL GROWTH FORECAST
2 METHODOLOGY STARTING LATER THIS YEAR FURTHERMORE STAFF
3 RECOMMENDED REFINEMENTS TO NINE ADDITIONAL ACTIONS NOTABLY
4 MERGE OUR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND VISION ZERO IMPLEMENTATION
5 ACTIONS INTO A SINGLE COHESIVE ACTION SPECIFY SUGGEST PATH
6 FORWARD THERE. NEXT SLIDE. NOW THE FINAL EIR IS INCLUDED IN
7 TONIGHT'S ACTION ITEM IT INCLUDES RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS
8 AS WELL AS MINOR REVISIONS IT IS COMPLEMENTED BY THE
9 MITIGATION MONITORING PLAN MMRP AS WELL AS FINDINGS WHICH WERE
10 INFORMED BY DISCUSSIONS AT THE COMMITTEE LEVEL OVER THE COURSE
11 OF THE PROCESS YOU WILL NOTE THE FINAL EIR INCLUDES A RANGE OF
12 MASTER RESPONSES DESIGNED TO ADDRESS COMMON QUESTIONS AND
13 TOPICS RAISED AS WELL AS INDIVIDUAL RESPONSES ON SPECIFIC
14 POINTS. KEY TAKEAWAYS ON THE FINAL EIR FIRST OF ALL THERE IS
15 NO SIGNIFICANT NEW INFORMATION THAT WAS ADDED IN THE FINAL EIR
16 THAT WARRANTS RECIRCULATION ALL REFINEMENTS ARE TO CLARIFY AND
17 AMPLIFY PAST ANALYSIS THE FINAL EIR DID NOT IDENTIFY NEW
18 SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS COMPARED TO THE DRAFT AND
19 DID NOT IDENTIFY ANY SUBSTANTIAL SA INCREASES IN THE SEVERITY
20 OF ANY IMPACT AND FINAL EIR DOES NOT MAKE RECOMMENDATION ON
21 WHICH ALTERNATIVE TO ADVANCE THE DIRECTION FROM THE COMMITTEE
22 LEVEL HELPED TO SHAPE THE CEQA FINDINGS. NEXT SLIDE. SHOULD
23 THE PLAN NOT BE ADOPTED AT THIS MILESTONE IT'S IMPORTANT TO
24 ACKNOWLEDGE SOME RISKS TWO OF THEM ONE IS THAT REGION IS
25 CURRENTLY IN AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY LAPSE GRACE PERIOD BECAUSE

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1 IT'S BEEN MORE THAN FOUR YEARS SINCE PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 WAS
2 ADOPTED FURTHERMORE EXTENSIONS OF THAT GRACE PERIOD MAY LIMIT
3 FEDERAL APPROVALS FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND IMPACT
4 PROJECT DELIVERY ACROSS THE REGION AND ALSO IMPORTANT AT STATE
5 LEVEL ADOPTION OF A REGIONAL PLAN THAT MEETS GREENHOUSE GAS
6 TARGET IS INDEED A REQUIREMENT TO RECEIVE FUNDING FROM SENATE
7 BILL ONE COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAMS AND LATEST CYCLE IS JUST
8 NOW STARTING WITH CTC CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
9 ADOPTING THE FINAL PLAN WILL ALLOW US TO PIVOT TOWARDS
10 IMPLEMENTING THIS PLAN THAT'S BEEN UNDER DEVELOPMENT FOR THREE
11 YEARS INCLUDING EFFORTS TO FUND ADVANCE PROJECTS IN CLOSE
12 PARTNERSHIPS WITH ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE REGION WE'LL
13 CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ANNUAL PROGRESS UPDATES TO ABAG
14 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE AND MTC PLANNING COMPLETELY DOUBLE
15 DOWN ON PERFORMANCE MONITORING THROUGH AGENCY'S VITAL SIGNS
16 INITIATIVE. FURTHERMORE WE'RE EXCITED TO IMPLEMENT THIS PLAN
17 THIS PLAN MUST BE UPDATED EVERY FOUR YEARS WHICH MAINTENANCE
18 KICKING OFF THE VISION FOR THE NEXT CYCLE, WE ANTICIPATED
19 RETURNING TO THIS BOARD WITH SCOPE AND FRAMEWORK FOR NEXT
20 GENERATION PLAN UPDATE WE HAVE HEARD FROM MANY MEMBERS AT
21 COMMITTEE LEVEL THAT NOW IS THE TIME TO DO ROBUST SCENARIO
22 PLANNING TO HELP OUR REGION NAVIGATE AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE WE
23 INTEND TO LOOK AT ALTERNATIVE POLICY FUNDING FUTURES AND
24 EXAMINE TRANSFORMATIVE FORCES SHAPING OUR REGION FROM NEW
25 TECHNOLOGIES TO AUTOMATION DEMOGRAPHIC SHIFTS AND FUNDING

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1 UNCERTAINTIES WE'RE EXCITED TO DELVE INTO THAT WORK BETWEEN
2 NOW 2030. NEXT SLIDE. BUT FOR NOW LET'S FOCUS BACK TO THE PLAN
3 BEFORE YOU TODAY THE FINAL EIR AND PROPOSED FINAL PLANNED BAY
4 AREA 2050+ CONSISTENT WITH ACTION AT THE COMMITTEE LEVEL STAFF
5 IS RECOMMENDING THAT YOU APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TWO ITEMS ON
6 TONIGHT'S AGENDA FIRST ABAG RESOLUTION 02026 CERTIFY FINAL EIR
7 ADOPT THE CEQA FINDINGS STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS
8 AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM AND ABAG
9 RESOLUTION 022026 ADOPT THE PLAN ITSELF INCLUDING ACCOMPANYING
10 SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS AND FINAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN SHOULD THIS
11 BOARD APPROVE THESE ITEMS TONIGHT AND FOLLOWING POTENTIAL
12 ACTION BY THE COMMISSION NEXT WEEK ON THE ITEMS PLANNED BAY
13 AREA 2050+ WOULD THEN BE EFFECTIVE AS THE REGION'S NEW LONG
14 RANGE PLAN AND SUPERSEDE PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 SO THANKS FOR
15 YOUR PATIENCE WITH THIS LONG ITEM TONIGHT AND WE RECOGNIZE
16 IT'S A MAJOR MILESTONE HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS. NEXT
17 SLIDE. THANK YOU.

18

19 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** QUESTIONS? COMMISSIONER ECKLUND?

20

21 **PAT ECKLUND:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH AGAIN FOR THE GREAT
22 PRESENTATION THERE IS A COUPLE OF ISSUES I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT
23 THAT IT WAS ACTUALLY CALLED TO MY ATTENTION. I WANT TO TALK
24 ABOUT THE ONE FIRST I HAVE THE MOST INTEREST IN, OR THEY'RE
25 BOTH INTERESTING, BUT IS THAT ABOUT THE RHNA. SO, I KNOW THAT

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1 ACTION ITEM NUMBER 61 AND 62, AND, ALSO, 33 DEAL WITH THE
2 RHNA. WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IS THAT 61 FOCUSES ON ONLY
3 FORMING A TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE. AND I KNOW THAT WE
4 CAN'T CHANGE THIS, BECAUSE IT'S ALREADY BEEN ADOPTED BY THE
5 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE AND MTC. BUT WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO
6 SUGGEST, BECAUSE I -- WE HAD -- AND I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN
7 THE RHNA COMMITTEES FOR THE PAST TWO CYCLES, MAYBE THREE, AND
8 I REALLY THINK THAT TO HELP AND MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T LOSE
9 THIS AS YOU HAVE TALKED ABOUT STARTING TO WORK ON THE RHNA
10 LATER THIS YEAR, I REALLY THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO FIRST
11 DEVELOP A PLAN OF ACTION OF HOW WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING IT.
12 AND NOT JUST FORMING A TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, BUT MAYBE
13 ALSO INCLUDING SOME ELECTED OFFICIALS, OR FOLKS THAT HAVE BEEN
14 FOLLOWING THIS FOR A LONG TIME, OR HAVE EXPERTISE IN IT. AND,
15 SO, I THINK THAT GOING JUST A LITTLE BIT FURTHER THAN WHAT'S
16 IN HERE WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR THE RHNA. I KNOW THERE IS A BILL
17 THAT WOULD EXTEND IT FROM EIGHT TO -- 4 TO 8 YEARS, BUT
18 NEVERTHELESS, I THINK WE NEED TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE. SO, I
19 WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MAYBE SOME DISCUSSION LATER THIS YEAR OR
20 EARLY NEXT ABOUT WHAT IS THE PLAN OF ACTION FOR THIS NEXT
21 CYCLE.

