

An aerial photograph of a city, likely San Francisco, showing a dense network of streets and buildings. A prominent river or bay runs through the center, with several bridges crossing it. The image is in shades of blue, giving it a cool, official appearance.

ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

THURSDAY, MAY 15TH, 2025, 5:10 PM

V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO: THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. WELCOME TO THIS ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING FOR MAY 15TH, 2025. KIMBERLY WARD IS GOING TO BE OFFICIATING TODAY FOR US TODAY. AND FRED HAD A FAMILY EMERGENCY HE HAD TO DEAL WITH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH MISS WARD. LET ME START WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENTS. THIS MEETING IS BEING WEBCAST ON THE ABAG WEB SITE. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USE THE RAISED HAND FEATURE OR DIAL NINE, AND I WILL CALL ON THEM TO SPEAK. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM WHO WOULD LIKE TO GIVE PUBLIC, RAISE YOUR HAND OR DIAL NINE. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN THE BOARDROOM SHOULD FORM A LINE NEAR THE PODIUM, AND THEN THE CLERK WILL CALL UPON YOU TO SPEAK. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE CONDUCTED FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS TODAY BECAUSE WE HAVE REMOTE TELECONFERENCE PARTICIPATION. WITH THAT, LET US DO THE CALL TO ORDER HERE. AND I WOULD LIKE TO -- EXCUSE ME, LET US ACTUALLY ALL RISE TO DO THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. AND WE'LL HAVE WILLIAMS. [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."

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1 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. WILL
2 THE ABAG CLERK OF THE BOARD CALL THE ROLL AND CONFIRM THAT WE
3 HAVE QUORUM?

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ALL RIGHT. COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS?

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7 **SUSAN ADAMS:** HERE.

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9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR ARENAS?

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11 **SYLVIA ARENAS:** HERE.

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13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COUNCIL MEMBER CAMPOS?

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15 **PAMELA CAMPOS:** HERE.

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FROM THE REMOTE LOCATION NOTICED ON THE
18 AGENDA?

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20 **PAMELA CAMPOS:** YES FROM SAN JOSE.

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22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR CARLSON?

23

24 **KEN CARLSON:** HERE.

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CORZO IS ABSENT. COUNCIL MEMBER DOAN?

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3 **BIEN DOAN:** HERE.

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR DORSEY?

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7 **MATT DORSEY:** HERE.

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9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** DUONG?

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11 **BETTY DUONG:** HERE.

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13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ECKLUND?

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15 **PAT ECKLUND:** PRESENT.

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

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19 **CARROLL FIFE:** PRESENT.

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21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FROM THE OAKLAND LOCATION?

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23 **CARROLL FIFE:** PRESENT.

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FROM THE OAKLAND REMOTE LOCATION. THANK
2 YOU. JUST WANTED TO PUT THAT ON THE RECORD. THANK YOU.

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4 **CARROLL FIFE:** PRESENT FROM THE OAKLAND LOCATION.

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6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. FLIGOR IS ABSENT. FORTUNATO
7 BAS?

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9 **NIKKI FORTUNATO-BAS:** PRESENT FROM THE OAKLAND LOCATION 1221
10 OAK STREET.

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12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR GAUTHIER? THANK YOU.
13 IS ABSENT. HILLIS? IS ABSENT. KAMEI?

14

15 **ROSEMARY KAMEI:** HERE, IN THE SAN JOSE LOCATION.

16

17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** LUCAN?

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19 **ERIC LUCAN:** HERE.

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21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** LURIE IS ABSENT. MANDELMAN? IS ABSENT.
22 MARTINEZ-BELTRAN?

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24 **YVONNE MARTINEZ-BELTRAN:** PRESENT THE SAN JOSE LOCATION.

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MILEY IS ABSENT. MOTOYAMA?

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3 **LISA MOTOYAMA:** PRESENT.

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. MAYOR MOY? IS ABSENT. I BELIEVE
6 THERE'S AN ALTERNATE. AND I WILL COME TO YOU. COUNCIL MEMBER
7 NAGALES?

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9 **MARK NAGALES:** HERE.

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11 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR RABBITT IS ABSENT. I'LL CIRCLE
12 BACK. SUPERVISOR RAMOS?

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14 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** I AM PRESENT FROM THE NOTICED LOCATION AT
15 SCAG. SO, I GET TO BE AT OUR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PARTNER'S
16 OFFICE.

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. COUNCIL MEMBER ROMERO?

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

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22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR SCALES PRESTON?

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24 **SHANELLE SCALES-PRESTON:** PRESENT FROM THE REMOTE LOCATION IN
25 CONCORD.

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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. COUNCIL MEMBER SYLVIA? IS
3 ABSENT. MAYOR WASHINGTON?

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5 **PIERRE WASHINGTON:** HERE.

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

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9 **SPEAKER WILLIAMS:** HERE.

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11 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. DIRECTOR YOUNG? IS ABSENT. AND
12 TO OUR ALTERNATES? MAYOR HANNON?

13

14 **MICHAEL HANNON:** MAYOR HANNON FROM REMOTE LOCATION IN PORTLAND
15 OREGON.

16

17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. VICE MAYOR RAMOS? VICE MAYOR
18 EMILY ANNE RAMOS? IS ABSENT. COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** PRESENT FROM THE REMOTE FAIRFIELD REMOTE LOCATION.

21

22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** EXCELLENT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. I BELIEVE
23 QUORUM IS PRESENT.

24

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1 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** THANK YOU. I BELIEVE THAT'S 22
2 MEMBERS.

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4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THAT IS RIGHT.

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6 **RACHAEL TANNER:** I'M ALSO HERE. DIRECTOR TANNER, ALTERNATE FOR
7 SAN FRANCISCO, FOR DIRECTOR RICH HILLIS.

8

9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. WOULD YOU SAY YOUR NAME FOR ME
10 ONE MORE TIME?

11

12 **RACHAEL TANNER:** RACHAEL TANNER.

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

15

16 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** THANK YOU, MISS TANNER. I WANTED TO
17 POINT OUT -- WHEN YOU DO THE COMPENSATION, THEN I'LL MAKE --

18

19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SURE. ACCORDING TO STATE LAW, I AM MAKING
20 THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT. THE MEMBERS OF THE ABAG EXECUTIVE
21 BOARD IN ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING ARE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE
22 PER DIEM AN AMOUNT OF \$100 AS A RESULT OF CONVENING A
23 SIMULTANEOUS OR SERIAL MTC MEETING AND THAT PER DIEM SHALL BE
24 PROVIDED AS A [INDISCERNIBLE]. THANK YOU.

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1 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I DO WANT TO
2 POINT OUT THAT THE ABAG PRESIDENT IS PRESENT. SHE IS ACTUALLY
3 REMOTE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SHE'LL BE MAKING HER OWN ABAG
4 PRESIDENT'S REPORT. BUT I WILL BE TRYING TO LIMP MY WAY
5 THROUGH TODAY'S MEETING IN HER ABSENCE. IN HER PHYSICAL
6 ABSENCE. WITH THAT, ITEM TWO IS PUBLIC COMMENT. WILL THE CLERK
7 PLEASE INFORM US IF THERE ARE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OR EITHER
8 ONLINE IN THIS ROOM WHO WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON ITEMS THAT
9 ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA. LET'S SEE HOW MANY PEOPLE WE HAVE.

10

11 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING, NO ONE
12 IN THE ZOOM SPACE WITH THEIR HANDS RAISED AND NO ONE HAS
13 APPROACHED THE PODIUM.

14

15 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** OH PARDON ME. WE DID RECEIVE ONE LETTER OF
18 CORRESPONDENCE THAT WAS POSTED TO THE AGENDA FROM RETIREES
19 THAT LETTER WAS RESPONDED TO AND IT'S BEEN POSTED TO THE
20 ONLINE AGENDA.

21

22 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT ITEM IS
23 EXECUTIVE BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS. ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS PRESENT
24 IN CHAMBERS OR ONLINE THAT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT?
25 SEEING NONE. I WILL DO A QUICK ONE. I BELIEVE MOST OF YOU, IF

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1 NOT ALL, SHOULD HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED BY OUR BAHFA HOUSING STAFF
2 THAT THERE IS A LETTER CIRCULATING THAT IN WHICH WE ARE TRYING
3 TO APPEAL TO THE STATE BUDGET PROCESS FOR A \$30 MILLION ASK
4 FOR THE BAY AREA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY 15 MILLION WOULD
5 ACTUALLY BE FOR THE OPERATIONS TO GET US THROUGH 2028. BUT
6 ANOTHER 15 MILLION WOULD BE TO LEVERAGE THAT MONEY TO
7 POTENTIALLY CREATE A -- ABOUT \$100 MILLION TO LEND OUT AS KIND
8 OF A TRIAL RUN AS TO HOW WE COULD POSSIBLY RUN THE FULL BAHFA
9 BALLOT MEASURE. SO, IF YOU HAVE NOT SIGNED THE LETTER, OR IF
10 YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED IT, PLEASE LET US KNOW. I THINK DANIEL
11 SAVER WAS HERE. YOU CAN GO TO DANIEL AND PHYSICALLY TELL HIM,
12 I'M GOOD, I'M ON. TODAY WE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE AS MANY
13 MEMBERS BOTH OF ABAG AND OF YOUR RESPECTIVE COUPLES TO SIGN.
14 TODAY IS THE LAST DAY, I BELIEVE, SO CRITICAL THAT YOU CONTACT
15 DANIEL IF YOU ARE SUPPORTING THAT ASK OF THE BUDGET. THANK
16 YOU. HEARING NO OTHERS, SEEING NO HAND UP FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD
17 ANNOUNCEMENTS. LET'S MOVE TO THE ABAG PRESIDENT'S REPORT, FOR
18 MAY 15TH, 2025. AND THAT WOULD BE SUPERVISOR RAMOS.

19

20 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH VICE PRESIDENT ROMERO.
21 I REALLY APPRECIATE THE ASSIST. FOR THIS EVENING, MY
22 PRESIDENT'S REPORT IS GOING TO HAVE SOME INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
23 JUST TO INFORM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF SOME THINGS GOING ON I
24 REALLY APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S ATTENDANCE. I LOVE TO SEE,
25 REALLY, HOW MUCH PARTICIPATION WE HAVE GROWN IN THE LAST FEW

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1 MONTHS SO I WANTED TO START OFF BY SAYING THAT. THE NEXT ONE
2 COMES TO UPDATE ON EVERYONE'S FAVORITE SUBJECT HERE, RHNA, OUR
3 REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAD A
4 REALLY, REALLY THOROUGH SIX CYCLE RHNA PROCESS BETWEEN 2019
5 AND 2021, IT REALLY TAXED THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE A LOT
6 TO WORK THROUGH ALL OF THESE RHNA APPEALS THAT WE HAD, AND TO
7 MAKE SURE THAT WE PROVIDED A SOUND METHODOLOGY AND APPLIED
8 THAT IN AN EQUITABLE FASHION. AND THAT IS ONE OF OUR CORE
9 RESPONSIBILITIES AT ABAG. WE HAD TO DISTRIBUTE 441,000 HOUSING
10 UNITS ACROSS 109 JURISDICTIONS. WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THAT
11 THAT'S A REALLY GREAT UNDERTAKING NEXT CYCLE DON'T GET TOO
12 COMFORTABLE FOR THOSE THAT JUST STARTED TO BREATHE FROM THE
13 LAST HOUSING CYCLE AND YOUR APPROVALS WE GET STARTED ON THE
14 NEXT ROUND IN 2027. IN REGARDS TO FINISHING UP CYCLE SIX WE
15 HAVE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF RHNA TRANSFERS FOR THE MOST PART
16 THOSE ARE DONE BY STATUTE AND THEY ARE WITHOUT ISSUE. WHAT WE
17 HAVE DONE FOR THE TECHNICALITY OF ONE OF THE RHNA TRANSFER
18 REQUESTS THAT CAME BEFORE ABAG, AS REQUIRED BY STATUTE, IS
19 THAT LAST WEEK, THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE DID, IN
20 FACT, APPROVE RESOLUTION 102025 WHICH RECOGNIZES THE REVIEW OF
21 NON-MUTUAL RHNA TRANSFER REQUESTS, THIS IS WHEN THE PARTIES
22 AREN'T IN AGREEMENT. AND MAKING SURE THAT WE PROVIDE
23 INCREDIBLY TECHNICAL APPLICATION OF THE METHODOLOGY FOR
24 DISTRIBUTION. AND, SO, IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THAT, THE
25 RESOLUTION DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO STAFF TO ADMINISTER THOSE

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1 REQUESTS AND TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS A REPORT-OUT TO HCD,
2 AND TO, ALSO, HAVE A RECEIVE AND FILE BACK TO THE
3 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE. ANOTHER THING OF NOTE FOR EVERYONE,
4 I REALLY HOPE THAT YOU HAVE JUNE 20TH ON YOUR CALENDAR. THAT
5 IS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. OUR BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE
6 CONDUCTED AT THE BAY METRO CENTER, 375 BEALE STREET. I -- WE
7 WILL HAVE SOME ITEMS TODAY THAT WE'LL BE TAKING TO THE GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY TO TALK ABOUT. SO, LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING MORE
9 DISCUSSIONS ON THOSE. AND, AGAIN, THANK YOU PRESIDENT ROMERO
10 FOR THE ASSIST. HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.

11

12 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** ANY QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE
13 EXECUTIVE BOARD? I DON'T SEE ANY IN THE ROOM. I DON'T SEE ANY
14 HANDS UP. LET'S GO TO THE CLERK TO SEE IF THERE WAS ANY PUBLIC
15 COMMENT THAT WAS EITHER SUBMITTED OR ONLINE.

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN
18 WRITING, NO RAISED HANDS IN THE ROOM AND NO ONE HAS APPROACHED
19 THE PODIUM.

20

21 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT ITEM IS THE
22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND THIS IS AN ABAG INFORMATION
23 ITEM AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PREMIER WILL GIFT REPORT,
24 PLEASE.

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1 **ANDREW FREMIER:** THANK YOU VICE PRESIDENT. [LAUGHTER] ROMERO.

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3 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** YOU CAN CALL ME WHATEVER YOU WANT.

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5 **ANDREW FREMIER:** OH, I GOT TONGUE TIED. I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT.

6 ANYWAY IT'S NICE TO SEE EVERYBODY IN THE BUILDING. I HAVE A

7 FEW THINGS I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SURE I COVER IN THE REPORT,

8 JUST A REMINDER IT'S TIME FOR THE ABAG GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

9 REGISTRATION IS OPEN. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO GET DELEGATES

10 TO REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE MAKE SURE WE GET A

11 QUORUM. IT'S FRIDAY, JUNE 20TH, HERE IN THIS BUILDING. WE DO

12 HAVE A KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND ECONOMISTS, DR. CHRISTOPHER

13 THORNBURG, WHO IS THE FOUNDING PARTNER OF DEACON ECONOMICS,

14 THAT WILL ALSO BE FOLLOWED BY PANEL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS.

15 THOSE ALWAYS A GOOD EVENTS. AS A REMINDER, MAY IS AFFORDABLE

16 HOUSING MONTH AND ABAG AND MTC TEAMED UP WITH A BUNCH OF OUR

17 HOUSING PARTNERS IN EAST BAY TO DO A COUPLE OF EVENTS THERE

18 WAS ONE PARTNERED WITH SPUR WHERE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

19 DANIEL SAVER ATTENDED. THAT EVENT FOCUSED STRATEGIES THAT

20 WE'RE TRACKING CITIES HOUSING ELEMENTS PROGRESS. AND THEN

21 BAHFA ALSO HOSTED -- COHOSTED'S WEBINAR ON MAY 6TH PARTNERSHIP

22 WITH THE RAISE THE ROOF COALITION THE STANFORD COMMUNITY LAW

23 CLINIC AND ALL HOME, ON RECENT AND FORTHCOMING RESEARCH ON

24 EVICTIONS IN THE REGION AND OPPORTUNITIES TO PROTECT TENANTS.

25 WE HAD OUR ANTI-DISPLACEMENT MANAGER IRENE FARNSWORTH THERE

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1 WHO SHARED SOME OF THE WORK THAT WE'RE DOING IN THAT SPACE.
2 FINALLY ALIX, DANIEL, AND I ATTENDED THE 29th ANNUAL NON-
3 PROFIT HOUSING ASSOCIATION CELEBRATION THAT WAS REALLY ABOUT
4 LEADERSHIP AWARDS, AND IT WAS REAL NICE EVENT HERE IN SAN
5 FRANCISCO. A PLACE WHERE YOU ALL LIKE TO PARTICIPATE, FINDING
6 FUNDING FOR HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES. I HIGHLIGHTED OPPORTUNITIES
7 HERE, BAHFA, THE BAY AREA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY HAS
8 RELEASED NOTICES OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY FOR TWO PROGRAMS, THE
9 HOUSING PRESERVATION LOAN PILOT AND THE HOUSING PRESERVATION
10 PROJECT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM. BOTH PROGRAMS ARE
11 ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS ON A ROLLING BASIS, SO IT'S FIRST COME
12 FIRST SERVED UNTIL THE MONEY RUNS OUT. THAT'S AN IMPORTANT, I
13 THINK, THING TO REMEMBER. AND THEN ON MARCH 25th, THE
14 STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL RELEASED ROUND NINE NOTICE OF FUNDING
15 AVAILABILITY FOR \$775 MILLION IN FUND UNDER THE AFFORDABLE
16 HOUSING AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM AND THOSE DO --
17 THOSE APPLICATIONS DO NEED TO COMPLY WITH PLANNED BAY AREA
18 2050 AND SO WE HAVE GIVEN CONTACT THERE FOR HOW THAT
19 INFORMATION IS TURNED INTO US AS WELL. SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO
20 LOTS OF FOLKS PARTICIPATING IN THOSE SWEEPSTAKES. I WANT TO
21 MENTION THAT I DID SPEAK ON TUESDAY AT AN ALL ABOARD BAY AREA
22 TRANSIT DAY EVENT WHERE MY COLLEAGUES IN THE OPERATOR SPACE
23 AND I WERE OUT IN FRONT OF THE FERRIES IN SAN FRANCISCO
24 REMINDING FOLKS ABOUT HOW ENCOURAGING NEW TRANSIT RIDERS,
25 WHICH IS SOMETHING WE'RE LOOKING FOR. ALSO COINCIDED WITH THE