22

23 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** IF I MAY I'LL GO AHEAD AND TAKE THIS,
24 BOARD MEMBER ECKLUND, ONE WAS THE THINGS IN SCOPING OUT OUR
25 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WE DO AGREE ON STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION THAT

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1 GIVING A TIMELINE AS TO WHAT WE CAN EXPECT. THERE ARE SOME
2 CHANGES IN TERMS OF TIMING COMING FROM HCD, AND, SO, WE WILL
3 DO A VERY HIGH-LEVEL OVERVIEW OF WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE RHNA
4 PROCESS AT OUR MAY BOARD MEETING HERE. WE'LL DIVE A LITTLE BIT
5 DEEPER, BUT WE'RE STILL FLYING HIGH AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
6 AND BE ABLE TO APPRISE EVERYONE IN TERMS OF TIMING OF IT. AS
7 FAR AS IT GOES TO, YOU KNOW, ITEMS 61 AND 62, AND I THINK YOU
8 SAID 33, I THINK? 33 -- NO, I THINK THAT YOU KNOW AS IT
9 RELATES TO THIS PLAN AND THE OBJECTIVES IN THIS, THOSE ARE OUR
10 DUAL ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS AND WHAT WE INTEND TO DO BUT AS TO
11 THE SPECIFICS OF ONE CYCLE IN PARTICULAR THAT WILL BE SHARED
12 AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND A LITTLE MORE DETAIL AT THE MAY
13 MEETING.

14

15 **PAT ECKLUND:** OKAY GREAT. LOOK FORWARD TO THAT DISCUSSION THEN.
16 AND THEN THE LAST ISSUE IS THE POPULATION FIGURES. SO, ARE WE
17 GOING TO BE LOOKING AT THAT THROUGHOUT THIS NEXT YEAR, AS WELL
18 TOO? BECAUSE THE POPULATION NUMBERS OVER THE LAST FEW RHNA
19 CYCLES, OR THE 50 PLANNED BAY AREA CYCLES HAS REALLY CHANGED
20 QUITE A BIT WITH THE PROJECTIONS OF THE POPULATION IS, AND I
21 THINK THERE IS MORE TO COME ON WHETHER THERE IS GOING TO BE
22 MORE CHANGES. WHICH I THINK THERE WILL BE. SO, I WAS KIND OF
23 CURIOUS AS TO WHETHER OR NOT AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE WE
24 CAN HAVE SOME MORE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE POPULATION GROWTH
25 PROJECTIONS?

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2 **DAVE VAUTIN:** THANKS FOR THE QUESTION DIRECTOR ECKLUND THAT'S
3 EXACTLY WHY WE HAVE ADDED ACTION 61 TO THE MIX AND WANT TO
4 UNDERSCORE THIS RELATED SOLELY TO PLANNED BAY AREA. THE
5 REGIONAL GROWTH FORECAST IS NOT USED FOR RHNA, NOT USED FOR
6 RHNA. HCD CALCULATES THE NUMBER OF HOUSING UNITS USING
7 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE DATA SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE THESE THINGS
8 ARE CLEAR THEY'RE TWO SEPARATE PROCESSES OF COURSE THEY'RE
9 IMPORTANT BUT ONE WITH REGIONAL GROWTH FORECAST FOR THE LONG
10 RANGE PLAN IS DEVELOPED HERE AT ABAG. ABAG ADOPTED THE
11 METHODOLOGY THAT WAS USED FOR THIS GROWTH FORECAST WE'LL HAVE
12 OPPORTUNITY TO REFINE THAT BASED ON THE FINDINGS FROM THIS
13 TECHNICAL ACCESSORY GROUP IN PLANNED BAY AREA 2060 CONSISTENT
14 WITH THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT REQUIREMENTS OTHER STATE AND
15 FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS IN ADDITION TO THAT WITH REGARDS TO RHNA
16 AGAIN COMPLETELY SEPARATE WE WILL BE AS MENTIONED WILL BE
17 COMING BACK WITH THE WORK PLAN AND NEXT STEPS ASSOCIATE WITH
18 RHNA PROCESS THAT REGIONAL HOUSING NEED DETERMINATION THAT
19 ABAG HAS NO -- [INDISCERNIBLE]

20

21 **PAT ECKLUND:** RIGHT. BUT I, AGAIN, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE
22 THAT IT'S GOING TO BE MORE INCLUSIVE THAN JUST A TECHNICAL
23 ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

24

25 **DAVE VAUTIN:** ABSOLUTELY. THE TECHNICALLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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1 WILL DELVE INTO SOME OF THOSE TECHNICAL DETAILS BUT WILL
2 REPORT-OUT TO THE ABAG COMMITTEES OR BOARD. IN FACT, THE
3 METHODOLOGY USED FOR THE GROWTH FORECAST THIS CYCLE WAS
4 ADOPTED BY THE ABAG BOARD IN 2019. SO WE'LL MAKE SURE THAT ALL
5 OF YOUR VOICES ARE ABLE TO LOOK AT THOSE FINDINGS AND HAVE
6 OPPORTUNITIES TO TAKE LOOK AT THE METHODOLOGY AND FORECAST FOR
7 THE NEXT CYCLE.

8

9 **PAT ECKLUND:** RIGHT. AT THE HOUSING METHODOLOGY COMMITTEE WERE
10 ELECTED OFFICIALS ON THERE AS WELL AS TECHNICAL.

11

12 **DAVE VAUTIN:** YES WITH THE HOUSING METHODOLOGY COMMITTEE THAT
13 WAS SPECIFIC TO THE RHNA PROCESS BUT WE DID THINK THAT WAS AN
14 EFFECTIVE WAY TO ENGAGE AND WE'LL BE LOOK TO DO SOMETHING
15 SIMILAR NEXT CYCLE.

16

17 **PAT ECKLUND:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** OTHER QUESTIONS? ROMERO?

20

21 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** I DON'T HAVE A COMMENT AGAIN I
22 MENTIONED THIS LAST TIME I DO APPRECIATE YOUR INCLUDING 61
23 WHICH IS ERRONEOUSLY 63 BUT NOT 61 I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT
24 WE HAVE HEARD THAT FROM MEMBERS ON THIS BODY AS WELL AS FROM
25 OUR COMMITTEES THAT WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND HOW THESE GROWTH

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1 FORECASTS WORK THEY DO NOT DIRECTLY INTERLACE WITH RHNA IS
2 IMPORTANT BUT CERTAINLY UNDERSTANDING INTERCONNECTIONS AND TO
3 THE EXTENT THAT SOMEWHERE DOWN THE LINE WE MAY WIND UP LOOKING
4 AT HOW RHNA HIS CALCULATED AT THE STATE LEVEL AND THIS COULD
5 INFORM THAT PROCESS AND IT'S VITALLY IMPORTANT. I WANT TO
6 MENTION I WANT TO THANK STAFF OF COURSE EVERYONE HAS
7 CONTRIBUTED TO THIS FOR THE STRATEGIES AND IMPLEMENTATION
8 VEHICLES AROUND THE HOUSING ISSUE IT'S CLEARLY INCLUDED
9 TALKING ABOUT RENTER PROTECTIONS, POTENTIAL RENTER SUBSIDIES
10 TALKING ABOUT CREATING NEW HOUSING SUBSIDIZED HOUSING THAT'S
11 THE MODEL NINE-COUNTY BAY AREA NEED TO CARRY FORWARD SO WE CAN
12 AT ALL INCOME LEVELS FROM SOCIO-ECONOMICALLY BEING ABLE TO
13 LIVE IN THIS AREA WE CAN MAKE THE COMMUNITY WORK SO VERY
14 VALUABLE I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT AND WELL THOUGHT OUT
15 IMPLEMENTATION VEHICLES AND THEMES SO THANK YOU FOR INCLUDING
16 THAT IT'S BEEN DISCUSSED WIDELY.

17

18 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** I SEE A HAND UP. SAN JOSE.

19

20 **YVONNE MARTINEZ-BELTRAN:** I WANT TO KNOW YOU SAID QUESTIONS
21 WOULD IT BE OKAY TO TAKE A COMMENT? OR DO YOU WANT ME TO WAIT?

22

23 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** I'LL TAKE A COMMENT.

24

25 **YVONNE MARTINEZ-BELTRAN:** THANK YOU. I ALSO WANTED TO, FOR

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1 ANOTHER REASON, I WANT TO THANK THE STAFF FOR ACTION NUMBER
2 61, WE DID HAVE A LOT OF TALK ABOUT THAT. I'M GLAD THAT THIS
3 IS INCLUDED. I THINK THIS IS CERTAINLY WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR.
4 ONE OF THE QUESTIONS I WAS ASKING ABOUT WAS THE JOB TO HOUSING
5 RATIO, I THINK THIS WILL GIVE ROBUST IDEA WHAT THAT CONNECTION
6 IS BETWEEN PLAN 2050 AND 2060 RHNA GOALS I WONT GO INTO
7 FURTHER INTO THAT BECAUSE I THINK MY COLLEAGUES COVERED THE
8 REST OF THAT BUT THAT WAS PART OF WHY IT WAS SOMETHING
9 IMPORTANT TO ME THAT WE CAPTURED.

10

11 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? SEEING
12 NONE. I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND I'M GOING TO OPEN PUBLIC
13 COMMENT. THIS IS PUBLIC COMMENT, ASSUMING COUNSEL WILL LET ME
14 FOR ITEM 10A, 10B, 10C, ALL OF IT TOGETHER?

15

16 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** YES AND IF WE COULD JUST CLARIFY FOR
17 THE RECORD THAT IF PERSONS WISH TO SPEAK ON EITHER THIS
18 INFORMATIONAL ITEM, THE CERTIFICATION OF THE FINAL PLANNED BAY
19 AREA 2050+ ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, ADOPTION OF CEQA
20 FINDINGS, STATEMENTS OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS AND
21 MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM, AS WELL AS THE
22 FINAL PLAN RESOLUTIONS, THIS IS YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD TO
23 DO THAT. IF YOU HAVE MULTIPLE ITEMS THAT YOU WERE GOING TO
24 SPEAK ON IN THE CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU CAN HAVE
25 EXTRA TIME IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT. BUT THE PUBLIC

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1 COMMENT IS OPEN, PARTICULARLY FOR THE CEQA ITEM.

2

3 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU. IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

4

5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ON THIS ITEM THERE WAS ONE WRITTEN COMMENT
6 THAT WAS RECEIVED, THAT WAS POSTED TO THE WEBSITE AND E-MAILED
7 TO MEMBERS. IT WAS FROM DAVID STALBERG. THERE WERE NO OTHER
8 WRITTEN COMMENTS, NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN THE BOARDROOM
9 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AT THE REMOTE LOCATIONS NONE IN THE
10 ATTENDEE SPACE. THANK YOU.

11

12 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I WILL CLOSE PUBLIC
13 COMMENT AND I WILL MOVE US BACK TO OUR FIRST ACTION ITEM,
14 WHICH IS ABAG RESOLUTION NUMBER 012026 CERTIFICATION OF FINAL
15 EIR, SORRY -- ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR PLANNED BAY AREA
16 2050+ ADOPTION OF CEQA FINDINGS STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING
17 MITIGATIONS MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAMS. AND REQUESTING,
18 WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED OF US IS ADOPTION OF THAT. DO I HAVE A
19 MOTION?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** I 'LL MOVE.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** AND I 'LL SECOND.

24

25 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** WE HAVE A MOTION BY MOTOYAMA AND A SECOND

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1 BY?

2

3 **MAUREEN TOMS:** TOMS.

4

5 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** TOMS. THANK YOU. IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION?

6 SEEING NONE. IF THE CLERK WOULD PLEASE CONDUCT A ROLL CALL

7 VOTE ON ITEM 10B MOTION MOTOYAMA SECOND BY TOMS FOR THE

8 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 01-1-2026. [LAUGHTER]

9

10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ON THE MOTION COUNCILMEMBER ADAMS?

11

12 **SUSAN ADAMS:** YES.

13

14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR ARENAS? IS ABSENT.

15 COUNCILMEMBER CAMPOS? IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR CANEPA? IS ABSENT.

16 SUPERVISOR CARLSON?

17

18 **KEN CARLSON:** YES.

19

20 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COUNCILMEMBER DOAN?

21

22 **BIEN DOAN:** YES.

23

24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR DORSEY? IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR

25 DUONG? IS ABSENT. ECKLUND?

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2 **PAT ECKLUND:** AYE.

3

4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FIFE?

5

6 **CARROLL FIFE:** AYE.

7

8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** BAS? IS ABSENT. GAUTHIER? IS ABSENT. MAYOR

9 HANNON?

10

11 **MICHAEL HANNON:** AYE.

12

13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COUNCILMEMBER KAMEI?

14

15 **ROSEMARY KAMEI:** AYE.

16

17 **BOARD CLERK:** SUPERVISOR LUCAN? IS ABSENT. MAYOR LURIE? IS

18 ABSENT. SUPERVISOR MANDELMAN? IS ABSENT. COUNCILMEMBER

19 MARTINEZ-BELTRAN?

20

21 **YVONNE MARTINEZ-BELTRAN:** AYE.

22

23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR MILEY?

24

25 **NATHAN MILEY:** AYE.

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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. MAYOR MOORE?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** AYE.

5

6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MOTOYAMA?

7

8 **LISA MOTOYAMA:** AYE.

9

10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MAYOR MOY? IS ABSENT. VICE MAYOR NAGALES?

11

12 **MARK NAGALES:** YES.

13

14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR RABBITT? IS ABSENT.

15 COUNCILMEMBER RAMACHANDRAN? IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR RAMOS?

16

17 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** YES.

18

19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COUNCILMEMBER ROMERO?

20

21 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** YES.

22

23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR SCALES-PRESTON? IS ABSENT.

24 COUNCILMEMBER UNGER?

25

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1 **ZAC UNGER:** YES.

2

3 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MAYOR WASHINGTON?

4

5 **PIERRE WASHINGTON:** YES.

6

7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WILLIAMS?

8

9 **WANDA WILLIAMS:** YES.

10

11 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** TANNER?

12

13 **RACHAEL TANNER:** YES.

14

15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** TOMS?

16

17 **MAUREEN TOMS:** YES.

18

19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** DID I MISS ANYONE? MOTION PASSES

20 UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

21

22 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** OKAY. ONE MORE TO GO. NEXT ITEM, AGENDA

23 ITEM 10C ABAG RESOLUTION NUMBER 0-2 -- 0 DASH -- NO, SORRY. 0-

24 206, FINAL PLANNED BAY AREA 2050+ REQUEST ADOPTION OF ABAG

25 RESOLUTION NUMBER 02-2026 BY THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD. DO I

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1 HAVE A MOTION?

2

3 **KEN CARLSON:** I'LL MOVE THAT ITEM.

4

5 **WANDA WILLIAMS:** SECOND BY BOARD MEMBER WILLIAMS.

6

7 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. IS THERE ANY
8 DISCUSSION? SEEING NONE. HAVING ALREADY TAKEN PUBLIC COMMENT,
9 I'LL ASK THE CLERK TO CALL THE ROLL ON ITEM 10C MOTION BY
10 CARLSON, SECOND BY WILLIAMS.

11

12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COUNCILMEMBER ADAMS?

13

14 **SUSAN ADAMS:** YES.

15

16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR ARENAS? IS ABSENT.
17 COUNCILMEMBER CAMPOS? IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR CANEPA? IS ABSENT.
18 SUPERVISOR CARLSON?

19

20 **KEN CARLSON:** YES.

21

22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COUNCILMEMBER DOAN?

23

24 **BIEN DOAN:** YES.

25

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR DORSEY? IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR

2 DUONG? IS ABSENT. ECKLUND?

3

4 **PAT ECKLUND:** AYE.

5

6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FIFE?

7

8 **CARROLL FIFE:** AYE.

9

10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FORTUNATO BAS? IS ABSENT. GAUTHIER?

11 ABSENT. MAYOR HANNON?

12

13 **MICHAEL HANNON:** AYE.

14

15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** KAMEI?

16

17 **ROSEMARY KAMEI:** AYE.

18

19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** LUCAN? IS ABSENT. LURIE? IS ABSENT.

20 MANDELMAN? IS ABSENT. MARTINEZ-BELTRAN?

21

22 **YVONNE MARTINEZ-BELTRAN:** AYE.

23

24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR MILEY?

25

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1 **NATHAN MILEY:** AYE.

2

3 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MAYOR MOORE?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** AYE.

6

7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COUNCILMEMBER MOTOYAMA?

8

9 **LISA MOTOYAMA:** AYE.

10

11 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MOY IS ABSENT. NAGALES?

12

13 **MARK NAGALES:** YES.

14

15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RABBITT? ABSENT. RAMACHANDRAN? IS ABSENT.

16 RAMOS?

17

18 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** AYE.

19

20 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ROMERO?

21

22 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** YES.

23

24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SCALES-PRESTON? IS ABSENT. UNGER?

25

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1 **ZAC UNGER:** YES.

2

3 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WASHINGTON?

4

5 **PIERRE WASHINGTON:** YES.

6

7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR WILLIAMS?

8

9 **WANDA WILLIAMS:** YES.

10

11 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** DIRECTOR TANNER?

12

13 **RACHAEL TANNER:** YES.

14

15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COUNCILMEMBER TOMS?

16

17 **MAUREEN TOMS:** YES.

18

19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS

20 PRESENT.

21

22 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** MANY, MANY THANKS TO STAFF.

23 CONGRATULATIONS, AND, YEAH, GET STARTED ON 2060. THANK YOU SO

24 VERY MUCH. WE REALLY APPRECIATE ALL YOUR WORK AND YOUR INPUT.

25 AND I THINK MOST OF ALL, FROM THIS BODY, I VERY MUCH

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1 APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFUL LISTENING. AND MAKING SURE THAT THE
2 CONCERNS OF ALL OF OUR JURISDICTIONS WERE REFLECTED IN THE
3 PLAN. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT, WE WILL MOVE ON TO OUR
4 COMMITTEE REPORTS. I WILL GIFT REPORT ON THE ABAG
5 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE. AND I DO SEE THAT SUPERVISOR
6 MANDELMAN HAS JOINED US. THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE'LL NOTE YOUR
7 ATTENDANCE. I WILL GIFT REPORT ON THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE
8 COMMITTEE, WE MET -- WE MET ON FEBRUARY 13TH AND APPROVED
9 CONTRACTS FOR THE EAST BAY CRESCENT ADAPTATION PROJECT FOR THE
10 CITY OF EMERYVILLE FOR THE CITY OF BERKELEY, FOR THE CITY OF
11 ALBANY, CMG LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE PATHWAYS CLIMATE INSTITUTE,
12 SENSES DBA SEEM SOCIAL AND SAN FRANCISCO ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP.
13 AND THOSE AMOUNTS OF THOSE APPROVED CONTRACTS ARE INCLUDED IN
14 THE AGENDA ITEM. AND WE HAD THE APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISOR
15 CARLSON TO BE THE CHAIR OF THE ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE. AND
16 FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT ARE UNAWARE, WE DID DEFER TO MTC FOR A
17 LITTLE BIT TO CHAIR THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE WHILE THEY MOVE
18 THROUGH SB63, THE REVENUE MEASURE, AND THAT GOAL HAS BEEN
19 ACCOMPLISHED. SO, WE TOOK OUR RIGHTFUL PLACE BACK.
20 CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU FOR SERVING SUPERVISOR CARLSON.
21 WE ALSO RECEIVED A REPORT ON THE DRAFT PLANNED BAY AREA 50
22 PLUS THAT WAS SUMMARY OF THE PUBLIC FEEDBACK FROM ROUND FOUR
23 ENGAGEMENT AND THAT WAS FEBRUARY 13TH MEETING ON THE MARCH
24 13th MEETING WE AGAIN MET JOINTLY WITH THE MTC PLANNING
25 COMMITTEE AND WE DID GO THROUGH THE SLIDE DECK TODAY THAT WAS