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1 AIR DISTRICT'S START OF THE SPARE THE AIR SUMMER PROGRAM
2 SEASON, AIR DISTRICT ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE CONVERSATION. I
3 THINK YOU HAVE ALL NOTICED IT'S ALSO BIKE TO WHEREVER MONTH
4 AND TODAY IS ACTUALLY BIKE TO WORK DAY. SO THERE IS QUITE A
5 BIT OF STATIONS FLOATING AROUND AND THAT WAS GOOD TO SEE. WE
6 HAD A NICE LITTLE AWARD HERE OR RECOGNITION, MAYBE ALIX IF I
7 COULD GET YOU TO HOLD THAT UP? THE JOHN MUIR LAND TRUST
8 COMPLETED THE PACHECO MARSH RESTORATION AND PUBLIC ACCESS
9 PROJECT AND IT WAS FUNDED IN PART BY THE SAN FRANCISCO
10 RESTORATION AUTHORITY, SO IT'S A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN
11 YOURSELVES AND SFEP, CAITLIN SWEENEY AND HER TEAM WAS THERE,
12 AND IT WAS A NICE EVENT. IT'S AN 84 ACRE TIDAL WETLAND THAT
13 NOW FEATURES TRAILS, WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE PATHS, VISIT AS,
14 AND A PAVILION, IT WAS RESTORATION WITH A LOT OF ADDITIONS DO
15 IT, AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE SUPERVISOR SHANELLE SCALES-
16 PRESTON WAS ONE OF THE SPEAKERS, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, SUPERVISOR
17 SHANELLE SCALES PRESTON. A COUPLE OF ITEMS ON BAYREN THAT ARE
18 GOOD TO SEE THE WORK THAT BAYREN IS DOING OUT IN THIS SPACE,
19 AND THEN I DID WANT TO MAYBE CLOSE RECOGNIZING THE SAVE THE
20 DATE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE IN THIS BUILDING ON JUNE 16TH AND
21 17th, MTC AND ABAG ARE HOSTING ACCESSIBLE FUTURES, SHARING,
22 LISTENING AND LEARNING WHICH IS REALLY A GATHERING OF BAY AREA
23 DISABILITY COMMUNITY TO HELP US UNDERSTAND WHAT SOME OF THE
24 NEEDS AND GAPS ARE IN OUR POLICY SERVICES AND ADVOCACY. IT'S
25 REALLY BEEN PUT TOGETHER BY THAT COMMUNITY, AND IT'S REALLY

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1 FOR US TO LISTEN TO THE CHALLENGES THEY HAVE AND REGISTRATION
2 WILL OPEN LATER THIS MONTH. AND I'M HAPPY TO TAKE ANY
3 QUESTIONS.

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5 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** YES. LET ME GO TO MISS ECKLUND.

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7 **PAT ECKLUND:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANDY, I WANTED TO FIND OUT
8 DOES BAHFA USUALLY SENDS OUT NOTICES TO CITY MANAGERS OR CITY
9 COUNCIL MEMBERS OR COUNTY SUPERVISORS? I TALKED TO OUR CITY
10 MANAGER AT ONE POINT AND SHE WASN'T SURE. THANK YOU.

11

12 **DANIEL SAVER:** THROUGH THE CHAIR, VICE PRESIDENT. SO, WE, BAHFA
13 DOES SEND OUT NOTICES WHEN WE HAVE NOTICES OF AVAILABILITY TO
14 A VARIETY OF LISTS. I'M NOT SURE IF THEY'RE GOING TO -- I'M
15 DOUBTFUL THAT THEY GO TO ALL OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS. BUT I
16 WILL DOUBLE CHECK THAT WITH THE TEAM. WE DO HAVE A WIDE
17 SHATTER OF STAKEHOLDERS AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS THAT WE DO
18 SEND THAT TO. IN THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE, THE PRESERVATION
19 PROGRAM. THIS IS THE SECOND ROUND OF FUNDING. SO, WE DID HAVE
20 A FIRST ROUND THAT WAS OVERSUBSCRIBED. SO I DO KNOW THAT WE
21 ALSO SENT OUT NOTICES TO THE APPLICANTS FROM THAT 50 ROUND WHO
22 DID NOT RECEIVE FUNDING, TO LET THEM KNOW THAT THERE WAS MORE
23 MONEY AVAILABLE IN THIS INSTANCE.

24

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1 **PAT ECKLUND:** YEAH, IT'S JUST THAT I KNOW THAT CITIES AND
2 COUNTIES ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR FUNDS FOR HOUSING. SO, CAN YOU
3 JUST DOUBLE CHECK TO MAKE SURE THAT THE CITY MANAGERS, CITY
4 CLERKS, AND IF IT'S DONE ELECTRICALLY, THEN YOU COULD ACTUALLY
5 INCLUDE ALL OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS TOO. I JUST THINK THE
6 BROADER NET WE CAST WOULD MAKE PEOPLE FEEL LIKE THIS IS A FAIR
7 PROGRAM.

8

9 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** ANY OTHER COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF
10 THE EXECUTIVE BOARD? OR QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT. IF NOT, LET'S GO
11 TO THE PUBLIC. DO WE HAVE ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC?

12

13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I SEE NO RAISED HANDS IN THE ZOOM SPACE.
14 NO ONE HAS APPROACHED THE PODIUM, AND NOTHING RECEIVED IN
15 WRITING. THANK YOU.

16

17 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANDY, THANK YOU
18 VERY MUCH FOR REMINDING FOLKS ABOUT THE ASIC GRANTS, THE 776
19 MILLION. THE NINE-COUNTY BAY AREA HAS DONE WELL COMPETITIVELY
20 SECURING THOSE GRANTS A LITTLE LATE TO PUT IN AN APPLICATION
21 NOW BUT MANY OF THE CITIES HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE REGIONAL
22 AGENCIES AS WELL AS COUNTY AGENCIES TO GET THESE APPLICATIONS
23 IN THEY CAN ACTUALLY CONTRIBUTE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF MONEY
24 TO SUBSIDIZE THE BUILDING OF THESE AFFORDABLE HOUSING,
25 PROJECTS CAP-AND-TRADE \$766 MILLION AVAILABLE. NEXT ITEM IS

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1 SIX, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THIS IS AN ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD
2 ACTION ITEM INCLUDES ITEM 6A APPROVAL OF THE ABAG EXECUTIVE
3 BOARD MINUTES FOR APRIL 17TH, AND 6B WHICH SEW A BID PROTEST
4 OF PALO ALTO HORIZONTAL LEVY PROJECT AND DELEGATION OF
5 APPOINTMENT OF HEARING PANEL ON APPEAL OF THE PROTEST
6 DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY DECIDE THE APPEAL CORRECT ME IF I'M
7 WRONG A PANEL OF THREE CORRECT JUST TO MAKE SURE HEARING THAT
8 REQUEST.

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10 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** THAT'S RIGHT. FOLLOWING THE MTC BID
11 PROTEST HEARING PROCEDURES UNDER OUR CONTRACT SERVICES IT
12 WOULD BE AD-HOC OF THREE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT TO
13 HEAR THE APPEAL.

14

15 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** AND I BELIEVE, I DON'T KNOW MISS
16 RAMOS, PRESIDENT, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY WHO THOSE PEOPLE ARE?
17 OR I CAN SAY IT? IT'S UP TO --

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19 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** AT THIS TIME, I WOULD SAY THAT WE'RE GOING
20 TO TRY -- I'LL WORK WITH COUNSEL TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE SOME
21 THOUGHTFULNESS PUT BEHIND WHO IT IS WE DO NEED TO MAKE SURE WE
22 HAVE -- SINCE THIS IS A NEW PROCEDURE WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE
23 HAVE SUFFICIENT CHECKS ON ANY CONFLICTS GIVEN THE REGIONAL
24 IMPLICATIONS OF THE AREA. SO, AT THIS TIME IT WOULD JUST BE

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1 ASKING FOR DELEGATION TO THE PRESIDENT, AND THEN, OF COURSE,
2 WE WOULD REPORT-OUT WHO IS APPOINTED TO THE AD-HOC.

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4 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** GREAT. THANK YOU. SO, UNLESS THERE IS
5 AN ITEM A MEMBER WOULD LIKE TO TAKE SEPARATELY, THE CONSENT
6 CALENDAR WILL BE ACTED UPON AS ONE MOTION.

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8 **SPEAKER:** I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE MOTION WE MOVE THE CONSENT
9 CALENDAR.

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11 **SPEAKER:** I'LL SECOND.

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13 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** MOTION BY ADAMS. SECOND -- I'LL GIVE
14 IT TO MOTOYAMA. AND IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION?
15 OKAY. LOOKING AROUND. I DON'T SEE ANY. THEN, WILL THE CLERK
16 PLEASE INFORM US IF ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO
17 WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM?

18

19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN
20 WRITING FOR THIS ITEM THERE ARE NO HANDS IN THE ZOOM SPACE AND
21 NO ONE HAS APPROACHED THE PODIUM.

22

23 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** WOULD THE CLERK PLEASE CONDUCT A ROLL
24 CALL VOTE?

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES, AND IF IT PLEASES THE VICE PRESIDENT,
2 IS IT ALL RIGHT IF I STATE THE MEMBER NAME RATHER THAN STATE
3 THE FULL TITLE AS I WOULD LIKE TO GET US ALONG?

4

5 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** ABSOLUTELY WE'RE ALL ABOUT BEING
6 EXPEDITIOUS.

7

8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. WITH THAT WE'LL GO WITH MEMBER
9 ADAMS.

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11 **SUSAN ADAMS:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER ARENAS?

14

15 **SYLVIA ARENAS:** YES.

16

17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. MEMBER CAMPOS?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** SHE STEPPED AWAY.

20

21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** OKAY. THANK YOU. MEMBER CARLSON?

22

23 **KEN CARLSON:** AYE.

24

25 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER CORZO? IS ABSENT. MEMBER DOAN?

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1

2 **BIEN DOAN:** YES.

3

4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER DORSEY?

5

6 **MATT DORSEY:** YES.

7

8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** DUONG?

9

10 **BETTY DUONG:** AYE.

11

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

13

14 **CARROLL FIFE:** AYE.

15

16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FLIGOR? IS ABSENT. BAS?

17

18 **NIKKI FORTUNATO-BAS:** AYE.

19

20 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** GAUTHIER? SORRY. I'M TRYING TO GET THAT

21 RIGHT. BUT YOU ARE ABSENT ANYWAY. SO, THANK YOU. [LAUGHTER]

22 MEMBER HILLIS? IS ABSENT. MEMBER KAMEI?

23

24 **ROSEMARY KAMEI:** YES.

25

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** LUCAN?

2

3 **ERIC LUCAN:** YES.

4

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

6 MARTINEZ-BELTRAN?

7

8 **YVONNE MARTINEZ-BELTRAN:** YES.

9

10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MILEY IS ABSENT. MOTOYAMA?

11

12 **LISA MOTOYAMA:** AYE.

13

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

15

16 **MARK NAGALES:** YES.

17

18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RABBITT IS ABSENT. RAMOS?

19

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

21

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

23

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

25

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SCALES-PRESTON?

2

3 **SHANELLE SCALES-PRESTON:** YES.

4

5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. MEMBER SILVA? IS ABSENT.

6 WASHINGTON?

7

8 **PIERRE WASHINGTON:** YES.

9

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

11

12 **SPEAKER WILLIAMS:** AYE.

13

14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YOUNG IS ABSENT. YES. THANK YOU. MEMBER

15 HANNON?

16

17 **MICHAEL HANNON:** AYE.

18

19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RAMOS? IS ABSENT. WILLIAMS? PATRICE

20 WILLIAMS?

21

22 **SPEAKER WILLIAMS:** HERE -- YES.

23

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

25

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1 **RACHAEL TANNER:** YES.

2

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

5

6 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT ITEM 7A IS
7 THE REPORT FROM THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, FOR BOARD
8 MEETINGS OF APRIL 11TH AND 9TH. I'LL GIVE THAT REPORT. THE
9 ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MET JOINTLY WITH THE MTC
10 PLANNING COMMITTEE ON APRIL 11TH AND APPROVED THE FOLLOWING
11 UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF
12 SUPERVISOR KEN CARLSON FROM THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA AS VICE
13 CHAIR OF THE JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE AND WE'RE
14 PUTTING HIM TO WORK RIGHT AFTER THIS. THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE
15 COMMITTEE MET JOINTLY WITH THE MTC PLANNING COMMITTEE ON MAY
16 THE 9TH AND APPROVED THE FOLLOWING UNDER CONSENT CALENDAR, A
17 RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILWOMAN LISA MOTOYAMA
18 FROM THE CITY OF EL CERRITO, TO THE ABAG FINANCE COMMITTEE,
19 AND A JOINT APPOINTMENT BY THE ABAG PRESIDENT AND THE ABAG
20 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT, OF MISS MOTOYAMA TO
21 THE ACFA GOVERNING BOARD. IN ADDITION, WE AUTHORIZED STAFF TO
22 ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MYCELIUM YOUTH NETWORK FOR \$146,601
23 TO IMPLEMENT A WORTHY ESTUARY YOUTH COUNCIL PROGRAM. AND
24 FINALLY WE APPROVED A RECOMMENDATION TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO
25 THE ABAG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OR THEIR DESIGNEE TO ADMINISTER

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1 TRANSFERS OF THE RHNA UNITS PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF THE
2 CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION SIX.

3

4 **CARROLL FIFE:** 84.07. THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS RECEIVED ON THE
5 20 -- ON MAY 9TH. THAT WAS A REPORT AROUND THE TRANSIT
6 ORIENTED COMMUNITIES POLICY, WHICH HAS BEEN IN DEVELOPMENT FOR
7 SEVERAL YEARS NOW. THIS WAS THE -- WE REVIEWED THE DRAFT
8 EVALUATION CRITERIA, AND HAD A ROBUST DISCUSSION AROUND THAT.
9 I THINK THE POLICY, INDEED, WILL BE MOVING FORWARD IN AN
10 APPROPRIATE DIRECTION. THE PRESENTATION WAS RELATED TO THE
11 DRAFT FRAMEWORK TO EVALUATE JURISDICTION'S PROGRESS TOWARDS
12 COMPLIANCE WITH THE TOC POLICY. PRIOR TO THE 2026 DEADLINE,
13 THAT ALIGNS WITH OUR CYCLE 41 BAY AREA GRANT PROGRAM. THAT'S
14 REQUIRED BY MTC RESOLUTION 4530. SUMMARY OF REPORTS OF ALL OF
15 THESE ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT MTC LEGISTAR, AND THAT CONCLUDES
16 MY REPORT. ANY QUESTIONS ON THAT REPORT FROM ANYONE? SEEING
17 NONE. ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC?

18

19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. HAVE I RECEIVED NOTHING IN
20 WRITING FOR THIS ITEM. I SEE NO RAISED HANDS IN THE ZOOM SPACE
21 AND NO ONE HAS APPROACHED THE PODIUM.

22

23 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** THANK YOU. THIS WAS AN INFORMATION
24 ITEM. I'LL MOVE ON TO THE NEXT ITEM, WHICH I'M GOING TO HAND
25 OVER TO SUPERVISOR -- [LAUGHTER] EXCUSE ME -- THE -- THIS IS A

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1 REPORT FROM THE JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE FOR APRIL
2 11TH AND MAY 9TH. AND I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR CARLSON IS GOING TO
3 DO THAT.

4

5 **KEN CARLSON:** THANK YOU VICE PRESIDENT ROMERO. I'M GOING TO
6 PAUSE FOR A REASON. BUT, NO. [LAUGHTER] THIS WILL BE BRIEF. ON
7 OUR APRIL 11TH MEETING FOR OUR JOINT MTC ABAG LEG COMMITTEE WE
8 RECEIVED AN UPDATE ON SB63 WHICH HAS BEEN A PRIORITY FOR MANY
9 OF US, THE TRANSPORTATION REVENUE MEASURE ENABLING LEGISLATION
10 AS WELL AS AN UPDATE ON THE JOINT MTC ABAG MARCH SACRAMENTO
11 ADVOCACY TRIP WHICH IS THE POINT UP THERE OF THE ADVOCACY
12 TRIP. AT OUR MAY 9TH MEETING WE ARE AWAITING A STATE BUDGET
13 UPDATE BUT DUE TO THE PROXIMITY OF THE RELEASE OF THE
14 GOVERNOR'S MAY 14TH REVISE WE REALLY JUST WERE WAITING AND
15 WE'LL CONTINUE TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS NOW THAT THE REVISE IS
16 OUT AND WE MOVE FORWARD. BUT IT REALLY WAS ABOUT THE
17 IMPLICATIONS OF THE BAY AREA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY AND THE
18 CAP-AND-TRADE EXTENSION, WHICH CONTINUE TO BE ONGOING
19 CONVERSATIONS. TWO THINGS THAT WE DID RECOMMEND WAS THE
20 SUPPORT, MOVING THOSE FORWARD TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF
21 ASSEMBLYMEMBER WICKS, AB 804, WHICH WE WILL TALK ABOUT NEXT,
22 AS WELL AS SB750 FROM SENATOR CORTESE. AND OF COURSE WE HAD AN
23 OVERVIEW OF KIND OF THE HOUSING LEGISLATIVE LANDSCAPE OF
24 EVERYTHING THAT'S HOUSING RELATED MOVING THROUGH THE
25 LEGISLATURE AND FINALLY UPDATE ON SB125 PROPOSED MTC

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1 PRIORITIES FOR THE STATE TRANSIT TRANSFORMATION TASK FORCE
2 REGARDING STRATEGIES TO GROW TRANSIT RIDERSHIP AND IMPROVE
3 TRANSIT EXPERIENCE FOR TRANSIT USERS AND THAT'S BASICALLY IT
4 AS WE WILL TAKE ACTION ON THE TWO ITEMS THAT DID COME OUT OF
5 THE ACTION ITEMS OUT OF THE COMMITTEE.