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1 CONSOLIDATED FINAL PLANNED BAY AREA 2050+ AND WE REVIEWED THE
2 PLAN REVISIONS TO THE PLAN AND WE MADE THE REFERRALS THAT YOU
3 JUST TOOK SO I DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU WHAT YOU JUST DID. THAT
4 CONCLUDE MY REPORT ARE THERE ANY EXECUTIVE MEMBER QUESTIONS? I
5 SEE NONE. I'LL TAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS.

6

7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED NO MEMBERS OF
8 THE PUBLIC IN THE BOARDROOM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT NONE -- WE HAVE
9 -- I'M SORRY -- NO PUBLIC COMMENT AT THE REMOTE LOCATIONS
10 THERE IS ONE PUBLIC COMMENT IN THE ATTENDEE SPACE. HOW MUCH
11 TIME?

12

13 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** TWO MINUTES.

14

15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** KEN BUKOWSKI FOR TWO MINUTES GO AHEAD
16 PLEASE.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** HI CAN YOU HEAR ME?

19

20 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** CAN YOU HEAR ME?

23

24 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** YES, WE CAN.

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** I WASN'T TRYING TO COMMENT ON THE PLAN BUT I REALLY
2 THINK THIS WHOLE PLAN IS NOT REALISTIC. YOU TALKED ABOUT
3 RETAINING LOCAL CONTROL. WE'RE NOT RETAINING LOCAL CONTROL.
4 THE FINANCING FOR THE TRANSIT IS A DISASTER. WE HAVE SYSTEMS
5 THAT DON'T WORK. AND THEN WE WANT TO SUPPORT A BOMB THAT'S
6 GOING TO LOCK INTO PLACE WE NEED TO EXPLORE SOME OPPORTUNITIES
7 PROPERTY OWNERS NEED TO PAY THE BIG SHARE OF THAT
8 TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE THEY GET THE BENEFIT, NOT THE
9 PUBLIC. SO, I RALLY THINK THE PLAN NEEDS TO BE REVISITED. THE
10 POPULATIONS PROJECTIONS ARE NOT CORRECT, AND THE LOCAL CONTROL
11 IS GOING OUT THE WINDOW. SO, THANK YOU.

12

13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. THERE ARE NO OTHER PUBLIC
14 COMMENTS.

15

16 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH WE'LL NOW MOVE ON AND
17 HEAR FROM THE CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE.

18

19 **KEN CARLSON:** GOOD EVENING. THE JOINT MTC PLANNING COMMITTEE
20 WITH THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
21 MET FEBRUARY 13TH AND RECEIVED OVERVIEW OF THE GOVERNOR'S
22 PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026, '27 STATE BUDGET UPDATE ON
23 TRANSPORTATION HOUSING AND OTHER REGIONAL PRIORITIES. WE'RE
24 WAITING TO HEAR MORE. THEN WE ALSO GOT AN UPDATE ON THE SB75
25 MODERNIZATION LEGISLATION -- SORRY -- CAN'T TALK. ON

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1 DEVELOPMENT OF THE LEGISLATION UPDATE SB 375 WHICH IS THE
2 20008 STATE LAW THAT ESTABLISHED THE REQUIREMENT FOR REGIONS
3 THAT DEVELOPED SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGIES FOLLOW UP WE
4 MET AGAIN MARCH 13th 2026 AGAIN GETTING AN UPDATE ON SB1087 BY
5 CALBADON WHICH IS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING RELATING TO
6 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGIES UPDATE TO MTC ABAG
7 COSPONSORED BILL TO MODERN SB 375 AGAIN THE SUSTAINABLE
8 COMMUNITY STRATEGIES TO OUR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANS
9 THAT'S AVAILABLE ON THE MTC WEBSITE AND THAT CONCLUDES MY
10 REPORT.

11

12 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH ARE THERE ANY
13 QUESTIONS OR DISCUSSIONS BY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS? MOVING TO
14 PUBLIC COMMENT.

15

16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE IS NO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR
17 THIS ITEM, AND THERE NO MEMBERS IN THE BOARDROOM OR ZOOM
18 WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. AND NONE IN THE ATTENDEE
19 SPACES. THANK YOU.

20

21 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** WE'LL MOVE TO ITEM NINE REPORT OF THE ABAG
22 HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING I'LL TURN IT OVER TO THE CHAIR OF
23 THAT COMMITTEE VICE PRESIDENT ROMERO.

24

25 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH THE ABAG HOUSING

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1 COMMITTEE MET JOINTLY WITH THE BAHFA OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
2 FEBRUARY 11TH, 2026. THE COMMITTEE REVIEWED SEVERAL ITEMS WE
3 TOOK THE ACTION OF ELECTING THE ABAG COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE
4 CHAIR. ABAG HOUSING COMMITTEE ALSO RECEIVED A REPORT RELATED
5 TO THE BAHFA STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS. IT WAS AN UPDATE THAT
6 INCLUDED STATUS OF FUNDING EFFORTS AND TRANSITION TO THE
7 IMPLEMENTATION PHASE OF THAT STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS. WE
8 ALSO HEARD A PRESS ON THE VIENNA SOCIAL HOUSING FIELD TRIP.
9 THIS WAS A REPORT FROM COMMISSIONERS AND MTC STAFF WHO WENT ON
10 THAT FIELD TRIP AND EXPLAINED TO US SOME OF THE RELATIONSHIPS
11 OF -- BETWEEN VIENNA'S MODEL AND WHAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO
12 HERE IN THE BAY AREA. IT WAS VERY EXCITING. THE ABAG HOUSING
13 COMMITTEE ALSO MET JOINTLY WITH THE BAHFA COMMITTEE ON MARCH
14 11th AND WE REVIEWED ONE ITEM AND THAT WAS THE REGIONAL
15 HOUSING REVENUE MEASURE, WHICH WAS AN UPDATE ON THE TIMING OF
16 A STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PROCESS TO DEVELOP A POLICY FRAMEWORK
17 FOR POTENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE BAY AREA HOUSING FINANCE
18 AUTHORITY'S ENABLING STATUTE. THESE SUMMARY REPORTS ARE
19 AVAILABLE ON MTC LEGISTAR. AND THAT CONCLUDES MY REPORT. I'LL
20 HAND IT OVER TO YOU.

21

22 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH ANY QUESTIONS FROM
23 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS? SEEING NONE. I WILL MOVE TO PUBLIC
24 COMMENT.

25

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ON THIS ITEM NO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED
2 NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN THE BOARDROOM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
3 NONE IN THE ATTENDEE SPACE. NONE -- I'M SORRY THERE IS NONE AT
4 THE REMOTE LOCATIONS. THERE IS ONE PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE
5 ATTENDEE SPACE. TWO MINUTES?

6

7 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** YES.

8

9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** TWO MINUTES FOR KEN BUKOWSKI. GO AHEAD
10 PLEASE. AND MR. BUKOWSKI PUT DOWN HIS HAND. THANK YOU.

11

12 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** I DIDN'T PUT DOWN MY HAND. IF I DID, IT I DID IT BY
15 ACCIDENT. I JUST WANT TO COMMENT -- YOU KNOW, THAT I'M NOT
16 SURE HOW MUCH OF YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH SB 440 WHICH WAS
17 ADOPTED A COUPLE YEARS AGO, THE AUTHORITY FOR HOUSING FINANCE
18 COMMITTEE ACROSS THE STATE AND THAT FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS THE
19 POWER TO REZONE PROPERTY THAT THEY ACQUIRED TO REBUILD OR
20 DEVELOP. I'M URGING EVERYBODY TO TAKE A LOOK AT THAT, THE
21 REGIONAL HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY LEGISLATION, BECAUSE IT
22 SPELLS OUT ALL OF THE AUTHORITIES THEY WANT TO GIVE TO THE
23 REGION AND THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE ALL LOCAL CONTROL AWAY. THANK
24 YOU.

25

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO OTHER PUBLIC COMMENTS.

2

3 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND I'LL JUST ADD, IF
4 ANYONE, AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, THE WORK OF THIS BODY HAPPENS
5 FIRST AT THE COMMITTEE LEVEL AND IS REFERRED TO THIS EXECUTIVE
6 BOARD, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A COMMITTEE, PLEASE
7 DO SEND A MESSAGE EITHER TO THE CLERK OR TO MYSELF, AND WE CAN
8 TALK ABOUT THOSE APPOINTMENTS AND THE RIGHT PLACES FOR YOU TO
9 SERVE. AND I THANK YOU. THIS ALL FEELS KIND OF STRANGE, BUT I
10 SHOULD THANK AND WELCOME MAYOR MOORE FROM THE TOWN OF LOS
11 GATOS WHO IS JOINING US. AND I SEE YOU THERE. THANK YOU SO
12 MUCH. AND WELCOME TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. HE IS REPRESENTING
13 THE CITIES AND TOWNS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY. AND THANK YOU TO
14 MAYOR TOMS FOR JOINING US THIS EVENING ALBEIT AS AN ALTERNATE
15 WE APPRECIATE IT ESPECIALLY ON THIS IMPORTANT NIGHT AND VOTE.
16 I DON'T THINK I NEED TO SAY ANYTHING MORE BECAUSE Y'ALL HAVE
17 CONCLUDED YOUR BUSINESS. NOT YET, SORRY. THE REAL BUSINESS
18 THAT I WAS GOING TO TALK ABOUT SO I WILL NOW, TO OUR EXECUTIVE
19 DIRECTOR, DO YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING? [LAUGHTER] IT'S REALLY
20 OUT OF ORDER. BUT I'LL GIVE YOU THE CHANCE TO SAY SOMETHING IF
21 YOU WOULD LIKE TO.

22

23 **ANDREW FREMIER:** THANK YOU PRESIDENT RAMOS AND MEMBERS OF THE
24 BOARD. I'LL BE BRIEF AND TALK ABOUT TWO ITEMS. SUPERVISOR
25 CARLSON KIND OF MENTIONED IT BUT WE WERE UP IN SACRAMENTO ON

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1 MARCH 17TH AND 18TH ALONG WITH PRESIDENT RAMOS AND MEMBER
2 MOTOYAMA ALONG WITH SEVERAL MTC COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF. WE
3 HAD THREE PITCHES THAT WE GAVE TO A LOT OF THE BAY AREA
4 REPRESENTATIVES. ONE WAS TO PROTECT TRANSIT AND HOUSING
5 INVESTMENTS IN THIS UPCOMING FISCAL BUDGET. THEY ARE CERTAINLY
6 AT RISK OF THE WE ALSO, WE'RE SEEKING A ONE-TIME \$15 MILLION
7 SUPPLEMENT TO SUPPORT THE BAY AREA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY
8 TO REALLY MAKE IT SELF-SUFFICIENT WHILE WE NAVIGATE ITS FEW.
9 THEN FINALLY WE'RE SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 1087 THAT'S
10 SPONSORED BY BOTH ABAG AND MTC. IT'S ABOUT MODERNIZING SB 375
11 SO WE CAN REALLY PUT PLANNING WORK TO IMPLEMENTATION AND GET A
12 BETTER RELATIONSHIP WITH SOME OF OUR FRIENDS UP IN SACRAMENTO
13 THAT HAVE A LOT TO SAY ABOUT WHAT WE DO. THE OTHER ITEM TO
14 CELEBRATE WAS ON MARCH 5TH, OUR ABAG HOUSING COMMITTEE VICE
15 CHAIR, DETECTOR MOTOYAMA ALSO PRESIDED WITH CHAIR NOACK OF MTC
16 AT THE RIBBON CUTTING GROUNDBREAKING -- I'M SORRY --
17 GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR PARCEL A SOUTH ON THE EL CERRITO
18 PLAZA BART TOD PROJECT. IT'S A REAL IMPRESSIVE BEGINNING OF A
19 CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF HOUSING ON A BART PROPERTY. IT WAS
20 REALLY SHOWING THE LINKAGES BETWEEN GOOD TRANSIT AND GOOD
21 TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS. AND IT WAS A REAL NICE EVENT. AND
22 THEN FINALLY, JUST TO REMIND YOU ALL TO SAVE THE DATE,
23 THURSDAY JUNE 18TH, FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. AND WE LOOK
24 FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE. AND THAT'S MY REPORT,
25 PRESIDENT RAMOS.

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2 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH AND ALSO FOR GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY, SOME PEOPLE ARE, THAT SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,
4 ARE POINTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND SOME ARE NOT. SO, YOU
5 CAN CHECK WITH THE CLERK IN TERMS OF THAT. BUT EVEN IF YOU ARE
6 NOT THE VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, I DEFINITELY
7 ENCOURAGE YOU TO COME. ONE OF THE THINGS WE WILL CONSIDER IS
8 OUR BUDGET FOR THE YEAR. WE'LL HAVE AN UPDATE ON THE RHNA
9 PROCESS. BUT I KNOW WE -- WE ALL WANT TO HEAR ABOUT. AND SO I
10 DO NO, YOUR HONOR YOU EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT THE VOTING DELEGATE
11 TO ATTEND. OKAY. NEXT. I'M JUST GOING TO GO NEXT WE'LL GO TO
12 AGENDA ITEM THREE.

13

14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MADAM CHAIR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

15

16 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** SORRY. SURE.

17

18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE IS NO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED NONE
19 IN THE REMOTE LOCATIONS. THERE IS THERE IS A SPEAKER IN THE
20 ATTENDEE SPACE, KEN BUKOWSKI FOR TWO MINUTES. GO AHEAD,
21 PLEASE. KEN BUKOWSKI, GO AHEAD FOR TWO MINUTES. PUBLIC COMMENT

22

23 **SPEAKER:** I WAS LOOKING TO COMMENT AT THE END, THE LAST PUBLIC
24 COMMENT PERIOD. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU.

2

3 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** DID I HEAR THAT RIGHT? THAT'S FOR GENERAL
4 PUBLIC COMMENT. OKAY. I'LL GET TO THAT. NEXT. ELECTION OF ABAG
5 PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT. THIS IS AN ACTION ITEM. I AM --
6 WE DO HAVE A NEW PROCEDURE THIS YEAR, SO I WOULD LIKE TO TURN
7 IT OVER TO OUR COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE TO KIND OF GIVE US AN
8 OVERVIEW OF WHAT TO EXPECT AS WE MOVE FORWARD THROUGH -- IT'S
9 BEEN NICE KNOWING Y'ALL IN THIS CAPACITY, BUT IT'S TIME FOR ME
10 TO GO, GET NEW LEADERSHIP. BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN HERE A BIT. SO,
11 KATHLEEN KANE.

12

13 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** THANK YOU MADAM PRESIDENT FOR THOSE
14 WHO WERE WITH US LAST YEAR YOU WILL RECALL WE HAD EXTENSIVE
15 CONVERSATION ON REVISIONS TO THE BYLAWS IN ADVANCE OF THE
16 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THEN AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. SO THERE
17 WERE SOME CHANGES MADE TO THE WAY THAT ELECTIONS FOR YOUR
18 PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OCCUR OCCURRED, OUR NEW
19 PROVISIONS -- OUR PROVISIONS PROVIDE, WHICH IS OFTEN WHAT
20 PROVISIONS DO -- [LAUGHTER] YOU SHOULD -- SORRY ABOUT THAT.
21 THAT NOMINATIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT COME
22 FROM THIS BOARD FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, IF THEY ARE -- IF
23 THERE IS ONLY ONE NOMINEE FOR EACH OFFICE YOU MAY BUT DO NOT
24 NEED TO TAKE A VOTE AT THE SAME MEETING IF THERE IS A
25 CONTESTED NOMINATION THEN IT HAS TO BE AGENDIZED AT A

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1 SUBSEQUENT MEETING SO THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN BE AWARE
2 OF THAT SUBSTANTIVE VOTE AND HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT
3 BECAUSE WE DON'T CURRENTLY HAVE AN APRIL MEETING SCHEDULED
4 THAT PUTS US IN MAY ALL OF THAT HAS TO HAPPEN AT LEAST 20 DAYS
5 IN ADVANCE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE NAMES ARE THEN SENT TO
6 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHO WOULD THEN RATIFY OR NOT, THE CHOICE
7 OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD THAT WAS MADE INTO A MEANINGFUL VOTE AT
8 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SO FIRST PASS HERE WHEN THE NOMINATIONS
9 ARE OPENING TONIGHT AND WITH THAT I WILL PASS IT BACK TO
10 PRESIDENT RAMOS.