6

7 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** WAS STAFF PLANNING ON PRESENTING A
8 REPORT? YES? NO?

9

10 **REBECCA LONG:** THANK YOU VICE CHAIR ROMERO, NOT UNTIL THE VICE
11 CHAIR OF THE LEG COMMITTEE DIRECTS US TO, BUT JULIE SNYDER IS
12 ON THE LINE AND WE THOUGHT WE COULD GIVE YOU A BRIEF OVERVIEW
13 OF THE BILLS BEFORE ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

14

15 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** OKAY. SO DO WE --

16

17 **KEN CARLSON:** YEAH, AND THE TWO AGENDAIZED ITEMS SO I'M JUST
18 SAYING WE MOVE FORWARD UNLESS THERE ARE QUESTIONS SPECIFIC TO
19 THE REPORT.

20

21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** BEFORE WE MOVE TO THOSE ITEMS WE'LL NEED
22 TO TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE 8A.

23

24 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** THANK YOU. IS THERE ANY PUBLIC
25 COMMENT ON ITEM 8A?

26

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1

2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO. I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING.
3 THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED AND
4 NO ONE HAS APPROACHED THE PODIUM. [LAUGHTER]

5

6 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** OKAY. THERE WE ARE. SO, 8A -- I'M
7 SORRY. YEAH, 8B, WHICH IS MISSING FROM MY --

8

9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** IT'S ACTUALLY PART OF YOUR LEGISLATION
10 SPEAKING POINT.

11

12 **KEN CARLSON:** SO, ULTIMATELY, LIKE I SAID. [LAUGHTER] EIGHT, A,
13 8B, AND EIGHT C ARE THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO MOVE
14 FORWARD WITH THE SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL AB 406
15 ASSEMBLYMEMBER WICKS WHICH IS THE HOUSING SUPPORT SERVICES YOU
16 WANT ME TO GIVE A BRIEF -- WE CAN SAVE SOME TIME.

17

18 **REBECCA LONG:** JULIE SNYDER IS HERE AND CAN PROVIDE A BRIEF
19 OVERVIEW OF EACH ITEM BEFORE YOU TAKE ACTION.

20

21 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** I BELIEVE THAT'S A NOD AFFIRMATIVE
22 YES.

23

24 **REBECCA LONG:** JULIE TAKE IT AWAY.

25

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1 **JULIE SNYDER:** GOOD EVEN VICE PRESIDENT RAMOS AND -- SORRY.
2 ROMERO. MEMBERS. BOTH BILLS BEFORE YOU TODAY WOULD ENHANCE
3 BAHFA'S ABILITY TO FULFILL ITS MISSION AS A PUBLIC -- BRINGING
4 TO YOU FIRST AB 804 ASSEMBLYMEMBER WICKS OFFERS STEADY SOURCE
5 OF REVENUE FOR SOME SERVICES THAT WOULD BE PROVIDED IN SUPPORT
6 OF HOUSING THAT'S THE LINK TO BAHFA AB 804 WOULD REQUIRE THE
7 STATE TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL MEDICAL WAIVER AND THIS WAIVER
8 WOULD ALLOW PROGRAM TO COVER COSTS, INCLUDE HELP LINE FINDING
9 APPROPRIATE HOUSING OR ASSISTANCE WITH THE JOB SEARCH.
10 CURRENTLY, 21 STATES ACROSS THE COUNTRY HAVE SECURED THIS
11 WAIVER. IF OURS IS NOT APPROVED THE FIRST AROUND, WE BELIEVE
12 IT'S IMPORTANT TO DEMONSTRATE TO OUR FEDERAL POLICY MAKERS THE
13 HIGH DEMAND FOR THIS PROGRAM ASPECT. AND THEREFORE STAFF IS
14 RECOMMENDING A SUPPORT POSITION. MR. CHAIR, DO YOU WANT ME TO
15 PRESENT ON THEM BOTH AT THE SAME TIME? OR?

16

17 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** WHY DON'T WE DO THIS. DO THE VOTE FOR
18 THIS ONE, THEN WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT ONE.

19

20 **PAT ECKLUND:** I HAVE A QUESTION.

21

22 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** ANY QUESTIONS, YES, PLEASE.

23

24 **PAT ECKLUND:** I'M CURIOUS WAS THIS TEMPORARY HOUSING OR
25 PERMANENT HOUSING? AND THEN FOR HOW LONG IF IT IS PERMANENT.

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1

2 **JULIE SNYDER:** THE ASSISTANCE THAT COULD BE PROVIDED UNDER THE
3 PROGRAM, DIRECTOR ECKLUND, WOULD DEPEND ON THE NEEDS OF THE
4 MEDICAL RECIPIENT. SO IT COULD BE EITHER OF THOSE, OR BOTH.

5

6 **PAT ECKLUND:** HMM.

7

8 **JULIE SNYDER:** IT'S REALLY A, I WOULD SAY, A CLIENT CENTERED
9 APPROACH BASED ON THEIR PARTICULAR SITUATION GENERAL THE GOLD
10 BE TO MOVE THE PERSON INTO PERMANENT HOUSING, IF AVAILABLE.

11

12 **PAT ECKLUND:** WHEN THEY GET THE PERMITTED HOUSING BILL, WOULD
13 THEY STILL GET THE MEDICAL SUPPORT SO THEY CAN CONTINUE TO
14 STAY THERE? THAT'S, SORT OF --

15

16 **JULIE SNYDER:** ABSOLUTELY.

17

18 **PAT ECKLUND:** YOU BELIEVE -- OKAY.

19

20 **JULIE SNYDER:** THAT -- THE GOAL OF THIS, AND THE LINK BETWEEN
21 THE TWO IS THAT WE KNOW THAT WHEN PEOPLE ARE STABLY HOUSED,
22 THEIR USE OF, ESPECIALLY MORE EXPENSIVE SETTINGS FOR PROVIDING
23 MEDICAL CARE SUCH AS THE EMERGENCY ROOM, ARE REDUCED AND
24 THAT'S WHY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ALLOWS FOR THIS WAIVER
25 WITHIN THE MEDICAL PROGRAM.

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1

2 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** DIRECTOR ECKLUND, DOES THAT ANSWER
3 YOUR QUESTION?

4

5 **PAT ECKLUND:** IT ANSWERS MY QUESTION. THANK YOU.

6

7 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET'S MOVE TO
8 BOARD MEMBER MOTOYAMA.

9

10 **LISA MOTOYAMA:** THANK YOU. I HAVE A QUESTION TO FOLLOW UP WITH
11 DIRECTOR ECKLUND'S QUESTION. SO, WHEN I READ THE MATERIALS, I
12 UNDERSTOOD IT TO BE STRICTLY RESIDENT SERVICES. BUT IS THIS
13 ALSO USABLE AS HOUSING SUPPORT IS WHAT I UNDERSTOOD -- HEARD
14 FROM THE QUESTION PREVIOUSLY. SO, IS MEDICAL USABLE AS
15 RESIDENT SUPPORT OR HOUSING SUPPORT IN OR IS IT STRICTLY
16 RESIDENT SERVICES?

17

18 **JULIE SNYDER:** THROUGH THE CHAIR. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE HOUSING
19 SUPPORT SERVICES COULD INCLUDE THINGS LIKE MOVE IN A GRANT TO
20 HELP SOMEBODY MOVE INTO A PLACE, BUT NOT ONGOING RENTAL
21 ASSISTANCE. IS MY UNDERSTANDING. DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR
22 QUESTION?

23

24 **LISA MOTOYAMA:** YES. THANKS.

25

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1 **PAT ECKLUND:** THANK YOU FOR ASKING THAT QUESTION, BECAUSE I
2 THOUGHT I HAD ASKED IT CORRECTLY. THANK YOU.

3

4 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** THANK YOU TO BOTH OF YOU FOR MAKING
5 THAT CLARIFICATION. THANK YOU TO STAFF FOR CONFIRMING. ARE
6 THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE. ANY
7 PUBLIC COMMENT?

8

9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING. I SEE
10 NO HANDS RAISED IN THE ZOOM SPACE AND NO ONE HAS APPROACHED
11 THE PODIUM.

12

13 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** OKAY. FINE. DO WE HAVE A MOTION TO
14 APPROVE?

15

16 **KEN CARLSON:** SO MOVED.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** SECOND.

19

20 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR CARLSON, RIGHT?
21 AND SUPERVISOR --

22

23 **SPEAKER:** [INDISCERNIBLE]

24

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1 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** EXCUSE ME. WE ALREADY ASKED FOR
2 PUBLIC COMMENT. SO, LET US CALL THE QUESTION, PLEASE. ROLL
3 CALL VOTE.

4

5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SURE. MEMBER ADAMS?

6

7 **SUSAN ADAMS:** YES.

8

9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ARENAS?

10

11 **SYLVIA ARENAS:** YES.

12

13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CAMPOS? HAS STEPPED AWAY. OKAY. MEMBER
14 CARLSON?

15

16 **KEN CARLSON:** YES.

17

18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER CORZO? IS ABSENT. MEMBER DOAN?

19

20 **BIEN DOAN:** YES.

21

22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** DORSEY?

23

24 **MATT DORSEY:** YES.

25

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ECKLUND?

2

3 **PAT ECKLUND:** AYE.

4

5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FIFE IN.

6

7 **CARROLL FIFE:** YES.

8

9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FLIGOR IS ABSENT. BAS?

10

11 **NIKKI FORTUNATO-BAS:** YES.

12

13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER GAUTHIER? IS ABSENT. MEMBER HILLIS?

14 IS ABSENT. MEMBER KAMEI?

15

16 **ROSEMARY KAMEI:** YES.

17

18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. MEMBER LUCK LUCAN?

19

20 **ERIC LUCAN:** YES.

21

22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** LURIE IS ABSENT. MANDELMAN IS ABSENT.

23 BELTRAN?

24

25 **YVONNE MARTINEZ-BELTRAN:** YES.

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1

2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MILEY IS ABSENT. MOTOYAMA?

3

4 **LISA MOTOYAMA:** YES.

5

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

7

8 **MARK NAGALES:** YES.

9

10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RABBITT IS ABSENT. RAMOS?

11

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

13

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

15

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

17

18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SCALES-PRESTON?

19

20 **SHANELLE SCALES-PRESTON:** YES.

21

22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. MEMBER SILVA IS ABSENT.

23 WASHINGTON?

24

25 **PIERRE WASHINGTON:** YES.

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1

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

3

4 **SPEAKER WILLIAMS:** AYE.

5

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

7

8 **MICHAEL HANNON:** YES.

9

10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RAMOS IS ABSENT. WILLIAMS?

11

12 **SPEAKER WILLIAMS:** YES.

13

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

15

16 **RACHAEL TANNER:** YES.

17

18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY

19 ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

20

21 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** THANK YOU. WE'LL MOVE ON TO ITEM 8C

22 WHICH WAS ALREADY INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISOR CARLSON WHICH IS

23 SENATE BILL 750, CORTESE, CORTESE CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL

24 MORTGAGE INSURANCE PROGRAM AND I BELIEVE MISS SCHNEIDER WILL

25 YOU ALSO BE GIVING A BRIEF PRESENTATION ON THAT?

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1

2 **JULIE SNYDER:** YES. SB750 WOULD REQUIRE THE STATE'S HOUSING
3 FINANCE AGENCY TO OFFER CREDIT ENHANCEMENTS AND LOAN INSURANCE
4 FOR MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENTS THIS BACKING OF THE STATE WOULD
5 ALLOW BAHFA TO OFFER LOWER COST LOANS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING
6 DEVELOPERS THIS SHOULD TRANSLATE INTO SLIGHTLY LOWER
7 DEVELOPMENT COSTS ONE OF BAHFA'S MAJOR GOALS AND STAFF IS
8 RECOMMENDING A SUPPORT POSITION.

9

10 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** THANK YOU. I HAD ASKED A CLARIFYING
11 QUESTION. I WANT TO MAKE CLEAR I BELIEVE THE LEGISLATION WAS
12 AMENDED SO THAT INDEED THERE WERE SOME AFFORDABILITY
13 REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE PROGRAM?

14

15 **JULIE SNYDER:** THAT'S CORRECT.

16

17 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** IT DID CERTAINLY MAKE IT THROUGH THE
18 LEG COMMITTEE, SO AT THIS POINT ARE THERE ANY COMMENTS ON THE
19 LEGISLATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD? SEEING NONE. I WILL --
20 OH [LAUGHTER] MISS MOTOYAMA, YOU'RE NOT FAST ENOUGH.

21 [LAUGHTER]

22

23 **LISA MOTOYAMA:** SORRY. OKAY. I JUST HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THE
24 INTENT OF THIS IS TO REDUCE COST. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, FOR BAHFA
25 TO USE THIS MORTGAGE PRODUCT, MORTGAGE INSURANCE PRODUCT, IT

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1 WOULD SAVE COSTS FOR THE DEVELOPER? OR FOR US,
2 ADMINISTRATIVELY? OR?

3

4 **JULIE SNYDER:** I BELIEVE THE OVERALL CONCEPT IS THAT THE STATE
5 -- DEPENDING ON EXACTLY HOW THE STATE STRUCTURES THE PROGRAM,
6 WHICH IS TO BE DETERMINED, IF IT IS STRUCTURED CORRECTLY TO
7 ALLOW BAHFA TO BENEFIT, WE WOULD HAVE -- THE STATE'S BACKING
8 WOULD ALLOW US TO BORROW MONEY AT A LOWER RATE, AND THEREFORE
9 TURN AROUND AND LEND IT OUT TO DEVELOPERS, ALSO AT A LOWER
10 COST. BUT, AGAIN, THE SPECIFICS HAVE YET TO BE DETERMINED, AND
11 WOULDN'T BE CRAFTED UNTIL AND UNLESS THE LEGISLATION BECOMES
12 LAW.

13

14 **LISA MOTOYAMA:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE
17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR? EXECUTIVE BOARD? ANY OTHER HANDS RAISED?
18 NO LIGHTS ON. LET'S MOVE TO THE PUBLIC. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC?

19

20 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING ON THIS
21 ITEM NO HAND ARE RAISED IN THE ZOOM SPACE AND NO ONE HAS
22 APPROACHED THE PODIUM.

23

24 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE A MOTION TO
25 APPROVE? WHAT I MEAN YAMS.

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1

2 **ERIC LUCAN:** SECOND.

3

4 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** SECOND BY LUCAN. I WILL CALL THE
5 QUESTION. ROLL CALL VOTE.

6

7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER ADAMS?

8

9 **SUSAN ADAMS:** YES.

10

11 **BOARD CLERK:** ARENAS?

12

13 **SYLVIA ARENAS:** YES.

14

15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. CAMPOS? IS ABSENT. MEMBER
16 CARLSON?

17

18 **KEN CARLSON:** AYE.

19

20 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER CORZO? IS ABSENT. MEMBER DOAN?

21

22 **BIEN DOAN:** YES.

23

24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. MEMBER DORSEY?

25

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1 **MATT DORSEY:** YES.

2

3 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MEMBER DUONG? IS ABSENT. ARE YOU THERE?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** SHE STEPPED OUT.

6

7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. MEMBER ECKLUND?

8

9 **PAT ECKLUND:** YES.

10

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

12

13 **CARROLL FIFE:** YES.

14

15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FLIGOR IS ABSENT. BAS?

16

17 **NIKKI FORTUNATO-BAS:** YES.

18

19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** GAUTHIER? IS ABSENT. HILLIS? IS ABSENT.

20 KAMEI?

21

22 **ROSEMARY KAMEI:** YES UPON LUCAN?

23

24 **ERIC LUCAN:** YES.

25

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1 **BOARD CLERK:** LAWYER LURIE IS ABSENT. MANDELMAN IS ABSENT.

2 BELTRAN?

3

4 **YVONNE MARTINEZ-BELTRAN:** YES.

5

6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MILEY IS ABSENT. MOTOYAMA?

7

8 **LISA MOTOYAMA:** YES MOY IS ABSENT. NAGALES?

9

10 **MARK NAGALES:** YES.

11

12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RABBITT IS ABSENT. RAMOS?

13

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

15

16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. MEMBER ROMERO?

17

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

19

20 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SCALES-PRESTON?

21

22 **SHANELLE SCALES-PRESTON:** YES.

23

24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SILVA IS ABSENT. WASHINGTON?

25

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1 **PIERRE WASHINGTON:** YES.

2

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

4

5 **SPEAKER WILLIAMS:** AYE.

6

7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** HILLIS IS ABSENT. HANNON? IS A YES? IS

8 THAT A YES?

9

10 **MICHAEL HANNON:** YES.

11

12 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. SORRY. I COULDN'T HEAR YOU.

13 MEMBER TANNER?

14

15 **RACHAEL TANNER:** YES.

16

17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. AND MEMBER WILLIAMS?

18

19 **SPEAKER WILLIAMS:** YES.

20

21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOTION PASSES

22 UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

23

24 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** THANK YOU. NEXT ITEM IS ITEM 9A,

25 REPORT ON ABAG FINANCE COMMITTEE REALLY QUICK. THE ABAG

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1 FINANCE COMMITTEE DID NOT MEET ON MAY 15TH. THEREFORE THERE IS
2 NOTHING TO REPORT. IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

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4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING, NO
5 HANDS IN THE ZOOM SPACE AND NO ONE HAS APPROACHED THE PODIUM.

6

7 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** AND I ASSUME MY EXECUTIVE BOARD
8 MEMBERS HAVE NO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. OKAY. LET'S MOVE TO THE
9 NEXT ITEM WHICH IS REPORT OF THE ABAG HOUSING COMMITTEE FOR
10 MEETINGS FOR BOTH APRIL 9TH AND MAY 14TH. IF I CAN JUST PULL
11 UP THE REPORT HERE. SO, WE MET, THE ABAG HOUSING COMMITTEE MET
12 JOINTLY WITH THE BAHFA OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, THE BAY AREA
13 HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON APRIL 9TH. WE
14 RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING REPORTS. A REPORT ON PRESERVATION
15 PROGRAMS AND THE PROGRESS -- THE PROGRESS UPDATE ON BAHFA'S
16 PRESERVATION PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE WELFARE TAX EXEMPTION
17 PRESERVATION PROGRAM, THE HOUSING PRESERVATION PILOT, AND THE
18 HOUSING PRESERVATION PROJECT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROMPT
19 WE ALSO HAD AN OVERVIEW OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS FOR
20 BAHFA THAT WAS PROPOSED, WHICH INCLUDED A TIME LINE,
21 MILESTONES, AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT. FROM THAT DISCUSSION,
22 ON MAY THE 14th, WHICH WAS THE LATEST ABAG HOUSING COMMITTEE
23 MEETING THAT WAS JOINTLY CONVENED WITH BAHFA, WE, AGAIN,
24 REVISITED THE BAY AREA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY'S STRATEGIC
25 PLAN WITH A NUMBER OF CHALLENGES THAT REFLECTED THE RATHER IN-

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1 DEPTH DISCUSSION THAT WE HAD ON THE 9TH. THAT ACTUALLY
2 PRESENTED A MODIFIED TIMELINE, MILESTONES THAT WERE BASED ON
3 THE COMMITTEE'S FEEDBACK, AND PRELIMINARY LESSONS LEARNED FROM
4 THE 2024 ELECTION CYCLE. FOR THOSE OF US WHO WERE THERE, I
5 THINK IT WAS YESTERDAY, IT WAS A VERY EXPANSIVE DISCUSSION
6 THAT WAS HIGHLY REFLECTIVE, THAT WAS, I THINK, INTROSPECTIVE,
7 THEY THINK IS GOING TO ALLOW US TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A BAHFA
8 PROCESS TO PLACE AN ITEM ON THE BALLOT IN 2028 IN BOTH A
9 STREAMLINED, AND ACTUALLY A KIND OF VERY CENTERED WAY OF DOING
10 SO. SO, I WANT TO THANK STAFF FOR CONDUCTING THAT DISCUSSION.
11 AND I WANT TO THANK BOTH COMMITTEES, BAHFA AND HOUSING
12 COMMITTEE, FOR BEING FRANK IN, BOTH, IN THEIR CRITICISM, AS
13 WELL AS THEIR PLOT IT'S FOR STAFF. I THINK IT'S ONLY BY DOING
14 THAT TYPE OF CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF OUR WORK WE CAN MOVE FORWARD
15 PARTICULARLY WHEN IT COMES TO THIS BALLOT MEASURE. SO BOTH
16 STAFF AND MEMBERS OF THAT COMMITTEE, REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR
17 INPUT. WE ARE MOVING FORWARD. AND I THINK WE HAVE ONE MORE
18 STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE, KIND OF, REPORT BACK, CORRECT?
19 AND THEN WE'RE MOVING FORWARD TO 2028. SO, THAT'S MY REPORT.
20 INFORMATION ITEM ONLY. BUT ARE THERE ANY -- IS THERE ANY
21 DISCUSSION ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD? OR QUESTIONS ON THAT ITEM?
22 IF NOT, LET'S TURN TO THE PUBLIC.
23

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I SEE NO RAISED HANDS IN THE ZOOM SPACE,
2 NO ONE HAS APPROACHED THE PODIUM AND I HAVE RECEIVED NOTHING
3 IN WRITING FOR THIS ITEM.

4

5 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT WAS
6 AN INFORMATION ITEM. NO NEED FOR A VOTE. THE FINAL ITEM OF THE
7 DAY, WHICH MAY BE THE MORE SUBSTANTIVE IS CONSIDERATION OF
8 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ABAG BYLAWS. THIS DISCUSSION WILL BE
9 LED BY OUR GENERAL COUNSEL KATHLEEN KANE, AND THE PRESIDENT
10 AND I ARE ALSO HERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS SENTENCE WE KIND OF
11 WORKED CLOSELY WITH MISS KANE TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT SOME
12 OF THE CHANGES WE MIGHT WANT TO HAVE TO EXPEDITE THE MEETING.
13 SO I'LL HAND IT OVER TO MISS KANE.

14

15 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** THANK YOU VICE PRESIDENT ROMERO. SO,
16 THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR TAKING A LOOK AT THESE PROCEDURAL
17 UPDATE ITEMS TONIGHT. THERE HAS BEEN ONE UPDATE THAT WAS
18 PASSED OUT TO YOU AND POSTED SINCE THE POSTING DEADLINE FOR
19 THIS MEETING. AND WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT AS WELL. BUT JUST TO
20 QUICKLY HIGHLIGHT WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT AND WHY, I WILL WALK
21 YOU THROUGH THAT. AND THEN AM HAPPY TO ENGAGE IN MORE
22 DISCUSSION AS THE VICE PRESIDENT HAS NOTED. SO, ONE OF THE
23 FIRST CHANGES THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT IN THE BYLAWS, WHICH, BY
24 THE WAY, HAVE NOT BEEN OFTEN AMENDED SINCE THEY WERE FIRST
25 INITIATED SOME DECADES AGO. WE DID HAVE ONE UPDATE DURING

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1 COVID, SORT OF, TACTICALLY, BUT THEY HAVE NOT UNDERGONE A LOT
2 OF SUBSTANTIVE REVISION. SO, THE 501 IS THE CHANGE IN THE
3 TIMING FOR WHEN THE PROPOSED BUDGET NEEDS TO BE CIRCULATED AND
4 GO TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

5

6 **PAT ECKLUND:** YOU CAN IDENTIFY THE PAGE, TOO, WHEN YOU ARE
7 REFERRING TO THAT?

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9 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** YEAH.

10

11 **PAT ECKLUND:** REFERRING TO THE CHANGE, IT WOULD HELP.

12

13 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** ONE SECOND. THAT IS PAGE 13 ON ARTICLE
14 11, PARAGRAPH B, BUDGET. SO, PREVIOUSLY, IT SAID THAT THE
15 BUDGET NEEDED TO BE PROMULGATED, PROPOSED BUDGET NEEDED TO BE
16 PROMULGATED 45 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE
17 SUGGESTION IS TO TAKE THAT DOWN TO 20 DAYS. THE REASON BEING
18 THAT THIS BODY MEETS BIMONTHLY, AND WE HAVE HISTORICALLY HAD
19 TO HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING IN APRIL IN ORDER TO PROCESS THE
20 BUDGET AND MEET THAT 45 DAY DEADLINE. MAKING THIS CHANGE WOULD
21 BRING IT IN LINE WITH YOUR STANDING MAY MEETING. SO, IT WOULD
22 MEAN THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING IN APRIL IN
23 ORDER TO CONSIDER THE BUDGET. IT WOULD ALSO ALIGN IT BETTER
24 WITH THE BUDGET WORK AT MTC AND RELATED ENTITIES. SO THEY
25 WOULD ALL BE COMING, KIND OF AT THE SAME PACE, BEFORE THE

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1 RESPECTIVE BODIES. SO, THAT IS A CHANGE. YOU KNOW, THE HOPE IS
2 THAT 20 DAYS IS STILL SUFFICIENT INFORMATION FOR THE DELEGATES
3 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BE ABLE TO DIGEST THAT INFORMATION.
4 BUT WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE NOT TO CREATE A TRIPPING HAZARD FOR
5 OURSELVES IN TERMS OF THE BUDGET TIMELINE

6

7 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** AND IT DOES SAVE US A MEETING.

8

9 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** AND IT SAVES YOU A MEETING P I MEAN,
10 OBVIOUSLY YOU CAN HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING IF YOU NEED ONE FOR
11 OTHER REASONS BUT IT MEANS THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUT YOURSELF
12 IN THAT POSITION EVERY YEAR. SO I DON'T KNOW IF YOU PREFER TO
13 TALK ABOUT THESE INDIVIDUALLY OR GO THROUGH ALL THEN TALK
14 ABOUT THEM?

15

16 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** WHY DON'T WE GO THROUGH ALL OF THEM,
17 UNLESS YOU THINK IT MIGHT BE BEST TO GO POINT BY POINT, DO
18 THEM ALL AT ONCE.

19

20 **PAT ECKLUND:** I WOULD LIKE TO GO THROUGH THEM ALL TOO.

21

22 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** SURE THING. SO, THE NEXT ITEM IS
23 REGARDING THE DEFINITION OF IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT, WHICH
24 YOU WILL FIND ON PAGE ONE OF THE BYLAWS. WE ARE IN A SITUATION
25 RIGHT NOW, WHERE OUR ACTUAL IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT IS NOW IN

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1 SACRAMENTO DOING A DIFFERENT JOB. AND WE ARE FORTUNATE TO
2 STILL HAVE SUPERVISOR RABBITT SERVING ON ABAG. BUT THERE ARE A
3 NUMBER OF ROLES THAT ARE DESIGNATED FOR THE QUOTE "IMMEDIATE
4 PAST PRESIDENT." AND HAS CREATED SOME AWKWARDNESS INSOFAR AS
5 HE IS NOT LITERALLY THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT, BUT HE WOULD
6 FILL THOSE SPOTS SO THE SUGGESTION IS TO JUST DEFINE IMMEDIATE
7 PAST PRESIDENT TO INCLUDE THE SITUATION WHERE IF THE ACTUAL
8 IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT IS NO LONGER SERVING IT IS THE MOST
9 RECENT PAST PRESIDENT CURRENTLY SERVING. IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT
10 THAT NO SUCH PERSON EXISTS THEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE
11 PRESIDENT WOULD BE ABLE TO APPOINT SOMEONE TO SERVE IN THAT
12 CAPACITY UNTIL THERE IS A NEW IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT.

13
14 **PAT ECKLUND:** SO WHAT IF THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT HAPPENED
15 TO BE NOT ELECTED. BUT JUST STILL ALIVE [LAUGHTER] AND COULD
16 SERVE AS AN IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT, EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE NOT
17 IN ELECTIVE OFFICE?

18
19 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** WELL, THE OTHER QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRE
20 PEOPLE TO BE CURRENTLY SERVING AS ELECTED OFFICIALS.

21
22 **PAT ECKLUND:** IT DOES?

23
24 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** YEAH. SO, PRESUMPTION HERE IS IT WOULD
25 NEED TO BE A CURRENTLY SERVING ELECTED OFFICIAL.

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2 **PAT ECKLUND:** CITY OR COUNTY BUT NOT STATE.

3

4 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** EXACTLY, SO ABAG MEMBER, ENTITY, WHICH
5 WOULD BE A CITY OR COUNTY IN THE BAY AREA.

6

7 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** A SITTING ABAG MEMBER.

8

9 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** A SITTING CURRENTLY ELECTED OFFICIAL
10 OF ONE OF THE ABAG MEMBERS.

11

12 **PAT ECKLUND:** AND THAT'S WHAT THAT SAYS?

13

14 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** WELL, IT DOESN'T SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS
15 THE UNELECT -- OR THE FORMER ELECTED SITUATION. BUT IT DOES
16 SAY, IN THE DEFINITION THAT WE'RE GOING WITH TO JUST CONSTRUE
17 IT TO MEAN THE MOST RECENT PAST PRESIDENT IF THE IMMEDIATE
18 PAST PRESIDENT IS NO LONGER SERVING ABAG DELEGATE. THAT IS, AT
19 LEAST, THE INTENT OF THAT PROVISION.

20

21 **PAT ECKLUND:** AS LONG AS YOU THINK IT'S CLEAR, I THINK TO SOME
22 DEGREE IT SHOULD STATE IN HERE THAT THAT PERSON SHOULD STILL
23 BE PART OF -- OR AS A REPRESENTATIVE, PART OF ABAG, OR
24 SOMETHING LIKE THAT. IT JUST -- YOU HAVE TO BE IN ELECTIVE
25 OFFICE THEN.

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2 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** YEAH. I THINK THAT'S INCLUDED IN THE
3 PROVISION IF THAT PERSON CAN NO LONGER ACT AS A REPRESENTATIVE
4 TO THE ASSOCIATION THE PERSON ELIGIBLE TO SERVE AS A
5 REPRESENTATIVE WHO WAS PAST PRESIDENT SO THAT MEANS SOMEONE
6 WHO IS CURRENTLY AN ELECT SERVING AS ELECTED ROLE FOR ONE OF
7 THE MEMBER ENTITY I'M NOT ABOUT THE DRAFTING SO IF WE WANTED
8 TO SAY SOMETHING DIFFERENT WE CAN CERTAINLY DO THAT BUT THAT
9 WAS THE INTENT OF THE VERBIAGE THAT WAS TO CAPTURE EXACTLY
10 THAT ISSUE.

11

12 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** MISS WILLIAMS.

13

14 **SPEAKER WILLIAMS:** I WANTED TO ASK, BECAUSE EVEN WHEN I READ IT
15 I HAD A FEW QUESTIONS. I WAS THINKING, WELL, WOULD THAT -- OUR
16 PRESIDENT WOULD CREATE A LIST OF PAST PRESIDENT PRECEDENT --
17 PAST IMMEDIATE PRECEDENT -- AM I SAYING IT RIGHT? SOUNDING
18 LIKE I'M TONGUE TIED IN THAT. THAT A LIST WOULD BE CREATED --
19 AND I'M SURE BELIA COULD PROBABLY ANSWER, BUT A LIST WOULD BE
20 CREATED AND THEN SHE IS JUST GO DOWN THE LIST OF WHO'S
21 CURRENTLY SERVING JUST IN CASE SHE GOES TO ONE AND THEY DON'T
22 WANT TO DO IT. RIGHT? I MEAN, WHAT WOULD THAT LOOK LIKE. I
23 DON'T THINK THEY'LL SAY THAT BUT I'M GIVING HYPOTHETICALS.

24

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1 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** THAT'S AN INTERESTING HYPOTHETICAL.
2 AND I DON'T WANT TO PREEMPT PRESIDENT RAMOS BUT JUST TO ANSWER
3 QUICKLY FROM A TECHNICAL MATTER THIS IS DESIGNED TO GO
4 BACKWARDS IN TIME STARTING WITH THE MOST RECENT FIRST. SO,
5 THERE ISN'T A DISCRETIONARY I'M GOING TO SKIP ONE PRESIDENT
6 AND GO BACK A PRESIDENT KIND OF OPTION HERE. IT JUST MOVES
7 BACKWARDS IN LINE. BUT THERE IS THIS QUESTION ABOUT IF NO SUCH
8 PERSON WHO'S EVER -- WHO'S BEEN PRESIDENT IS STILL SERVING,
9 THEN WHAT. AND THE THEN WHAT THERE IS SUGGESTED TO BE THAT THE
10 CURRENT SERVING PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT COULD APPOINT
11 SOMEONE TO FILL THAT ROLE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THERE IS SOMEONE
12 WHO'S ELIGIBLE TO FILL THAT. PRESIDENT RAMOS.

13

14 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I APPRECIATE THE
15 QUESTION, AND COUNSEL ANSWERED CORRECTLY. THIS IS MEANT TO
16 PROVIDE TECHNICAL CLARIFICATION AND GUIDANCE. SO THAT YOUR
17 PRESIDENT, AND ALL YOUR PRESIDENTS, NOT JUST ME, CAN HAVE THAT
18 ABILITY TO GO BACK. THE PAST PRESIDENT TITLE IS NOT COMPLETELY
19 ACCURATE, NOR IS THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT, AS WE RUN IN.
20 SO IF WE WERE -- IF SUPERVISOR RABBITT WERE NO LONGER PART OF
21 ABAG, THERE WOULDN'T BE AN IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT AT ABAG.
22 BECAUSE JULIE PIERCE HAS MOVED ON, AND WAS IT SCOTT HAGGERTY
23 MOVED ON, THEY'RE ALL RETIRED. ALL THE NAMES FROM LONG AGO.
24 AND SO IN ORDER TO ENSURE THOSE APPOINTMENTS THAT ARE
25 DETERMINED FOR COMMITTEE COMPOSITION THAT DO RESULT IN HAVING

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1 SOME HISTORY AND KNOWLEDGE BASE OF LEADERSHIP WITHIN THEM AND
2 HAVE THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, AND THE IMMEDIATE PAST, IN
3 ORDER TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT, THAT IS REALLY WHAT THAT CRITERIA
4 WOULD BE. I DID ASK THAT IN THE EVENT THAT WE DON'T HAVE
5 SOMEONE ON THE LIST, RIGHT, WHICH IS VERY DELINEATED AND
6 SPECIFIC, THAT IT BE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT,
7 THAT A PERSON IS SELECTED TO CHOOSE, TO CHOOSE THAT ROLE. NOW,
8 I WILL SAY, I WAS GOING TO SAVE THIS FOR LATER. BUT I WANT
9 EVERYONE TO KEEP IN MIND, AS VICE PRESIDENT ROMERO AND I
10 ENDEAVORED LOOKING AT THESE BYLAWS, MY INTENT IN BRINGING
11 THESE CHANGES BEFORE YOU, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, TO BE
12 REFERRED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IS, IN FACT, SUCCESSION
13 PLANING AND BUILDING A PIPELINE. WE DON'T HAVE THAT RIGHT NOW.
14 WE WERE IN A SCENARIO WHERE, BECAUSE OUR PRESIDENT, OUR PRIOR
15 PRESIDENT, JESSE ARREQUIN, SENATOR JESSE ARREQUIN SERVED TWO
16 TERMS THAT WAS ACTUALLY NOT PERMITTED IN OUR BYLAWS BUT IN
17 FACT WAS ACTUALLY SOMETHING THAT WAS NECESSARY FOR OUR
18 ORGANIZATION DURING OUR GLOBAL SHUT DOWN AND PAP PANDEMIC PUT
19 US IN A SCENARIO OF THEN FLIPPING AROUND WHERE I WENT TO
20 PRESIDENT -- AND HE REVERTED TO VICE PRESIDENT BECAUSE THERE
21 WERE NOT WILLING COUNCIL MEMBERS TRYING TO STICK TO OUR
22 HISTORY OF ENGAGING COUNTY AND ALTERNATING COUNTY AND CITY WE
23 DIDN'T HAVE A CITY MEMBER THAT WAS INTERESTED IN TAKING ON
24 THAT LEADERSHIP ROLE SO WE DID NOT HAVE THE ABILITY AND THAT
25 HAS LEFT SUPERVISOR RABBITT AND THE HONORARY POSITION OF BEING

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1 THE LONGEST SERVING IMMEDIATE AND PAST PRESIDENT, SO MAKING
2 SURE WE PROVIDE FOR A PIPELINE FOR STABILITY AND REALLY FOR
3 GUIDANCE TO YOUR FUTURE PRESIDENTS WE FELT THAT THIS CHANGE
4 WAS NECESSARY TO ENSURE A SMOOTH ADMINISTRATION OF LEADERSHIP.