11

12 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU. SO, BEFORE I OPEN NOMINATIONS,
13 I -- I DO BELIEVE THAT GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS DECISION
14 AND IT BEING OUR FIRST YEAR UNDER THESE NEW PROCEDURES, I
15 ACTUALLY WOULD LIKE TO POINT AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND
16 VET NOMINEES, ASSUMING THERE WOULD BE -- IF THERE IS MORE THAN
17 ONE FOR EACH OFFICE, OR EVEN SO TO JUST HAVE THAT
18 CONVERSATION, AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK -- AND THIS IS WHERE I'M
19 GOING TO DEVIATE, AND I'M GOING TO ASK SOMEONE WHO IS NOT
20 PRESENT SO I'M GOING TO TAKE A PAGE OUT OF MAYOR HANKER'S BOOK
21 HERE AND I'M GOING TO APPOINT SUPERVISOR BETTY DUONG OF SANTA
22 CLARA AND ASK HER TO SERVE, AND ALSO COUNCILMEMBER MOTOYAMA TO
23 SERVE IN THIS CAPACITY WITH ME, SO IF THAT IS OKAY, NOTICING
24 TO JUST AGREEMENT I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND AGREE FOR
25 SUPERVISOR DUONG, BUT I'LL LET YOU SINCE YOU'RE PRESENT

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1 COUNCILMEMBER MOTOYAMA, IF YOU WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO SERVING
2 IN THAT CAPACITY? THANK YOU. OKAY. SO, IT IS THE PRACTICE OF
3 THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD TO RATIFY THESE COMMITTEE
4 APPOINTMENTS. IT IS AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE. SO, I AM GOING TO --
5 I'M GOING TO MAKE THE MOTION TO APPOINT THE AD-HOC OF
6 SUPERVISOR DUONG, MOTE YAM A MYSELF, AS THE NOMINATION REVIEW
7 COMMITTEE TO THEN COME BACK TO THIS BOARD IN THE EVENT THAT
8 THERE ARE MORE THAN ONE PERSON FOR CONSIDERATION, AND SO I
9 WOULD ASK IF THERE IS A SECOND.

10

11 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** I'LL SECOND BUT I HAVE A QUESTION
12 ABOUT THE CHARGE OF THE COMMITTEE BUT I WILL SECOND TO MOVE
13 FORWARD.

14

15 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** OKAY. DISCUSSION?

16

17 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** SO, COULD YOU EXPLAIN A LITTLE BETTER
18 THE CHARGE IS IT TO VET THE CANDIDATES? OR IF THERE ARE
19 SEVERAL, THREE CANDIDATES, THEN THIS COMMITTEE WOULD REFER
20 ONE?

21

22 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** IT'S VET AND RECOMMENDATION IS MY
23 INTENTION IF THERE ARE MORE THAN ONE.

24

25 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** OKAY. I'M SORRY.

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2 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** THROUGH THE CHAIR, SO THE WAY THAT THE
3 -- THE PRESIDENT HAS THE AUTHORITY TO APPOINT AN AD-HOC TO
4 REVIEW AND RECOMMEND. THE NOMINATIONS WILL BE PUBLIC, THE VOTE
5 WILL BE PUBLIC ON THE FULL OPTIONS OF THE NOMINATIONS AS THEY
6 ARE ENUNCIATED BUT THERE WILL BE AS I UNDERSTAND IT, A
7 RECOMMENDATION OF VETTING AND RECOMMENDATION BY THE COMMITTEE
8 SO IF THERE IS CONTESTED NOMINATIONS THEY WILL COME BACK ON A
9 SUBSEQUENT AGENDA BUT THEY WILL COME BACK HAVING BEEN REVIEWED
10 AND RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE.

11

12 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** SO THEY WILL COME BACK TO THE ENTIRE
13 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE? WE HOPE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AN ENTIRE
14 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT THAT TIME. AND THEY WON'T BE RANKED BUT
15 THERE WILL BE A SELECTED -- OR A RECOMMENDATION COMING FROM
16 THE COMMITTEE? RIGHT?

17

18 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** IT'S MY INTENTION THERE IS A
19 RECOMMENDATION COMING FROM THE COMMITTEE.

20

21 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING.

22

23 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO UNDERSTAND,
24 THE PROCESS. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT?

2

3 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE IS NO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR

4 THIS ITEM, AND THERE NO MEMBERS IN THE BOARDROOM OR ZOOM

5 WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. NONE IN THE ATTENDEE SPACE.

6 THANK YOU.

7

8 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH IF THE CLERK WOULD

9 PLEASE CONTACT ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE AD-HOC

10 COMMITTEE AND -- I DIDN'T WRITE DOWN THE MOTION, SO I DON'T

11 KNOW. I MADE THE MOTION. I KNOW THAT.

12

13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MOTION BY YOURSELF RAMOS AND SECOND BY

14 ROMERO.

15

16 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** [LAUGHTER] THANK YOU.

17

18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ADAMS?

19

20 **SUSAN ADAMS:** YES.

21

22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ARENAS? IS ABSENT. CAMPOS? IS ABSENT.

23 CANEPA? IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR CARLSON?

24

25 **KEN CARLSON:** YES.

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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** DOAN? DOAN.

3

4 **BIEN DOAN:** YES.

5

6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** DORSEY? ABSENT. DUONG? ABSENT. ECKLUND?

7

8 **PAT ECKLUND:** AYE.

9

10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** BAS? ABSENT. GAUTHIER? ABSENT. HANNON?

11

12 **MICHAEL HANNON:** AYE.

13

14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** KAMEI? SUPERVISOR LUCAN? ABSENT. LURIE?

15 ABSENT. MANDELMAN?

16

17 **RAFAEL MANDELMAN:** AYE.

18

19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MARTINEZ-BELTRAN?

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21 **YVONNE MARTINEZ-BELTRAN:** AYE.

22

23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MILEY?

24

25 **NATHAN MILEY:** AYE.

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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MAYOR MOORE?

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4 **SPEAKER:** AYE.

5

6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MOTOYAMA?

7

8 **LISA MOTOYAMA:** AYE.

9

10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MOY? IS ABSENT. NAGALES?

11

12 **MARK NAGALES:** YES.

13

14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RABBITT? ABSENT. RAMACHANDRAN? ABSENT.

15 RAMOS?

16

17 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** AYE.

18

19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ROMERO?

20

21 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** YES.

22

23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SCALES-PRESTON? ABSENT. UNGER?

24

25 **ZAC UNGER:** AYE.

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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MAYOR WASHINGTON?

3

4 **PIERRE WASHINGTON:** AYE.

5

6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** WILLIAMS?

7

8 **WANDA WILLIAMS:** YES.

9

10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** TANNER? TOMBS?

11

12 **MAUREEN TOMS:** YES.

13

14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS
15 PRESENT.

16

17 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH WE'LL MOVE ON I WILL
18 OPEN THE NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT AND I'LL
19 ADD THIS IS A MUCH MORE TRANSPARENT PROCESS THAN OUR SECRET
20 BALLOT, I DON'T KNOW 61 SOME ODD YEARS THAT WE HAVE HAD ABAG
21 SO I WANT TO THANK THE CLERK, COUNCIL, AND STAFF FOR GOONS AND
22 GETTING US TO THIS POINT AS A REMINDER OUR EXISTING PRACTICE
23 IS THAT WE ALTERNATE BETWEEN A CITY REPRESENTATIVE AND COUNTY
24 REPRESENTATIVE. WE DID HAVE VERY EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES
25 IN THE PAST, IN WHICH OUR NOW SENATOR ARREGUIN DID SERVE TWO

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1 TERMS AS PRESIDENT, AND I DID SERVE TWO TERMS AS VICE
2 PRESIDENT. SO, IT WAS TWO TERMS OF CITY, AND THEN NOW I,
3 MYSELF, AM A COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THIS BOARD. SO, NEXT IN
4 ORDER WOULD BE A CITY REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE AS OUR PRESIDENT
5 AND A COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE AS VICE PRESIDENT. SO, I AM NOW
6 HAVING -- OPENING THE NOMINATION. VICE PRESIDENT ROMERO? YOUR
7 LIGHT? ARE YOU SPEAKING?

8

9 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** NO. NO. DID IT LOOK LIKE I WAS GOING
10 TO SPEAK? [LAUGHTER] I'M SORRY.

11

12 **KEN CARLSON:** YOUR MIC IS ON.

13

14 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** HOW MANY MICS DO YOU HAVE?

15

16 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** FORGIVE ME [LAUGHTER] I WAS TRYING TO
17 CAPTURE THE FLOOR.

18

19 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** OKAY. SO, I'LL START BY OPENING
20 NOMINATIONS. YES?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. OVER THE LAST THREE -- OVER THE LAST FOUR
23 YEARS IT'S BEEN KIND OF A ROLLER COASTER RIDE LEADERSHIP WITH
24 NOT ONLY SENATOR ERIC GREEN BUT AS YOU AS WELL AND REALLY
25 GRATEFUL FOR HOW WE FIX THIS AND HAVING BEEN A DELEGATE FOR

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1 MANY YEARS BEFORE, THE CHALLENGE GETTING NOMINATIONS I
2 APPRECIATE HOW WE HAVE MADE THIS SO MUCH BETTER AND MUCH MORE
3 TRANSPARENT WITH THAT I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER UP NOMINATION FOR
4 DIRECTOR ADAMS FOR OUR PRESIDENT GOING INTO THIS NEW YEAR.

5

6 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** I'M GOING TO CHECK IN WITH COUNSEL REALLY
7 QUICK HERE. I HAVE A HAND UP IN FAIRFIELD. SO I'M GOING TO
8 TAKE THAT FIRST. I'M GOING TO HOLD THE MOTION AND SECOND AT
9 THIS POINT RIGHT NOW. SO, I WILL TURN TO FAIRFIELD AND THEN WE
10 WILL HAVE DISCUSSION ON THAT MOTION.

11

12 **PIERRE WASHINGTON:** THANK YOU, PIERRE WASHINGTON. I WANT TO
13 NOMINATE WANDA WILLIAMS FOR VICE PRESIDENT, IF I'M NOT TOO
14 EARLY TO DO SO?