5

6 **SPEAKER WILLIAMS:** THANK YOU, PRESIDENT, FOR THAT CONTENT. IT
7 WAS AWESOME. THANKS.

8

9 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** THANK YOU. SHALL WE MOVE ON TO THE
10 NEXT CHANGE? I SEE YOUR HAND. OKAY. LET'S MOVE ON TO THE NEXT
11 ITEM.

12

13 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** OKAY. SO, INSERTING HERE THE ITEM THAT
14 AROSE SINCE PACKET PUBLICATION, BECAUSE IT MIGHT BE EASIER TO
15 DIGEST, ON PAGE FIVE -- YOU SHOULD FIND IT, I BELIEVE, AT THE
16 DAIS. IT WAS PASSED OUT? FIVE? SORRY. KIMBERLY WILL BE
17 GRABBING IT FOR YOU. I'LL JUST READ IT TO YOU. UNDER ARTICLE
18 SIX GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERSHIP --

19

20 **PAT ECKLUND:** ARTICLE FIVE?

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22 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** I'M SORRY, ARTICLE SIX GENERAL
23 ASSEMBLY, PAGE FIVE.

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25 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** GOT YA, GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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2 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** UH-HUH. MEMBERSHIP, AND IT IS ARRIVING
3 SHORTLY.

4

5 **PAT ECKLUND:** I DIDN'T SEE IS THERE ANY MODIFICATIONS TO THAT?

6

7 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** YES IT'S COMING RIGHT NOW. THIS IS
8 SUGGESTED SINCE PACKET PUBLICATION. I'LL JUST WAIT FOR IT.

9

10 **PAT ECKLUND:** I DOWNLOADED THIS FROM THE WEB SITE. SO --

11

12 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** YEAH, THERE WAS -- THERE WAS A --
13 MISS -- SENT OUT A MODIFIED REVISED PACKET. I BELIEVE AN
14 UPDATE AT TWO OR 2:30 TODAY WITH THIS PARTICULAR CHANGE.

15

16 **PAT ECKLUND:** WE WERE GOING TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THAT --

17

18 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** IT'S ACTUALLY RELATIVELY MINOR.

19

20 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** IT IS MINOR. YES. IT'S WITHIN THE
21 SCOPE OF THE GENERAL AGENDA ITEM. SO IT'S SOMETHING WE CAN
22 DISCUSS HERE. THIS WAS SUGGESTION THAT WAS INCLUDED LATE
23 BREAKING AND IF YOU DO YOU NOT WANT TO FORWARD IT TO THE
24 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO. BUT, ACTUALLY, THAT'S
25 TRUE FOR ALL OF THESE. BUT UNDER ARTICLE SIX GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 MEMBERSHIP, THIS IS ON PAGE FIVE OF THE BYLAWS PASSED OUT TO
2 YOU, THERE IS A NEW SUBPARAGRAPH FIVE CREATED SAYING FOR ANY
3 JURISDICTION THAT HIS A REPRESENTATIVE ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
4 THAT REPRESENTATIVE SHALL SERVE AS THAT JURISDICTION'S
5 DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT AROSE
6 OUT OF SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE LEVEL OF FAMILIARITY THAT THE
7 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS HAVE WITH THE BUSINESS OF ABAG, AND
8 THE THOUGHT TO CAPITALIZE ON THIS BOARD'S FAMILIARITY WITH THE
9 ONGOING BUSINESS BY HAVING THE INDIVIDUALS WHO SERVE ON THIS
10 BOARD ALSO SERVE AS DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. YOU
11 KNOW, AND, SO, I WOULD DEFER TO THE PRESIDENT AND VICE
12 PRESIDENT F THEY WANT TO DISCUSS FURTHER ABOUT, YOU KNOW, WHY
13 THIS MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA.

14

15 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** SORRY. DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON
16 THIS? BECAUSE CAN I ADD SOMETHING, AND I AM SURE THE PRESIDENT
17 CAN ALSO. I BELIEVE THERE ARE 38 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS,
18 CORRECT? SO, IF ALL 38 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS SHOWED UP
19 REPRESENTING THEIR COUNTIES AND CITIES, THAT STILL LEAVES,
20 RIGHT, OVER 70, I THINK IT 109, RIGHT? TOTAL ENTITIES, OUT OF
21 110, 71 CITIES THAT WILL BE SENDING THEIR DELEGATES. THE
22 PURPOSE OF THIS WAS REALLY TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN WE WERE
23 DISCUSSING AND WE DO DISCUSS SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES AT THE GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY, A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE THERE
25 WILL ACTUALLY HAVE HAD SOME PREVIOUS INTRODUCTION TO THE ITEMS

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1 THAT WE NORMALLY DISCUSS DURING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. SO, IT
2 STILL ALLOWS CITIES TO SEND THEIR DELEGATES. HOWEVER,
3 AUTOMATICALLY, IF YOU ARE ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, YOU WILL
4 BE THE DESIGNATED VOTING MEMBER FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO
5 KEEP THAT KNOWLEDGE -- THAT INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE THERE
6 DURING THAT GENERAL MEETING. PRESIDENT RAMOS? I DON'T KNOW IF
7 YOU WANT TO ADD ANYTHING?

8

9 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU VICE PRESIDENT. I THINK THAT WAS
10 GREAT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT IS WHEN
11 IT COMES TO BUDGET. WHEN IT COMES TO THE APPROVAL OF THE
12 BUDGET, YOU, AS THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, AS WE'RE STARTING TO MAKE
13 DECISIONS TO ENSURING OUR FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY GOING FORWARD,
14 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE THE BENEFIT OF ONE YEAR OF MATERIAL THAT
15 GOES INTO MAKING THAT BUDGET. AND WE WOULD LOVE TO BE ABLE TO
16 COUNT ON YOUR KNOWLEDGE BASE AND YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THAT.

17

18 **PAT ECKLUND:** MAY I --

19

20 **SPEAKER:** VICE CHAIR ROMERO?

21

22 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** LET ME GO TO -- MR. NAGALES.

23

24 **MARK NAGALES:** THANK YOU. I AGREE WITH THIS AMENDMENT, AND WE
25 HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO COME TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. IT'S

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1 FUNNY. I WAS GOING TO SIGN UP, AND I WAS LOOKING AT SOUTH SAN
2 FRANCISCO AND I DIDN'T SEE MY NAME AS A REPRESENTATIVE. SO IF
3 WE CAN FIX THAT TO MAKE SURE, I WOULD APPRECIATE THAT. BUT,
4 NO, I AGREE WITH THIS. THIS IS -- THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT
5 HAVING THAT INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT WE HAVE DONE. AND
6 WE HAVE HAD SOME NEW MEMBERS AS WELL SINCE WE STARTED. SO, I
7 THINK HAVING A CORE SET OF 38 MEMBERS, OR SO, COME IN, AND
8 THEN YOU HAVE ANOTHER 70 WHO MIGHT BE -- YOU HAVE NO IDEA THIS
9 PROCESS IN THE FIRST TIME COMING IN, IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE A
10 CORE GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS COME IN, AND KIND OF LEAD THE
11 CONVERSATION, AND ALSO GUIDE THE PROCESS. SO, I AGREE WITH
12 THIS.

13

14 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** THANK YOU DETECTOR NAGALES. OKAY. LET
15 ME GO TO DIRECTOR CARLSON, AND THEN WE'LL WE'RE GOING TO MISS
16 ECKLUND.

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18 **PAT ECKLUND:** HISTORICALLY, TOO, HOPEFULLY THIS PUTS US IN A
19 BETTER POSITION TO MEET QUORUM. THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW TIMES IN
20 OUR HISTORY WHERE IT'S TIME TO DO THE BUDGET AND THE NEXT
21 THING YOU KNOW, WE CAN'T MAKE QUORUM. I KNOW THIS DOESN'T PUT
22 US OVER THE TOP BUT I THINK IT PUTS US IN A STRONGER POSITION
23 TO MEET THAT QUORUM SO WE DON'T PULL ALL THESE PEOPLE IN AND
24 AREN'T ABLE TO TAKE ACTION. THAT WOULD BE MY TWO CENTS.

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1 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** THANK YOU. DIRECTOR ECKLUND.

2

3 **PAT ECKLUND:** ABAG HAS NEVER DONE THIS BEFORE, OBVIOUSLY, AND
4 THE ADVANTAGES, A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT BECOME A DELEGATE,
5 SOMETIMES GET EXCITED ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION. AND THEN START,
6 YOU KNOW, GETTING INVOLVED IN IT. MY ONLY CONCERN IS THAT WHAT
7 IF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER CANNOT COME TO THE GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY? IT SAYS THAT THE REPRESENTATIVE SHALL SERVE. SO,
9 YOU'RE ACTUALLY TAKING THE LIBERTY OF A CITY OR A COUNTY FROM
10 APPOINTING SOMEBODY THAT MAY NOT BE ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.
11 BUT THE PROBLEM I HAVE HERE IS WHAT IF THAT EXECUTIVE BOARD
12 PERSON CAN'T COME? IT DOESN'T SAY IN HERE -- IT DOESN'T GIVE
13 THAT JURISDICTION REPRESENTATION, AND IT ACTUALLY TAKES AWAY
14 REPRESENTATION. SO, YOU KNOW, YOU MIGHT WANT TO PUT IN THE
15 EVENT THAT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE CANNOT ATTEND,
16 THE CITY CAN DESIGNATE SOMEBODY ELSE.

17

18 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** WAIT. WAIT. LET'S GO TO --

19

20 **PAT ECKLUND:** IF I CAN FINISH MY QUESTION? I DON'T KNOW IF YOU
21 HEARD THAT LAST PART OF IT OR NOT? [LAUGHTER] BUT --

22

23 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** GENERAL COUNSEL?

24

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1 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** SO, YES, MEMBER ECKLUND, THE INTENT
2 HERE AT LEAST WAS TO LEAVE IN PLACE THE ABILITY TO APPOINT
3 ALTERNATES THAT IMMEDIATELY PROCEEDS THIS. SO THIS DOESN'T --
4 IT MEANS, SORT OF, THE PRIMARY DELEGATE SHALL BE THE -- YOU
5 KNOW, THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER BUT THEY CAN STILL POINT AN
6 ALTERNATE SO IF THE CAN'T COME.

7

8 **PAT ECKLUND:** IT SAYS INTERPRETED BY SOMEBODY IS THAT WELL THE
9 REPRESENTATIVE SHALL BE SERVING ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. IT'S
10 SHALL.

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12 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** YES THE REASON IT'S DRAFTED THE WAY IT
13 IS BECAUSE I'M TRYING TO USE -- WAS TRYING TO USE THE WORDS
14 CONSISTENT WITH THE DEFINITION AT THE BEGINNING OF THE BYLAWS
15 BUT WE CAN CERTAINLY ADD SOMETHING HERE TO CLARIFY THAT THE
16 ABOVE PROVISION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES REMAIN IN
17 EFFECT OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO ESTABLISH THAT IF THAT WOULD
18 INCREASE THE COMFORT LEVEL PALLET PATTI NEED SOMETHING HERE, I
19 REALLY DO OTHERWISE I'LL RAISE IT AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
20 BECAUSE THIS -- THIS COULD BE USED AGAINST A CITY PERSON --
21 [INDISCERNIBLE] ANYWAY --

22

23 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** LET ME RECOGNIZE DIRECTOR MOTOYAMA
24 THEN I'LL GO TO MARK, DIRECTOR NAGALES.

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1 **LISA MOTOYAMA:** THANK YOU. MY ONLY CONCERN OF THIS IS, BECAUSE
2 IT'S A MAYORAL THING, I DON'T KNOW THAT ALL THE MAYORS IN THE
3 ROOM ARE GOING TO WANT TO GIVE UP BEING A DELEGATE.

4

5 **PAT ECKLUND:** EXACTLY.

6

7 **LISA MOTOYAMA:** IT'S CONSIDERED QUITE COOL IN MY TOWN, ANYWAYS,
8 AND IT'S A MAYOR THING THAT THEY GET TO DO. SO, I DON'T KNOW -
9 - I MEAN, I UNDERSTANDS FOR BUSINESS REASONS, OF COURSE, THAT
10 HAVING UNDERSTANDING OF THE MATERIAL IS REALLY IMPORTANT. BUT
11 IT'S BEEN THIS, SORT OF, CEREMONIAL SEAT FOR A LONG TIME. SO,
12 THAT'S -- THAT WOULD BE MY ONLY CONCERN. AND IN TERMS OF,
13 LIKE, THE ALTERNATE, I WOULD JUST SUGGEST SWITCHING 5 AND 4.

14

15 **PAT ECKLUND:** 5 AND 4.

16

17 **MARK NAGALES:** YEAH. THAT WAS MY COMMENT. NUMBER FOUR IT SAYS
18 AN ALTERNATE APPOINT THE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 6A, THREE, MAY
19 ACT IN THE ABSENCE OF A DELEGATE. SO, YOU CAN'T APPOINT AN
20 ALTERNATE IT'S WRITTEN HERE IN THE BYLAWS. SO I AGREE MAYBE
21 SWITCH IT AROUND SO IT'S MORE CONSISTENT IN TERMS OF THE
22 NUMBERING.

23

24 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** LET'S SEE. DO WE HAVE ANY HANDS
25 RAISED VIRTUALLY? SEEING NONE.

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2 **PAT ECKLUND:** SO --

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4 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** EXCUSE ME. I JUST WANT TO SAY
5 DIRECTOR MOTE YAM A I MEAN, THAT'S A POINT WELL TAKEN. BUT,
6 AGAIN, FOR REASONS OF KIND OF CREATING A SIGNIFICANT --
7 WHATEVER, BRAIN TRUST AT MEETING. IT MAKES SENSE TO AT LEAST
8 PUT IT FORWARD SEE IF THE MAYORS MAY BE INTERESTED IN VOTING
9 ON IT: YES SUPERVISOR WILLIAMS? I JUMPED OVER YOU.

10

11 **SPEAKER WILLIAMS:** NO PROBLEM. JUST A QUESTION, WHEN I'M
12 READING NUMBER TWO IT SAYS THE MAYOR OR MEMBER OF THE
13 GOVERNING BODY OF EACH MEMBER CITY AND THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE
14 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OR THE MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
15 EACH MEMBER COUNTY OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE ALTERNATES SHALL BE
16 DELEGATES TO THE -- [INDISCERNIBLE] ONLY -- WHEN I READ THAT
17 IT SEEMS LIKE, YOU KNOW, THOSE MEMBER CITIES ARE STILL ABLE TO
18 PARTICIPATE.

19

20 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** RIGHT. THAT'S THE POOLE.

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22 **SPEAKER WILLIAMS:** THAT'S THE POOLE?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** NO. I'M SORRY --

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1 **SPEAKER WILLIAMS:** THAT'S NUMBER TWO UNDER MEMBERSHIP.

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3 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** YES. SO -- AND I'M HAPPY TO TAKE
4 ANOTHER WHACK FOR DRAFTING FOR CLARITY BUT THE IDEA WAS TO ADD
5 A CARVE-OUT AT THE BOTTOM OF ALL OF THIS FOR IF YOU HAVE AN
6 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER THEN THAT'S THE PERSON THAT YOU SEND AS
7 YOUR DELEGATE.

8

9 **PAT ECKLUND:** BUT THAT'S CONFLICTING. NUMBER TWO CONFLICTS WITH
10 THE NEW MEMBER FIVE.

11

12 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** RIGHT SO READ TOGETHER, THE MORE
13 SPECIFIC PROVISION APPLIES SO THAT WOULD BE THE MEMBER OF THE
14 EXECUTIVE BOARD. I AM REALLY HAPPY TO REWORD THIS. AND I'LL
15 NOTE THAT THIS IS A PURE POLICY CALL. THIS IS NOT DRIVEN BY,
16 SORT OF, LEGAL CONSTRAINTS IT'S A MATTER OF WHAT YOU AS A BODY
17 WANT TO SUGGEST TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. SO, IF YOU FIND VALUE
18 IN HAVING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS BE THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR
19 THE CITY, YOU KNOW, IF THEY HAVE AN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER,
20 THEN THAT'S WHO THEY SEND, THEN THIS IS SOMETHING YOU SHOULD
21 FORWARD TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. IF
22 YOU DON'T LIKE THAT, WE DON'T HAVE TO DO IT. AND I CAN
23 CERTAINLY WORD THIS TO ADDRESS SOME OF THESE CLARITY ISSUES.
24 IT WAS INTENDED TO ADDRESS THOSE BUT BASED ON THIS DISCUSSION
25 IT'S --

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2 **PAT ECKLUND:** RIGHT IT'S ALMOST YOU HAVE TO CHANGE NUMBER TWO
3 IN ORDER TO MAKE NUMBER FIVE BE APPLICABLE. BECAUSE IT
4 CONFLICTS.