15

16 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** OKAY.

17

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

19

20 **SPEAKER:** [INDISCERNIBLE] BOTH RIGHT NOW.

21

22 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** I'M GOING TO HOLD ON VICE PRESIDENT AT
23 THIS MOMENT, SINCE I HAVE A MOTION ON PRESIDENT ALONE RIGHT
24 NOW. SO, I'LL COME BACK TO THAT ONE, MAYOR WASHINGTON. SO, I
25 AM GOING TO ASK ARE THERE ANY OTHER NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT

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1 AT THIS TIME? OKAY. SO, I AM GOING -- I WILL ASK FOR -- I'M
2 GOING TO HOLD OFF RIGHT THERE. NOW I'M GOING TO GO TO VICE
3 PRESIDENT -- TO VICE PRESIDENT. OKAY? AND NOW I'LL TURN TO YOU
4 MAYOR WASHINGTON. I'M GOING TO JUST GO AHEAD AND MAKE IT EASY
5 FOR YOU SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO UNMUTE THAT YOU HAVE NOMINATED
6 SUPERVISOR WILLIAMS FOR VICE PRESIDENT. OKAY?

7

8 **PAT ECKLUND:** AND I'LL SECOND THE MOTION.

9

10 **SUSAN ADAMS:** I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE SUPERVISOR CARLSON AS
11 VICE PRESIDENT.

12

13 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** OKAY. SO, WE DO HAVE -- OKAY. OKAY. SO,
14 HERE WE GO. WELL, NOW THE COMMITTEE HAS GOT WORK. SO NOW I
15 DON'T FEEL LIKE I CALLED THE COMMITTEE FOR NOTHING. SO, THANK
16 YOU SO MUCH. I APPRECIATE THAT. ANY OTHER -- ANY OTHER
17 NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT? SEEING NONE AT THIS TIME. I AM
18 GOING TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS. WE HAVE A NOMINATION FOR SUSAN
19 ADAMS FOR PRESIDENT. AND WE HAVE A NOMINATION FOR WANDA W, AND
20 A NOMINATION FOR KEN CARLSON AS VICE PRESIDENT. OUR AD-HOC
21 COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW NOMINEES AND REPORT ITS FINDINGS PRIOR
22 TO -- WILL DO SO BEFORE THIS BODY VOTES ON THAT DECISION, THE
23 VOTE FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT WILL BE AT OUR MAY
24 MEETING AND THEN WILL BE REFERRED FOR RATIFICATION BY THE
25 GENERAL ASSEMBLY. BEFORE WE MOVE ON, I'M GOING TO ASK THE

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1 CLERK IF THERE IS ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

2

3 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ON THIS ITEM NO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED
4 NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN THE BOARDROOM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
5 NONE AT THE REMOTE LOCATIONS, NONE IN THE ATTENDEE SPACE.

6 THANK YOU.

7

8 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WITH THAT THIS
9 ITEM IS CONCLUDED. AND I WILL WORK WITH BOARD MEMBERS DUONG
10 AND MOTOYAMA FOR US TO BRING FORTH A RECOMMENDATION FOR YOU
11 FOR OUR MAY MEETING. NEXT, WE'LL GO -- EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER
12 ANNOUNCEMENTS. I DON'T THINK YOU HAVE ANY, BUT THAT'S JUST ME.
13 LOOK AT THAT, YOU DON'T. OKAY. NEXT, I WILL MOVE ON TO PUBLIC
14 COMMENT. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT?

15

16 **SUSAN ADAMS:** I HAVE A PUBLIC COMMENT.

17

18 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** CERTAINLY. I WILL ASK COUNSEL, DOES -- FOR
19 A BOARD MEMBER WANTING TO MAKE A PUBLIC COMMENT, CAN IT BE
20 DONE FROM THE DAIS? OR DOES IT NEED TO BE DONE AT THE PODIUM?
21 I'M ACTUALLY NOT CERTAIN.

22

23 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** IF THE BOARD MEMBER IS COMFORTABLE
24 DOING IT FROM THE PODIUM THAT PROBABLY HELPS REINFORCE THAT
25 THIS IS THROUGH THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD. I DO UNDERSTAND

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1 THAT WE HAD A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC AS WELL WHO WANTED
2 TO COMMENT BEFORE. SO, I DON'T KNOW --

3

4 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** KEN, LET'S GO AHEAD AND TAKE KEN WHILE
5 COUNCILMEMBER ADAMS MAKES THEIR WAY DOWN.

6

7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** HEAR FROM KEN BUKOWSKI FOR TWO MINUTES. GO
8 AHEAD, PLEASE.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** I WANTED TO GET A COPY OF PLANNED BAY AREA GRANT
11 IMPACT REPORT AND FINALLY THE STAFF SAID PAY \$35 I WANT TO PAY
12 THE \$35 ONLY WAY I CAN DO IT WAS BY CHECK COULDN'T ACCEPT
13 ANYTHING ONLINE I THINK WE NEED TO -- WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE
14 PARTICIPATION WE NEED TO HAVE ONLINE WAY TO MAKE PAYMENTS
15 BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE CHECKS SO YOU KNOW I USE MY DEBIT CARD
16 THEN THE OTHER THING I WANT TO SAY THIS MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR ME
17 BUT YOU KNOW I REALLY QUESTION THE WHOLE INTEGRITY OF THIS
18 PROCESS YOU KNOW AT MTC THE BOARD HAS APPROVED EVERY ITEM
19 SUBMIT BY STAFF FOR 50 YEARS THAT'S AN OUTRAGEOUS RECORD SO I
20 WOULD SAY IT'S KIND OF STAFF CONTROL THAT'S THE LAST COMMENT I
21 WANT TO MAKE. THANK YOU.

22

23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO OTHER PUBLIC COMMENTS.

24

25 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** ACTUALLY WE HAVE ANOTHER ONE. YES WE DO.

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2 **SUSAN ADAMS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, PRESIDENT RAMOS. THIS IS MY
3 COLLEAGUES, RECENTLY I LEARNED THAT ABAG VICE PRESIDENT CARLOS
4 ROMERO WHO SERVES ON OUR EXECUTIVE BOARD AT THE PLEASURE OF
5 SAN MATEO COUNTY CITY COLLECTION COMMITTEE USED THE CITY OF
6 EAST PALO ALTO LETTERHEAD WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF HIS COUNCIL
7 TO REQUEST LENIENCY FROM A JUDGE ON BEHALF OF A FRIEND
8 ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF CHILD ABUSE AS A MOTHER OF SEXUAL
9 ASSAULT SURVIVOR I FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT COUNCILMEMBER
10 ROMERO HAS EVERY RIGHT AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN TO ADVOCATE FOR
11 OTHERS THAT SAID THE DECISION TO DO SO USING OFFICIAL CITY
12 STATIONARY RAISES CONCERNS ABOUT THE JUDGMENT AND APPROPRIATE
13 USE OF PUBLIC OFFICE OFFICIAL LETTERHEAD CARRIES THE WEIGHT
14 AND AUTHORITY OF THE INSTITUTION IT REPRESENTS USING FOR
15 PERSONAL ADVOCACY PARTICULARLY IN A CRIMINAL MATTER BLURS THE
16 LINE RAISES IMPORTANT QUESTION FOR THIS BODY WILL THE SAME
17 JUDGMENT BE EXERCISED WITH ABAG STATION EASTERLY AUTHORITY
18 ORGANIZATION UNFORTUNATELY AFTER THOROUGH REVIEW I FIND THAT
19 OUR BYLAWS DO NOT CURRENTLY ADDRESS WHETHER MEMBERS OF OUR
20 EXECUTIVE BOARD THEY USE ABAG'S NAME OR RESOURCES IN MATTERS
21 OF PERSONAL ADVOCACY THAT GAP DESERVES IMMEDIATE ATTENTION
22 THIS 36 MEMBER BODY PLACES EXTRAORDINARY TRUST IN THIS 36
23 MEMBER BODY THOSE STANDARDS MUST REMAIN ABOVE APPROACH
24 COUNCILMEMBER ROMERO'S OWN COUNCIL HAS REMOVED HIM AS THEIR
25 REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ABAG GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT ACTION SPEAKS

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1 TO THE SERIOUSNESS THEY PLACE ON THE CONCERNS SURROUNDING THE
2 SITUATION. IT'S THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO
3 MAYOR COUNCILMEMBER EDDIE FLORES. CHAIR OF THE SAN MATEO
4 COUNTY CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE. TO REVIEW THE COMMITTEE'S
5 BYLAWS AND OUTLINE THE APPROPRIATE PATH FORWARD SHOULD THE 20
6 MAYORS WISH TO CONVENE AND CONSIDER WHETHER THEIR APPOINTMENT
7 TO THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD SHOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE ONE MORE
8 SENTENCE YES IN THE MEANTIME THIS BODY ALSO HAS RESPONSIBILITY
9 TO PROTECT INTEGRITY OF ITS GOVERNANCE. FOR THAT REASON I
10 RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT PRESIDENT RAMOS IMMEDIATELY APPOINT
11 AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND RECOMMEND ADDRESSING BYLAWS
12 SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSING HOW THIS BODY SHOULD RESPOND WHEN
13 CIRCUMSTANCES ARISE THEY CALL INTO QUESTION THE ABILITY OF
14 EITHER PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT TO CONTINUE SERVING IN
15 THEIR LEADERSHIP ROLES DURING THEIR CURRENT TERM GOOD
16 GOVERNANCE REQUIRES CLARITY ACCOUNTABILITY AND WILLINGNESS TO
17 ADDRESS DIFFICULT ISSUES DIRECTLY THIS IS ONE OF THOSE
18 MOMENTS. THANK YOU.

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20 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MADAM PRESIDENT THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL
21 HAND RAISED IN THE ATTENDEE SPACE. ADINA FLORES FOR TWO
22 MINUTES GO AHEAD PLEASE.

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24 **SPEAKER:** GOOD EVENING. I WANTED TO ECHO THE STATEMENTS OF THE
25 LAST SPEAKER. I AM THE LEADING CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST FOR

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1 SONOMA COUNTY AND MY MAJOR FIGHT IN THE COMMUNITY IS TO KEEP
2 CHILDREN SAFE. WE HAVE A TREMENDOUS ISSUE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT
3 WORKING COLLECTIVELY WITH LOCAL AGENCIES TO CONCEAL CHILD
4 MOLESTATION. SO I'M HORRIFIED THAT COUNCILMAN ROMERO SIGNED ON
5 CITY LETTERHEAD HIS SUPPORT FOR LENIENCY FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO
6 ALLEGEDLY IS BEING ACCUSED OF SUPPLYING DRUGS AND MOLESTING A
7 13-YEAR-OLD. SO, I HAVE ISSUES WITH THAT. AND SO IF HE DOES
8 NOT REMOVE HIMSELF FROM HIS CURRENT POSITION IN THE CAPACITY
9 THAT HE SERVES, THEN NOT ONLY AM I GOING TO NEED TO
10 IMMEDIATELY INVESTIGATE HIS STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST,
11 AND WHAT HAVE YOU, BUT EVERYBODY ON HIS ASSOCIATION GOVERNING
12 BODY. YOU CAN FEEL FREE TO LOOK ME UP. THERE IS REDDIT
13 THREADS. THERE IS A WEBSITE THEY BROUGHT DOMAIN NAMES IN MY
14 NAME. I'M A MAJOR ARGUMENT WITH OUR COUNTY DA KARLA ROD WHO IS
15 UP FOR REELECTION CURRENTLY. SO FEEL FREE TO ASK HER AS WELL.
16 BASICALLY I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO COME INVESTIGATE YOU GUYS.
17 LIKE, I AM SICK OF OUR LOCAL GOVERNING BODY JUST ACTING LIKE
18 SUPPORTING ALLEGED CHILD MOLESTERS IS OKAY. I'M THE FORMER
19 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT OF SANTA
20 ROSA CITY SCHOOL, THE LARGEST DISTRICT IN SONOMA COUNTY. I
21 HAVE BEEN PUBLISHING ALL OF THE FILES OF MISCONDUCT FOR
22 TEACHERS THAT WERE NEVER IN THE NEWSPAPER. SO YOU CAN READ
23 ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY. IF YOU SUBSCRIBE TO
24 MY SUBSTACK, IT'S MY FIRST AND LAST NAME. IT'S EASY TO FIND.
25 GOD BLESS YOU, AND I HOPE THAT EVERYBODY CAN DO WHAT'S BEST

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1 FOR THE COMMUNITY THIS EVENING. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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3 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER PUBLIC
4 COMMENT.

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6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MR. BUKOWSKI HAS RAISED HIS HAND AGAIN BUT
7 HE HAS ALREADY GONE.

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9 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** HE DID. OKAY. I'M NOT GOING TO CALL A
10 SECOND.

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12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO OTHER PUBLIC COMMENTS.

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14 **SPEAKER:** IF I MAY THROUGH GENERAL COUNSEL GIVEN THAT THERE ARE
15 ALLEGATIONS HERE THAT ARE BEING MADE THAT I BELIEVE ARE
16 UNFOUNDED BUT ACTUALLY WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND TO THEM, AT LEAST
17 WITHIN THE PUBLIC COMMENT. I THINK IT WOULD ONLY BE FAIR TO
18 HAVE SOME TIME TO DO THIS WITHIN --

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20 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** I WILL GO AHEAD AND ALLOW IT THROUGH
21 PUBLIC COMMENT. BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT EQUALLY IT IS AT
22 THE PODIUM, AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE DO NOT HAVE ANY
23 DISCUSSION, AS THIS IS NOT AN AGENDAIZED MATTER THIS EVENING.

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25 **SPEAKER:** COMMISSIONER ADAMS, SUSAN, I AM TRULY SORRY FOR THE

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1 PAIN AND THE TRAUMA THAT YOU HAVE CARRIED. WHAT HAPPENED TO
2 YOUR LOVED ONE WAS A PROFOUND VIOLATION, AND THE HURT THAT
3 COMES WITH IT IS SOMETHING NO ONE COULD EVER ENDURE. I CANNOT
4 IMAGINE THE WEIGHT OF THAT EXPERIENCE. BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW
5 THAT YOUR SUFFERING MATTERS DEEPLY. I STAND WITH YOU IN THIS
6 AND WITH THE UTMOST RESPECT FOR YOUR COURAGE IT TAKES TO EVEN
7 SPEAK ABOUT SUCH AN EVENT THAT HAPPENED TO YOU, AND THAT'S SO
8 DEEPLY PERSONAL. WITH THAT HEARTFELT ACKNOWLEDGMENT, MY
9 COLLEAGUE MISS ADAMS HAS SUBMITTED HER PERSONAL OPINION TO
10 THIS BODY THAT DESERVES A RESPONSE AND ONE THAT WILL CORRECT
11 THE ERRORS IN HER STATEMENT. I DO NOT FIND IT FAIR THAT I AM
12 WITHOUT AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THIS ATTACK ON MY
13 CHARACTERS. I FIND MYSELF WITH NO TRUE MECHANISM TO DEFEND
14 MYSELF FROM THE NUMEROUS INACCURACIES IN THE STATEMENT IT
15 PAINS ME TO THINK THAT THE DECISIONS ARE BEING MADE BASED ON
16 THIS INACCURATE AND FLAWED PRESENTATION I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE
17 TIME TO RESPOND AND CORRECT THE RECORD ALL EVER US SHOULD BE
18 ALLOWED DUE PROCESS, IN PARTICULAR, I SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO
19 ADDRESS THE CHARACTERS ALLEGATIONS BROUGHT UP OR INTIMATED BY
20 MISS ADAMS AND I WOULD HOPE THAT HER STATEMENT IS NOT BEING
21 USED TO PUNISH ONE FOR EXERCISING ONE'S FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS
22 OR FOR SPEAKING UP ABOUT OTHERS FOURTH AND 15th AMENDMENT
23 RIGHTS DUE PROCESS OF COURSE I REALIZE THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO
24 DISCUSS THOSE ISSUES IN INACCURACIES I DO WANT THE NOTE THAT
25 MISS ADAMS STATEMENT CONTAINS MANY GRAVE PIECES OF

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1 MISINFORMATION A COUPLE THAT I'LL POINT OUT THE LETTER I WAS
2 ASKED TO WRITE BY THE DEFENDANT'S MOTHER TO THE COURT WAS
3 NEITHER A REQUEST FOR LENIENCY NOR REDUCTION IN CHARGES OR
4 SENTENCING THE LETTER DID NOT SAY THAT IT WAS SUBMITTED FOR
5 PRETRIAL MOTION THAT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH EITHER CHARGES OR
6 SENTENCES.

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8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** TIME.

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10 **SPEAKER:** THERE ARE OF COURSE NUMEROUS OTHER INACCURACIES THAT
11 NEED TO BE ADDRESSED INCLUDING QUOTE UNQUOTE CITY PAPER
12 LETTERHEAD. LASTLY MY BEHAVIOR IN THE DAIS AS WELL AS WITH
13 ABAG COLLEAGUES IS UNREPROACHABLE. I ALWAYS STRIVED FOR
14 COLLABORATION WITH ALL OF YOU EVERYONE IN THIS EXECUTIVE
15 COMMITTEE KNOW WHO IS I AM KNOWS MY DEDICATION TO REGIONAL
16 SOLUTIONS KNOWS THAT I HAVE ALWAYS STRIVED TO ARRIVE AT
17 DECISIONS COLLECTIVELY. I SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CORRECT THE
18 RECORD ON WHAT ARE, BASICALLY, FALSE ALLEGATIONS THAT, INDEED,
19 IMPACT MY REPUTATION. THANK YOU.

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21 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** MR. CLERK ANY OTHER PUBLIC COMMENTS?

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23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO OTHER COMMENTS. ON THIS ITEM.

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25 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU OUR NEXT MEETING OF THE ABAG

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1 EXECUTIVE BOARD IS ADJOURNED. OUR NEXT MEETING IS MAY 21ST,
2 2026 AT THE BAY AREA METRO CENTER 375 BEALE STREET ANY CHANGES
3 TO THE SCHEDULE WILL BE DULY NOTICED TO THE PUBLIC THIS
4 MEETING OF THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD IS ADJOURNED. [ADJOURNED]