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6 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** RIGHT. AND SO I THINK AS A MATTER OF
7 DRAFTING WE CAN FIX THAT, THE PREDICATE QUESTION IS WHETHER
8 YOU WANT TO DO IT SO THAT'S ONE THAT YOU ALL WILL HAVE TO
9 DECIDE AS WE CONCLUDE THIS ITEM TONIGHT.

10

11 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** I'M GOING TO GO TO THE PRESIDENT,
12 PRESIDENT RAMOS AND THEN NEXT UP IS DIRECTOR ADAMS.

13

14 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU. I DON'T WANT TO BELABOR THIS
15 OTHER THAN TO SAY ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE ARE TRYING TO
16 ACHIEVE HERE IS, THROUGH THAT SERVICE TO ABAG, I HAVE HAD THE
17 OCCASION TO NOT -- TO NOT --

18

19 **SPEAKER:** I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT SB540.

20

21 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** UM, CAN SOMEONE -- OKAY.

22

23 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** OKAY. I THINK WE NEED SOMEONE TO MUTE. I'M
24 NOT SURE WHO IT IS. SOMEONE NEEDS TO MUTE. I THINK ONE OF THE
25 CONCERNS THAT WE HAVE HAD IS I HAVE ACTUALLY NOT BEEN THE

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1 DELEGATE FOR MY COUNTY UNTIL THIS YEAR. AND THE DELEGATE WOULD
2 APPROACH ME WHO WAS ON EXECUTIVE AND SAY, SO, WHAT IS GOING
3 ON, AND WHAT IS ALL HAPPENING IN THE BUDGET. BECAUSE THERE IS
4 NO BRIEFING TIME. AND I DEFINITELY UNDERSTAND THE COOLNESS
5 FACTOR THAT COUNCIL MEMBER MOTOYAMA SHARED. I THINK HERE,
6 REALLY, IF EVERYONE IS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE INTENT THAT THOSE
7 WHO DO SERVE ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND ARE ABLE TO ATTEND
8 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ARE, IN FACT, THE DELEGATES TO IT. SO THAT WE
9 CAN HAVE THAT CONSISTENCY. SO WHAT WE'RE REALLY LOOKING AT IS
10 ABOUT A THIRD OF GENERAL MEMBER -- OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY
11 ATTENDANCE, WOULD BE EXECUTIVE BOARD ATTENDANCE, THEN
12 THEREAFTER THE OTHER 2/3 A BIT MORE, ARE THE MEMBER AGENCIES
13 WHO DON'T HAVE A SEAT AT EXECUTIVE BOARD. AND, SO, THE OTHER -
14 - THAT IS A WAY IN WHICH WE CAN MAKE SURE OUR EXECUTIVE BOARD
15 IS ENGAGED IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. WE WANT THAT LEADERSHIP FROM
16 ALL OF YOU WHO ARE PRESENT AT THESE MEETINGS ALL THE TIME. I
17 THINK THAT THERE CAN BE A WAY, IF THERE WAS -- I WOULD JUST
18 PUT OUT FOR CONSIDERATION, MR. VICE PRESIDENT THAT IF THERE IS
19 GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT THE INTENT IS APPROPRIATE HERE JUST TO
20 REFER BACK TO COUNSEL FOR FURTHER POLISHING OF THE LANGUAGE TO
21 ENSURE THAT THERE IS CONSISTENCY AND THAT APPOINTED ALTERNATES
22 HAVE THE ABILITY TO STEP IN THE PLACE OF AN EXECUTIVE BOARD
23 THAT IS NOT ABLE TO SERVE AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

24

25 **PAT ECKLUND:** BELIA, I AM -- WITH THIS --

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2 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** EXCUSE ME. I WANT TO RECOGNIZE
3 DIRECTOR ADAMS PLEASE. THEN I'LL GO BACK TO YOU MISS EKLUND.

4

5 **SUSAN ADAMS:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THE INTENT OF WHAT YOU'RE
6 TRYING DO HERE AND I THINK IT'S A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF WISDOM IN
7 THIS. I'M ONLY -- MY ONLY CONCERN IS, SO, FOR INSTANCE, I WAS
8 ALREADY ASSIGNED TO COME TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY, RIGHT? NOW I
9 WOULD BE COMING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND THE MAYOR WHO
10 APPOINTED ME TO THAT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY HAVE THAT CHOICE.
11 THAT WOULD BE THE ONLY PLACE WHERE I COULD SEE THIS -- THE
12 WHEELS COMING OFF. OTHERWISE, I THINK THIS IS A GREAT IDEA
13 THAT WE STRONGLY URGE OR RECOMMEND, BUT I'M -- AGAIN, I DON'T
14 KNOW HOW WE CAN SAY TO THE MAYOR OF ANY CITY, LISTEN, I KNOW
15 YOU WANT CERTAIN PERSON TO GO, BUT SUZANNE IS GOING, RIGHT?
16 EVEN THOUGH THAT WOULD JUST BE FANTASTIC, RIGHT? [LAUGHTER] I
17 MEAN -- YOU SEE WHAT I'M SAYING?

18

19 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** I SECOND.

20

21 **SUSAN ADAMS:** I THINK WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE IS GREAT. BUT --
22 AND BY THE SAKE SAME TOKEN, BUT I THINK AS A BODY HERE FOR
23 CONTINUITY OF WHAT WE'RE WANTING TO HAVE HAPPEN HERE FOR
24 INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND EVERYTHING ELSE, THE THOUGHT THAT
25 THE PRESIDENT BROUGHT UP THAT, YOU KNOW, SOMEBODY CAME TO HERE

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1 AND SAID, WHAT'S GOING ON AT ABAG. WELL, SHE KNOWS IT LIKE THE
2 BACK OF HER HAND. SO, IT'S RIDICULOUS FOR SOMEBODY TO HAVE TO
3 COME IN AND FILL IN SO I CAN GO AND ACT LIKE I DON'T WANT TO
4 DO ANYTHING FOR THREE OR FOUR HOURS; RIGHT? SO, I THINK WE
5 OUGHT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE INTENT. AND IF SOMEONE THINKS
6 IT NEEDS TO BE WORDED DIFFERENTLY, THAT'S FINE. I THINK WITH
7 PUSH BACK, I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANY MAYOR OUT THERE SITTING
8 AROUND THINKING, GEE, I HOPE NOBODY TAKES THAT PRIVILEGE AWAY
9 FROM ME. BUT THERE MIGHT BE ONE. THANK YOU.

10

11 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** COMMISSIONER ECKLUND.

12

13 **PAT ECKLUND:** I MIGHT BE FINE WITH IT IF WE ADD FOLLOWING.
14 BECAUSE MY CONCERN, AGAIN, IS THAT PERSON CANNOT ATTEND. FOR
15 ANY JURISDICTION THAT HAS A REPRESENTATIVE ON THE EXECUTIVE
16 BOARD, THAT REPRESENTATIVE SHALL SERVE AS THAT JURISDICTION'S
17 DELEGATE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNLESS THAT PERSON CANNOT
18 ATTEND. I THINK THAT AT LEAST GIVES ON A LITTLE BIT OF LEEWAY
19 THERE. AND WITH RESPECT NOT ALL CITIES ALLOW THE MAYOR TO DO
20 THE APPOINTMENTS. IT'S USUALLY THE COUNCIL. YOU KNOW, THE
21 GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS COMING UP, THEY'RE REQUESTING WHO THE
22 DELEGATE IS, AND THE ALTERNATE DELEGATE, AND THEN THAT COMES
23 TO THE COUNCIL AND THEN WE DECIDE AS A COUNCIL. SOME CITIES
24 THAT HAVE A MORE DIRECTLY ELECTED MAYOR, THAT MAYOR MAY FEEL
25 THAT THEY'RE -- THEY'RE AUTHORITY IS BEING TAKEN AWAY FROM

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1 THEM. SO -- BUT THIS IS -- THIS IS AN ISSUE. IT'S NOT AN ISSUE
2 IN EVERY CITY, THAT THE MAYOR MAKES THOSE APPOINTMENTS.

3

4 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** MISS KANE, DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE, AT
5 THIS POINT, ENOUGH DIRECTION TO CRAFT THIS WITH -- I -- I'M
6 NOT OBJECTING TO WHAT WE JUST HEARD, BUT I WANT TO PUT IT IN
7 YOUR COURT TO SAY CAN YOU CRAFT THIS IN SUCH A WAY, THAT YOU
8 ARE HEARING THE CONCERNS FROM THIS BODY THEN IT WILL GO UP OR
9 DOWN AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

10

11 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** I DO WANT TO JUST CLARIFY SOMETHING
12 THAT MEMBER ECKLUND SAID, ADDING UNLESS THAT PERSON CANNOT
13 ATTEND ARE YOU SAYING THEN -- BECAUSE THE WAY IT'S DRAFTED
14 RIGHT NOW AND WE CAN CLARIFY THIS, IT WOULD STILL ALLOW AN
15 ALTERNATE TO BE APPOINTED.

16

17 **PAT ECKLUND:** RIGHT.

18

19 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** BUT ARE YOU SAYING THAT WE WOULDN'T
20 CALL THAT PERSONALITY NAT THEY WOULD BE DELEGATE IS THAT
21 IMPORTANT TO YOU BECAUSE I THINK THERE'S AN EASIER WAY TO TIE
22 IT INTO AN EXISTING ALTERNATE PROVISION.

23

24 **PAT ECKLUND:** THAT'S FINE.

25

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1 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** WE CAN CLARIFY THAT AND MAKE SURE
2 THAT'S IN THE ITEM THAT GOES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH
3 THEN INFORMS THE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF ANY CHANGES THAT ARE
4 ADOPTED SO THAT WILL BE RECORDED AS PART OF THE INTENT BEHIND
5 THIS ITEM.

6

7 **PAT ECKLUND:** YOU CAN SEND OUT THE DRAFT LANGUAGE TO THE BOARD?

8

9 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** YES AND IT NEEDS TO GO TO THE GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY WITH 30 DAYS AS WELL SO EVERYBODY WILL BE GETTING IT.

11

12 **PAT ECKLUND:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** PRESIDENT RAMOS.

15

16 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** IF I MAY, ONE OF THE THINGS WE HAVE BEFORE
17 US ARE OUR DRAFT PROVISIONS AND RED LINES, I WANT US TO BE
18 REALLY CAUTIOUS ABOUT ACTUALLY WORDSMITHING THE WORDS
19 OURSELVES. WE HAVE AN ATTORNEY, THAT'S THE PERSON WHO HAS TO
20 STAND IN COURT AND DEFEND OUR BYLAWS. SO I WANT TO BE CAUTIOUS
21 REALLY I THINK THE PURPOSE OF THIS DISCUSSION IS TO MAKE SURE
22 THAT THE INTENT OF THE CHANGES IS UNDERSTOOD BY THE EXECUTIVE
23 BOARD AND THAT YOU ARE IN AGREEMENT. I THINK WE HAVE
24 DEFINITELY GIVEN ENOUGH DIRECTION TO COUNSEL THAT SHE CAN
25 UNDERSTAND WHAT THE CONCERNS ARE, AND TO ENSURE THAT THE

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1 ALTERNATE TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER IS STILL A VALID
2 OPTION FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT WE ARE RESPECTFUL OF
3 MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS, COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS AND ALSO CITY
4 SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT. THERE ARE DIFFERENT WAYS IN
5 WHICH WE FIND OURSELVES IN THESE RESPECTIVE SEATS. SO I WANT
6 TO BE REALLY CAUTIOUS TO NOT GET INTO TRYING TO DRAFT THE
7 LANGUAGE THAT EVENING. WE ARE TRYING TO POLISH OFF DECADES OF
8 ABAG HISTORY AS A LEGACY AND KEEPING IN MINDS ABAG BEING THE
9 FIRST COG. IT MIGHT TAKE US A FEW TIMES BUT WE'RE REALLY JUST
10 TRYING TO POLISH OFF THESE BYLAWS SO I JUST WANT US TO KEEP
11 THAT IN MIND.

12

13 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** THANK YOU FOR PUTTING THAT OUT THERE,
14 I THINK SOUND ADVICE THAT'S WHY WE PAY OUR GENERAL COUNSEL TO
15 GUIDE US ON LEGAL MATTERS. SHALL WE-MOVE TO THE NEXT ITEM?

16

17 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** YES, NOTE A NON SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE ON
18 THE WAY TO THE ELECTIONS, WHICH I THINK IS PROBABLY THE
19 MEATIER DISCUSSION. IF YOU LOOK AT PAGE SIX OF YOUR PRINTOUT
20 UNDER ARTICLE SEVEN, VOTING MEMBERSHIP. I HAVE STRUCK A
21 PARENTHESIS THERE THAT TALKS ABOUT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
22 REPRESENTATIVES AND EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS. THE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS
23 WERE, THEMSELVES, STRUCK IN A PRIOR REVISION. SO THIS IS, KIND
24 OF, AN ARTIFACT THAT NEEDED TO GO. IT CREATED UNCERTAINTY
25 RATHER THAN CERTAINTY. SO, ASSUMING THAT NO ONE IS DEEPLY

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1 ATTACHED TO THE REFERENCE EX OFFICIO. ON THE MAIN ISSUE THE
2 MAIN EVENT HERE IS AND THESE ARE SUBSTANCE CHANGES., AND SO
3 FOLKS WILL WANT TO HAVE A CHANCE TO THINK THROUGH THEM ARTICLE
4 9 OFFICERS ELECTIONS AND VACANCIES. THIS IS PAGE TEN OF YOUR
5 PRINTOUT AND I'LL FIRST DESCRIBE THE PROBLEM. ABAG HAS LONG
6 HAD A PROVISION WHEREBY EVERY SITTING ELECTED OFFICIAL IN THE
7 NINE BAY AREA COUNTIES ELECTS BY SECRET BALLOT BY MAIL, THE
8 PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT. THE SECRET BALLOT IS SOMETHING
9 THAT IS EXPLICITLY NOT ALLOWED UNDER STATE LAW TRANSPARENCY
10 PROVISIONS AND THIS ISSUE OF THE SECRET BALLOT HAS BEEN RAISED
11 BY NUMEROUS CITY ATTORNEYS AND COUNTY COUNSEL AS A PROBLEM FOR
12 THE WAY THAT WE DO OUR VOTING. SO, WE DO NEED TO ADDRESS THE
13 EXISTING METHOD. THE PROPOSED METHOD FOR HOW TO DEAL WITH IT
14 IS AN IDEA OF TAKING IT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS BEING THE
15 MOST KIND OF DEMOCRATIC, LITTLE D, EXISTING BODY THAT COULD
16 TAKE A VOTE, OR ABAG. THERE MAY BE OTHER WAYS TO DO THIS, BUT
17 THAT IS -- WE DO NEED TO ADDRESS THE PRIMARY QUESTION. SINCE I
18 HAVE HAD THIS JOB, WE HAVE NOT HAD TO INVOKE THESE LOCATION
19 PROCEDURES BECAUSE THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO WAIVE THEM IF
20 THERE IS AN UNCONTESTED NOMINATION AND THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE HAD
21 IN THE FOUR PLUS YEARS THAT I HAVE BEEN HERE. BUT YOU KNOW, IF
22 THERE IS A CONTESTED NOMINATION, THEN WE FIND OURSELVES
23 NEEDING TO GRAPPLE WITH THESE PROVISIONS AND WE REALLY DO NEED
24 TO MODERNIZE THIS VOTING APPARATUS. AND PRESIDENT RAMOS I SAW

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1 YOU HAD YOUR HANDS RAISED BEFORE AND I'M SORRY IF I USURPED
2 YOUR SPEAKING.

3

4 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** NO NOT AT ALL. THAT WAS LEFTOVER.

5

6 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** SO THE THINKING HERE IS TO DO A COUPLE
7 OF THINGS, ONE TO MOVE THE ELECTION FROM THIS SECRET BALLOT BY
8 MAIL MECHANISM TO AN IN-PERSON VOTE AT THE GENERALI ASSEMBLY.
9 AND WITH THAT, THERE'S A SUGGESTION TO CHANGE THE TERM SUCH
10 THAT RATHER THAN HAVING A VOTE IN JUNE, AND THEN HAVING THE
11 PEOPLE WHO WERE VOTED IN ASSUME OFFICE THE FOLLOWING JANUARY,
12 TO CHANGE THE TERMS SO THAT THEY START JULY 1ST, YOU KNOW,
13 RIGHT AFTER THE VOTE IN JUNE AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. AND THEN
14 I ADDED SOME PROVISIONS HERE TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE WAS NO
15 LOSS OF DUE PROCESS IN TERMS OF HOW LONG THE NOMINATIONS
16 PERIOD WAS OPEN. AND HOW MUCH NOTICE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY GOT
17 AFTER THE VERIFICATION OF WHO IS ON THE NOMINATIONS LIST.
18 BECAUSE WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS ADEQUATE TIME FOR
19 THE SIGNATURE GATHERING AND FOR PEOPLE TO CONSIDER WHETHER
20 THEY WANT TO RUN AND HAVE ALL THE CONVENTIONS THAT THEY NEED
21 TO HAVE AND THEN HAVE THE TIME FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
22 DELEGATES TO HAVE A SENSE OF WHO THEY'RE LOOKING AT. SO THAT
23 IS THE ATTEMPT HERE IN TERMS OF THE DAYS. THESE ARE ALL THE
24 THINGS THAT -- THE NUMBER OF DAYS AND THE PRECISE MECHANISM IS
25 NOT LEGALLY MAGICAL. THAT WAS MY ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE WHAT FELT

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1 LIKE SUBSTANTIVE DUE PROCESS FOR THIS. BUT IF THIS BODY WANTS
2 TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT, BY ALL MEANS, LET ME KNOW, HAVE
3 THAT DISCUSSION. AND THEN THERE IS A PROPOSAL TO SHIFT THE
4 EXISTING TERMS TO ALIGN WITH THE NEW JULY 1ST START DATE. AND
5 THEN THEREAFTER HAVE THE SAME CADENCE THAT WE HAVE HAD BEFORE
6 THE BIENNIAL ELECTIONS.

7

8 **PAT ECKLUND:** I THOUGHT THAT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINATED WHO
9 THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT WOULD BE. IS THAT WRONG?

10

11 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** I'M SORRY. I ACTUALLY WANTED TO
12 ACKNOWLEDGE --

13

14 **PAT ECKLUND:** I'M SORRY.

15

16 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** DIRECTOR MARK NAGALES. YOU HAD YOUR
17 LIGHT ON.

18

19 **MARK NAGALES:** YEAH I DID. BUT I CAN DEFER TO DIRECTOR ECKLUND
20 SINCE SHE STARTED ALREADY.

21

22 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** THERE IS THIS PROVISION ABOUT
25 GATHERING NOMINATIONS SHALL BE BY PETITION OF AT LEAST 15

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1 MAYORS COUNCIL MEMBERS OR SUPERVISOR. THAT'S EXISTING. SO, THE
2 EXECUTIVE BOARD VERIFIES THE SLATE, BUT THEY -- BUT THIS
3 CIRCULATION AND SIGNATURE THING IS SOMETHING THAT IS
4 PREEXISTING THAT WE HAVE HISTORICALLY DONE.

5

6 **PAT ECKLUND:** AND THAT WAS DONE LAST YEAR AND THE YEAR BEFORE
7 LAST? I DON'T THINK SO.

8

9 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** WE DON'T NEED TO DO ANY OF THIS IF
10 IT'S UNCONTESTED SO IF THERE IS ONLY ONE NOMINEE FOR EACH
11 OFFICE THEN THAT WHOLE THING CAN HAD BEEN AT EXECUTIVE BOARD.

12

13 **PAT ECKLUND:** WHO DOES THE NOMINATION THEN.

14

15 **MARK NAGALES:** SHE'S ASKING IF THERE IS ONE NOMINEE THAT
16 NOMINEE HAS TO GET 15 SIGNATURES.

17

18 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** THAT'S CORRECT STILL HAVE TO GO
19 THROUGH THE SIGNATURE PROCESS IN ORDER TO BECOME VERIFY AS A
20 NOMINEE THAT DID HAPPEN TO MY KNOWLEDGE I DON'T RUN THE
21 ELECTION DAY-TO-DAY.

22

23 **PAT ECKLUND:** THE VICE PRESIDENT AS WELL.

24

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1 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** ACTUALLY THE VICE PRESIDENT BECAUSE
2 IT WAS MID-TERM.

3

4 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** OKAY THAT'S A DIFFERENT VERSION.

5

6 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** MAYBE I CAN PROVIDE CONTEXT HERE. I WILL
7 TELL THAT YOU WHEN I RAN FOR VICE PRESIDENT IN 2020, I --
8 2019, 2020 START, I PULLED MY NOMINATION PAPERS, I GOT MY
9 SIGNATURES. I WAS CONTESTED. THE BALLOTS CAME -- SORRY -- THE
10 NOMINATION PAPERS WITH SIGNATURES CAME TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
11 TO VERIFY THAT THERE WERE IN FACT TWO CANDIDATES AND BALLOTS
12 WERE SENT OUT, VOTING CAME BACK AND THERE WAS A REPORT-OUT TO
13 THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. WHEN I RAN FOR VICE PRESIDENT AGAIN IN
14 2022, IT WAS UNCONTESTED. I DID IN FACT PULL MY PAPERS, GOT MY
15 SIGNATURES, BECAUSE IT WAS UNCONTESTED, THE APPOINTMENT WAS
16 RATIFIED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. FOR THIS LAST TIME, WHEN I
17 RAN FOR PRESIDENCY, I PULLED PAPERS, GOT NOMINATIONS, WAS NOT
18 CONTESTED, AND THE BOARD RATIFIED. BECAUSE WE HAD A MID-TERM
19 VACANCY ON VICE PRESIDENT -- BECAUSE OF THE DEPARTURE OF OUR
20 COLLEAGUE SENATOR ARREGUIN, I WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE -- I
21 PROVIDED A NOMINATION TO THE PRESIDENT TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
22 THAT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD RATIFIED AND THAT'S HOW YOU RECEIVED
23 YOUR VICE PRESIDENT ROMERO.

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1 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** THAT'S RIGHT. I'M SORRY. I FORGOT
2 ABOUT THE MID-TERM NATURE OF THAT BUT DIRECTIONS TO COVER
3 THAT.

4

5 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** NAGALES.

6

7 **MARK NAGALES:** I'M LOOKING AT IN TERMS OF THE NOTIFICATION TIME
8 FRAME 90 DAYS WHEN YOU OPEN THE NOMINATIONS DO YOU TRY TO GET
9 THE SIGNATURES PRIOR TO THAT OR ONCE THE 90 DAY STARTS THAT'S
10 WHEN YOU START PULLING THE PAPERS AND GETTING SIGNATURES.

11

12 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** YOU KNOW WHAT'S FUNDING EXISTING
13 PROVISIONS DEPARTMENT CLARIFY THAT AND I BELIEVE -- MAYBE
14 PEOPLE HERE CAN HELP ME UNDERSTAND HOW THIS WORKED THEY WOULD
15 DECLARE NOMINATION PERIOD OPEN AND THEN PEOPLE WOULD GET THE
16 SIGNATURES THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING.

17

18 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** THAT'S CORRECT THE NOMINATION PERIOD IS
19 OPENED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND THAT'S WHEN THE CLOCK STARTS
20 TICKING.

21

22 **MARK NAGALES:** MAYBE WE CAN CLARIFY THAT A BIT.

23

24 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** --

25

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1 **MARK NAGALES:** 45 DAYS BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT'S WHEN
2 IT CLOSES IT'S 45 -- IS THAT SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN DONE BEFORE
3 BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO GIFT GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENOUGH TIME I'M
4 WONDERING IF IT MAKES SENSE TO LOWER THAT NUMBER DOWN TO 30
5 COMPARED TO 45 SO THAT PEOPLE ARE PAYING ATTENTION A BIT MORE
6 AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE 15 DAYS.

7

8 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** COMPLETELY FINE TO DO THAT YES IT WAS
9 REALLY JUST A MATTER OF MAKING SURE THAT THERE WAS ENOUGH TIME
10 TO VERIFY THE 15 SIGNATURES AND TO HAVE AN EXECUTIVE BOARD
11 MEETING AT WHICH THE NOMINEE SLATE COULD BE VERIFIED AND THEN
12 FORWARDED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH ENOUGH TIME FOR THE
13 GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DIGEST IT.

14

15 **MARK NAGALES:** YEAH.

16

17 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** TO TAKE A VOTE. SO THESE NUMBERS ARE
18 ALL MOVABLE, IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TRYING TO BACK UP THE
19 GENERAL ASSEMBLY DATE AS DAY ZERO AND MOVING, SORT OF,
20 BACKWARDS TO MAKE SURE THERE WAS ENOUGH TIME FOR THESE VARIOUS
21 PROVISIONS BUT I AM NOT MARRIED TO ANY OF THEM AS LONG AS
22 THERE IS SUFFICIENT TIME TO DO THOSE.

23

24 **MARK NAGALES:** I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT BUT I ALSO WANT TO MAKE
25 SURE -- SOMETIMES, WE ALL LIVE BUSY LIVES BUT SOMETIMES

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1 GETTING IT TOO EARLY WE END UP PUTTING IT OFF UNTIL THE LAST
2 MINUTE.

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4 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** ABSOLUTELY.

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6 **MARK NAGALES:** I'M CURIOUS IN TERMS OF WHEN YOU SEND OUT THE
7 INFORMATION I'M ASSUMING THERE IS A PACKET WITH NOMINATION AND
8 WHY THEY'RE RUNNING AND ALL THOSE THINGS. CORRECT?

9

10 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** PRESIDENT RAMOS YOU COULD PROBABLY
11 ANSWER THAT BETTER BECAUSE I WASN'T HERE DURING A CONTESTED
12 ELECTION IS THERE INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINEES THAT GOES TO.

13

14 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** YES BEFORE THE NOMINATION PERIOD CLOSES
15 YOU SUBMIT A STATEMENT WITH YOUR NOMINATION PAPERS AND THAT
16 STATEMENT IS THE STATEMENT AND YOU JUST CROSS YOUR FINGERS AND
17 YOU WAIT IT OUT. IF THERE IS NO CONTEST, STATEMENTS DON'T GO
18 OUT, EVERYTHING IS CANCELED IT JUST MOVES ON TO THE EXECUTIVE
19 BOARD. IF IN FACT THERE IS A CONTEST, THAT STATEMENT GOES OUT
20 WITH THE BALLOT TO THE CLERKS OF YOUR RESPECTIVE
21 JURISDICTIONS.

22

23 **MARK NAGALES:** AND IT SO HAPPENS -- I'M SORRY I MAY NOT BE
24 READING IT CORRECTLY, AND THE VOTE HAPPENS AT GENERAL
25 ASSEMBLY.

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2 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** WELL, SO, WHAT WE'RE PROPOSING HERE IS TO
3 ACTUALLY MOVE THE VOTING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS OPPOSED TO
4 THIS ARCHAIC PRACTICE OF A SPEAKER BALLOT. BECAUSE, IN FACT,
5 THAT'S WHAT WOULD HAPPEN. THE SHEETS WOULD GET MAILED OUT WITH
6 YOUR STATEMENT AND YOU WOULD SELECT IT AND IT WOULD COME BACK
7 AND THE CLERK WOULD TALLY UP THE VOTES AND THEN THERE WOULD BE
8 A REPORT-OUT TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. AND, SO, THIS REALLY PUTS
9 IT IN THE HANDS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. IT PUTS IT -- I WILL
10 SAY FROM MY PERSPECTIVE IT PUTS IT IN DAYLIGHT, AND I THINK
11 THAT IS, AGAIN, I THINK THIS IS A PAIN OF OLD PROVISION AND
12 PRACTICE OF PAYING HOMAGE TO THE PEOPLE THAT GATHERED AT THE
13 CLAREMONT HOTEL DECADES AGO AND THOUGHT THAT THIS WAS A GREAT
14 IDEA AND JUST GIVEN THE HEIGHTENED SENSE OF TRANSPARENCY,
15 DESIRED BY THE PUBLIC, HAVING THIS VOTE ACTUALLY HAPPEN AT A
16 PUBLIC MEETING, I THINK WOULD BE IN LINE WITH THE EXPECTATIONS
17 OF THE PUBLIC.

18

19 **MARK NAGALES:** TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU. I THINK WE NEED TO BE
20 TRANSPARENT AND OPEN WITH THE PROCESS. AND, SO, I GUESS, WHEN
21 THAT HAPPENS AT THE VOTE, PAPER BALLOT OR VOTING BY HAND? OR
22 WE'RE STILL FIGURING THAT PROCESS OUT?

23

24 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IT'S A ROLL
25 CALL VOTE, DEFAULT FOR VOTES SO IT WOULD BE EACH PERSON WITH

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1 THEIR VOTE WOULD BE NOTED IN THE MINUTES SO IT CURRENTLY WORKS
2 -- MY UNDERSTANDING THERE ARE SOME ELECTION PROCEDURES THAT
3 ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE BYLAWS BUT IN AN EFFORT TO FLUSH THIS
4 OUT WHAT HAPPENED WAS THAT PEOPLE WOULD SEND A VERIFICATION
5 THAT THEY ARE IN FACT ELECTED OFFICIALS ON A COVER SHEET THEN
6 BE SEPARATED FROM THEIR VOTE SO THE VOTES ARE TALLIED BUT NOT
7 CONNECTED TO THE VOTER THEN REPORTED BY THE CLERK TO THE
8 EXECUTIVE BOARD.

9

10 **MARK NAGALES:** I DON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEM I AGREE WITH A LOT OF
11 THIS THE ONE CONCERN I HAVE, IN THE PAST AT LEAST FOR US IN
12 SAN MATEO COUNTY WHEN WE NOMINATE PEOPLE SOMETIMES THE
13 NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR IF LIKE -- AND I DON'T KNOW IF
14 THAT'S A PROCESS WE DO HERE BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE IF WE'RE SAYING
15 THERE IS ONLY ONE CANDIDATE THAT PERSON AUTOMATICALLY GETS IT
16 I'M OKAY WITH THAT SOMEONE MIGHT COMPLAIN, YOU KNOW, I JUST
17 LEARNED ABOUT THE PROCESS I WAS REALLY INTERESTED I WAITED
18 UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TIME FRAME CLOSED, IS THERE A NOMINATION
19 PROCESS FROM THE FLOOR AND IT SOUNDS LIKE FROM THIS PROCESS
20 THERE IS NOT.

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22 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** THERE IS NOT AND THAT IS IN PART
23 BECAUSE THERE HASN'T BEEN HISTORICALLY THERE WAS AN EFFORT TO
24 ADDRESS THE PARTS WE NEEDED TO AND NOT TOUCH THE THINGS THAT

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1 WE DIDN'T HAVE TO IF YOU WANT TO CREATE A NOMINATION FROM THE
2 FLOOR PROCESS THAT'S SOMETHING YOU'RE TOTALLY FREE TO DO.

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4 **MARK NAGALES:** I WOULD NEVER CHALLENGE THE PRESIDENT OR THE
5 VICE PRESIDENT. [LAUGHTER]

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7 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** THANK YOU, MARK. DIRECTOR ADAMS?

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9 **SUSAN ADAMS:** SO, I -- YOU KNOW, I CAN'T POSSIBLY BE THE ONLY
10 PERSON WHO IS THINKING THIS, BUT I AWAIT CORRECTION. IN ALL OF
11 OUR CITIES AND COUNTIES, THE BODY THAT IS LED BY THE PRESIDENT
12 OR THE VICE PRESIDENT, OR THE MAYOR, WHATEVER THEIR POSITION,
13 IS ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE WHO SIT ON THAT BODY. SO, YOU SEE WE
14 HAVE 109 MEMBERS, RIGHT? AND 71 PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW ANYTHING
15 ABOUT BELIA RAMOS OR THIS FINE GENTLEMAN HERE ARE GOING TO BE
16 VOTING ON SOMETHING. I REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME I GOT ONE OF
17 THESE IN 2019, I THOUGHT, WELL, WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE? I DIDN'T
18 KNOW THEM. I MEAN, I THINK WE NEED TO MAKE THIS REALLY SIMPLE.
19 THERE IS 38 PEOPLE WHO SIT ON THIS BOARD, THE 38 PEOPLE WHO
20 SIT ON THIS BOARD, NOMINATE SOMEBODY IN MAY, OR IN JUNE WE
21 VOTE ON IT HOWEVER WE DO IT SO THAT THE PEOPLE HERE WHO KNOW
22 THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO BE SERVING RATHER THAN THE 71
23 INDIVIDUALS WHO BLESS THEIR HEARTS DON'T HAVE A CLEAR
24 UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT'S GOING ON, AND WHO ALL OF THE PEOPLE

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1 ARE WHO ARE SERVING. I STARTED ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 2019, WE
2 DIDN'T ELECT ANYBODY CRAZY RIGHT THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE.

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4 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** YOU HAVEN'T SEEN ME YET.

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6 **SUSAN ADAMS:** WELL, YOU'RE ON PROBATION TONIGHT BUDDY. JUST BE
7 CLEAR ABOUT THAT. [LAUGHTER] I WANT TO KNOW AM I THE ONLY
8 PERSON WHO THINKING THAT OR IS THERE A SECOND SOMEBODY ELSE
9 WHO THINKS THAT MIGHT NOT BE A BAD IDEA TO BRING THIS BACK AND
10 SAY YOU'RE SERVING THIS BODY THESE PEOPLE THESE MEETINGS THIS
11 IS THE BODY THAT SHOULD THEN MAKE THESE APPOINTMENTS HOWEVER
12 WE DO THAT, YOU WANT TO DO CAMPAIGNING AND ALL THAT, THE OTHER
13 STUFF THAT'S ANOTHER STORY BUT TO ME THESE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN
14 THIS BOARD SHOULD BE THE PEOPLE NOMINATING AND POINTING THESE
15 LEADERS.

16

17 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** LET ME RECOGNIZE THE PRESIDENT AND
18 THEN I BELIEVE -- EVERYONE HAS A HAND UP. I HAVE SOMETHING TO
19 SAY ABOUT THIS, BUT TO THE PRESIDENT FIRST.

20

21 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS. I REALLY APPRECIATE
22 THAT THOUGHT. AND I WOULD SAY THIS TO YOU. THAT IS, IN FACT,
23 WHAT THIS PROCESS ALLOWS. THE IDEA BEING, HERE, WE CULTIVATE A
24 PIPELINE OF LEADERSHIP, AND THAT COLLEGIALITY AND BUY INTO
25 THAT LEADERSHIP AT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD LEVEL THAT NO ONE ELSE

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1 CHOOSES TO PULL THESE PAPERS, RIGHT THAT WE ARE SO ACTIVE IN
2 OUR COMMUNITIES THAT WE SAY HEY WE'RE THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
3 RALLYING BEHIND A CANDIDATE A OR B FOR THESE POSITIONS THAT
4 WOULD IN FACT ALWAYS BE THE PRESENT WITH NON-CONTESTED
5 ELECTION I WOULD SUBMIT TO YOU. THAT IS STILL PRESENT. LOOKING
6 AT HAVING THIS GO BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, YOU KNOW, I
7 THINK IN THINKING THAT THROUGH, NOT THAT I AM OPPOSED FOR IT
8 TO GO TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, HOWEVER, ENGAGING OUR GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY IS PART OF ABAG'S LEGACY IN THE WORK THAT WE DO. AND
10 THIS PROVIDES THAT OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE THEM. THAT WAS THE
11 REASON BEHIND IT, REALLY. BUT I DO THINK YOU ARE CORRECT. THE
12 IDEA IS THAT WE WOULD ALREADY HAVE -- WE WOULD TAP THE NEXT
13 PEOPLE ON THE SHOULDER AND SAY, HEY, IT'S YOU. AND WE THOSE
14 WHO HAVE BEEN SERVING IN LONGER CAPACITY START CONVEYING
15 CONFIDENCE IN THOSE CANDIDATES COMING THROUGH THE PIPELINE SO
16 IN FACT THIS ISN'T A DISRUPTIVE PART OF OUR ORGANIZATION.

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18 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** DIRECTOR ECKLUND. YOU HAVE YOUR HAND
19 UP. DIRECTOR --

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21 **PAT ECKLUND:** I'LL PASS.

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23 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** DIRECTOR MOTOYAMA?

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1 **LISA MOTOYAMA:** I DO SHARE MEMBER ADAMS'S CONCERN. AND I THINK
2 RIGHT NOW, YOU CAN SEE NOBODY IS REALLY ATTENDING. BECAUSE
3 WE'RE JUST DOING BUSINESS. AND I THINK THE -- WHERE THIS WOULD
4 BECOME REALLY CRITICAL IS WHEN IT COMES CLOSER TO THE TIME
5 WHEN THE RHNA NUMBERS COME OUT. BECAUSE THAT DOES GET PEOPLE
6 VERY RILED UP. AND I CAN IMAGINE A SCENARIO PRETTY EASILY OF
7 PEOPLE WHO ARE COMPLETELY AGAINST THAT SYSTEM WHO WOULD SAY,
8 WELL, I'M GOING TO BE PRESIDENT. AND I'M GOING TO GET, YOU
9 KNOW, 70 OF MY BEST FRIENDS HERE, WHO ALSO ARE IN DISAGREEMENT
10 TO VOTE IN A DIFFERENT KIND OF PRESIDENT. AND I THINK THAT, TO
11 ME, WOULD BE THE BIGGEST CONCERN, THAT THAT WOULD DERAIL THE
12 WORK OF THIS BODY. SO, KIND OF -- THERE IS A TRANSPARENCY AND
13 ENGAGEMENT QUESTION, BUT THERE IS ALSO THIS POTENTIAL FOR
14 DERAILMENT. SO THAT WOULD BE MY CONCERN.

15

16 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** I'M SORRY. POTENTIAL FOR DERAILMENT
17 WITH WHAT OPTION?

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19 **LISA MOTOYAMA:** OH OF HAVING, JUST, YOU KNOW, THE ENTIRE
20 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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22 **PAT ECKLUND:** AND I THINK ALSO TOO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
23 PEOPLE WHO RUN FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT, HAVE AN
24 INTEREST IN ABAG AND HAVE BEEN ENGAGED AND JUST NOT WAKE UP
25 ONE DAY, HEY, I WANT TO BE VICE PRESIDENT, OR PRESIDENT OF

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1 ABAG AND THEN PUT THE NAME IN. THAT PRESIDENT SHOULD HAVE AT
2 LEAST HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME TO CONFERENCES AND NETWORK
3 WITH OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS. AND THAT'S HOW WE HAVE ALWAYS
4 DONE IT IN THE PAST. BUT, YOU KNOW, MY CONCERN IS THAT IF -- I
5 DON'T KNOW. IT'S JUST -- I JUST THINK THAT ENCOURAGE SOMEBODY
6 30 DAYS BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO FILE FOR AN OFFICE THAT
7 THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT ABAG STANDS FOR. YOU KNOW, THAT'S MY
8 BIGGEST FEAR. BECAUSE, I'LL SAY IT PUBLICLY, BECAUSE SOME OF
9 THESE FOLKS THAT ARE ON THE BOARD, TONIGHT, DON'T KNOW WHAT
10 FIGHT WE HAD WITH MTC. AND HOW MUCH THAT HAS, IN MY OPINION,
11 HAS ADVERSELY AFFECTED THE ABILITY OF THIS ORGANIZATION TO
12 SERVE OUR MEMBERS. AND, SO, IT'S JUST -- THAT'S -- I JUST --
13 THAT'S WHY I THINK THAT SOMEBODY HAS TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED
14 WITH ABAG TO BE ABLE TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT.
15 THAT'S MY FEELING.

16

17 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** I'M GOING TO DO A CUE HERE, DIRECTOR
18 ADAMS, AND THEN DIRECTOR NAGALES.

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20 **SUSAN ADAMS:** THANK YOU. ARE WE TO WAIT TO BE CALLED ON BY THE
21 CHAIR BEFORE WE START SPEAKING?

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23 **PAT ECKLUND:** OH, SORRY.

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25 **SUSAN ADAMS:** THAT'S OKAY. I JUST DIDN'T KNOW. ARE WE --

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2 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** I'M SORRY. I HAD TWO HERE PREVIOUSLY.
3 I'M SORRY. THANK YOU.

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5 **SUSAN ADAMS:** BACK TO PRESIDENT RAMOS. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT
6 TO ENGAGE THE PEOPLE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. I THINK AT THAT
7 LEVEL THERE IS A LOT OF TURNOVER FROM TWO YEAR TO TWO YEAR, TO
8 TWO YEAR WHERE THERE IS MORE STABILITY HERE, AND YOU'RE
9 TALKING ABOUT ENGAGING THOSE MEMBERS. I'M SURE THIS GROUP UP
10 IN FRONT OF US CAN FIND SOMETHING TO DO TO HELP THEM FEEL MORE
11 ENGAGED, RIGHT? BUT I DON'T EVER REMEMBER THINKING THE FIRST
12 COUPLE OF YEARS WHEN I WAS IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND NOT ON THIS
13 BODY IN 2021, THAT I THOUGHT GEE I'M SO MUCH MORE IMPORTANT
14 THAT I'M VOTING. I THOUGHT IT WAS KIND OF ODD THAT I WAS
15 VOTING ON SOMETHING THAT I DIDN'T KNOW THE PEOPLE AND TO COME
16 HERE AND GET TO KNOW WHO THE PEOPLE ARE AND SOMEBODY SAID I
17 WOULD LIKE TO BE THE PRESIDENT THEN WE WOULD ALL KNOW WHO THE
18 PLAYERS ARE. THIS WAY IT'S DONE EVERYWHERE EVERYTHING ELSE IN
19 EVERY COUNTY IN THE BAY AREA ON EVERY CITY COUNCIL ON EVERY
20 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TO ME THAT'S BRINGING US RIGHT INTO
21 2025.

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23 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** DIRECTOR NAGLES.

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1 **MARK NAGALES:** I AGREE I'M GLAD YOU BROUGHT THIS UP MAYBE NEED
2 TO PUT A REQUIREMENT TO BECOME PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT IN
3 THE SCOPE THAT WE'RE TALKING, THAT YOU EITHER HAVE TO BE A
4 MEMBER OF THE BOARD OR AN ALTERNATE SO THAT MEANS YOU HAVE
5 SKIN IN THE GAME AND THAT YOU PARTICIPATED IN THE PROCESS. AND
6 THAT DOESN'T EXCLUDE YOU FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, JUST TO BE
7 PART OF THE PROCESS. AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO
8 SAY IS THAT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ACTUALLY DONE THIS, THEY HAVE
9 GONE THROUGH THE PROCESS, THEY KNOW THE MEMBERS, THEN THE
10 ISSUES AND THEY'RE ABLE TO LEAD. SO WHEN YOU SAY YOUR TAP THE
11 NEXT PERSON ON THE SHOULDER, YOU KNOW THEY HAVE ACTUALLY DONE
12 IT ALREADY. MAYBE THAT'S SOMETHING WE CONSIDER IN TERMS OF, IF
13 WE'RE REALLY, STRONGLY THINKING ABOUT THIS, THAT IS A
14 REQUIREMENT THAT WE ADD TO THIS.

15

16 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** I'M GOING TO -- I'M GOING TO JUMP IN
17 JUST FOR A SECOND, AND THEN I RECOGNIZE DIRECTOR ADAMS OR
18 SOMEBODY ELSE. SO, I THINK WHEN WE WERE TRYING TO COME UP WITH
19 IDEAS FORMULATE IDEAS, AND LOOK AT HOW WE COULD BRING THE
20 BYLAWS MORE UP-TO-DATE WITH, YOU KNOW, PRACTICE IN THE NINE-
21 COUNTY BAY AREA, ONE OF THE THINGS WE DISCUSSED WAS, YES,
22 REALLY SHOULDN'T IT BE THIS BODY THAT SHOULD BE MAKING THE
23 DECISION. AS DIRECTOR ADAMS IS SAYING. I THINK WE DIDN'T WANT
24 TO BE PRESUMPTUOUS AND SAY YES LET'S AUTOMATICALLY MOVE TO
25 THIS BODY, AND YOU KNOW, YOU'RE PROBABLY GOING TO BE -- I

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1 CAN'T SAY, BUT YOU'RE PROBABLY GOING TO BE VICE PRESIDENT OF
2 THE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, BECAUSE YOU'RE NEXT, AND THAT
3 THE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY IS GOING TO VOTE FOR YOU, NOT THE
4 20 CITIES. SO, THIS REALLY DOES KEEP IT LINES IT UP WITH THE
5 PRACTICE THAT ALL OF OUR COUNTIES HAVE FOR EITHER THESE MULTI-
6 AGENCY, MULTI-CITY ENTITIES THAT WE'RE IN. I MEAN, WE COULD DO
7 THIS A COUPLE OF WAYS. WE COULD HAVE TWO OPTIONS. RIGHT? OR
8 BETTER YET, I MEAN, TODAY, I'M HEARING THAT THERE IS INTEREST
9 IN ACTUALLY MOVING TO THE 38 MEMBER BODY APPROVING THIS, ONLY
10 BECAUSE THIS IS THE BODY THAT'S ENGAGED IN THIS AREA OF
11 REGIONAL GOVERNANCE, WHICH IS WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE RIGHT? SO,
12 SO I WILL JUST -- I WILL PUT THAT OUT THERE, THAT I WOULD
13 CERTAINLY BE IN SUPPORT OF AN AMENDMENT THAT WOULD PUT THE --
14 THIS BODY ITSELF IS THE ONE THAT ACTUALLY ELECTS THOSE -- THE
15 LEADERSHIP. STOP THERE, AND RECOGNIZE -- ACTUALLY, LET ME
16 RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR CARLSON. BECAUSE HE HASN'T SPOKE YET ON
17 THIS ITEM. THEN I'LL GO TO YOU.

18

19 **KEN CARLSON:** I'M JUST TRYING TO --

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21 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** GET OUT OF HERE --

22

23 **KEN CARLSON:** THERE IS A LOT, A HUGE DYNAMIC GOING ON IN MANY
24 WAYS. AGAIN, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- L ABAG IS A UNIQUE
25 ORGANIZATION IT'S NOT QUITE THE SAME AS THE TRANSPORTATION

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1 AUTHORITY OR OTHER LEGISLATIVE BODIES, WE'RE CREATED A
2 DIFFERENT WAY. RIGHT? AND EVERYBODY HAS A LITTLE BIT OF SKIN
3 IN THE GAME. SO, WHY DO I WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF AN
4 ASSOCIATION OTHER THAN I'M REQUIRED TO BE, BUT WHERE I DON'T
5 HAVE A VOICE, RIGHT. SO WHAT'S THE USE OF A GENERAL ASSEMBLY
6 OTHER THAN TO GET TOGETHER, LEARN A LITTLE AND THEN VOTE ON A
7 BUDGET, WHICH I REALLY DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT ANYWAY, RIGHT?
8 BECAUSE I DIDN'T PARTICIPATE IN ITS CREATION OR IT'S JUST
9 PRESENTED TO ME, SO SAME THING, AGAIN, I AGREE WITH WHAT
10 COMMISSIONER ADAMS IS SAYING, WE SECOND AS THE BOARD NOMINATE,
11 AND SELECT, THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT, WOULD BE
12 RATIFIED FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY WOULD CHANGE THE TIMELINE GIVE A
13 VOICE, POTENTIALLY COULD COME UP EVERY HOUSING CYCLE WOULD
14 GIVE US MORE OF A SOLID POSITION, IN LEADERSHIP, EVERYBODY IS
15 AWARE OF THE WORK WE'RE DOING.

16

17 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** A TWO STEP PROCESS.

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19 **KEN CARLSON:** TWO STEP PROCESS, IT WOULD CHANGE --

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21 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** RATIFIED BY --

22

23 **KEN CARLSON:** RATIFIED.

24

25 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** AND YOU HAVE 71 INSURGENTS.

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2 **KEN CARLSON:** WE COULD COME UP WITH WHAT IF THEY DON'T RATIFY
3 THAT SUDDENLY THERE'S A VOTE.

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5 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** IF I COULD BRIEFLY INTERJECT, THIS IS
6 THE POLICY CONVERSATION YOU SHOULD BE HAVING THESE ARE NOT
7 LEGAL ISSUES RIGHT YOU CAN DECIDE AS LONG AS WE'RE NOT DOING A
8 SECRET BALLOT I'M HAPPY IN TERMS OF THESE UPDATES BUT I WILL
9 AS STAFF, WE DON'T WANT TO ASK A QUESTION WHERE WE'RE NOT
10 PREPARED FOR AN ANSWER TO IT, SO AS MUCH AS HAVING BUY-IN
11 MAKES SENSE WE WOULD NEED AN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION WHAT IF
12 THEY DON'T RATIFY.

13

14 **KEN CARLSON:** WHAT IF THEY DON'T APPROVE THE BUDGET? IF THEY
15 SAY THAT'S NOT THE BUDGET FOR US, PROBABLY NEVER HAPPEN BUT
16 AGAIN WE HAVE GOT TO BE PREPARED FOR THE WHAT IF.

17

18 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** WE WOULD HAVE TO DO, SORT OF, A
19 CONTINUING RESOLUTION TYPE MECHANISM AND KEEP IT -- [LAUGHTER]
20 MOVING. BUT, YES, I WILL NOTE WE DID LOOK AT HOW OTHER COGS
21 HANDLE THIS, AND THE ANSWER IS THEY'RE ALL OVER THE MAP. SO I
22 DON'T THINK THERE IS A CLEAR MANDATE LOOKING AROUND AT OTHER
23 ENTITIES THAT SAYS YOU KNOW EVERYONE BUT ALSO DOES IT BY
24 SELECTION ASSIST EXECUTIVE BOARD THAT IS A MODEL THAT EXISTS
25 SOME HAVE BAROQUE ELECTION PROCEDURES THAT PUTS THIS TO SHAME.

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1 SO YOU KNOW IT'S NOT -- THERE IS NO CLEAR MODEL FOR A BEST
2 PRACTICE, AS YOU WILL. SO, IT REALLY IS A POLICY DECISION BY
3 THIS BOARD, WHAT YOU WANT TO PROPOSE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
4 IN JUNE. AS LONG USE IT'S NOT SECRET BALLOT, I WILL DRAFT IT
5 TO DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.

6

7 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** SORRY. LET ME JUST DO A CUE HERE.
8 I'LL LET THE PRESIDENT SPEAK RIGHT NOW BUT I WANT TO GO TO
9 VITAMIN RAMOS WHO JOINED US ABOUT AN HOUR OR SO AGO. THANK
10 YOU. AND THEN MOVE TO MR. NAGALES AND ECKLUND. PLEASE, BELIA.

11

12 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU. I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL OF THIS
13 THOUGHT THAT HAS -- AND DISCUSSION THAT HAS GONE INTO THIS --
14 THIS IMPACTFUL AND UPDATING POLICY TO CHANGE. AND I THINK WHAT
15 I'M GOING IT GO AHEAD AND PUT THIS OUT THERE, UNDERSTANDING
16 THAT THERE ARE OTHERS THAT ARE KIND OF IN THE QUEUE, BUT IN --
17 I WILL TAKE SOME OWNERSHIP IN THIS. I'M THINKING THAT THIS WAS
18 ACTUALLY A WAY TO SHED LIGHT ON OUR PROCESS, BUT THERE ARE
19 OTHER VALUES THAT OUR MEMBERS HAVE THAT PERHAPS HAVE NOT BEEN
20 REFLECTED IN THIS POLICY CHANGE. SO, I'M GOING TO ACTUALLY
21 SUGGEST THAT WE PIVOT IN HAVING AN AD-HOC GROUP THAT WE CAN
22 WORK THROUGH SOME SUGGESTED BYLAW CHANGES. I'M NOT GOING TO --
23 I ACTUALLY DON'T THINK THAT TIMING WISE, WE WOULD PROBABLY
24 HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO GET IT BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
25 BECAUSE THIS IS OUR LAST MEETING. RIGHT? NO. WE HAVE ONE --

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1 NO. THIS IS OUR LAST MEETING. SO, I THINK THAT MIGHT BE A GOOD
2 WAY TO BE ABLE TO LISTEN TO THE CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN
3 VOICED. IT ALSO WOULD GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO DIG A LITTLE
4 BIT DEEPER INTO WHAT OTHER COGS ARE DOING, AND, REALLY, TO
5 SUPERVISOR CARLSON'S POINT OF HOW WE ENGAGE OUR LEGACY OF
6 BEING JUST A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT THAN OTHER TYPES OF AGENCIES
7 THAT DO APPOINTMENT PROCESSES IN -- WITHIN THEMSELVES. SO, I'M
8 JUST GOING TO PUT THAT THERE OUT THERE. I THINK THIS IS A
9 GREAT DISCUSSION. BUT I THINK WE DO -- WE'RE NOT GOING TO
10 RESOLVE THIS HERE UNLESS WE REALLY PUT SOME WORK INTO AN AD-
11 HOC.

12

13 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** AND JUST TO CLARIFY, IT'S JUST THIS
14 SPECIFIC ISSUE OF VOTING FOR CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.

15

16 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** THAT IS WHAT I AM PROPOSING.

17

18 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** OKAY. WE MIGHT GO -- WE WANT TO
19 THINKS ABOUT THE CONTINUATION WORDING THAT YOU HAVE IN THERE,
20 BUT WE CAN TALK ABOUT THAT LATER. SO, LET ME GO TO VICE MAYOR
21 RAMOS.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VICE CHAIR ROMERO. I'M ACTUALLY THE
24 DELEGATE FOR -- I WENT IT MY FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST YEAR.
25 I'M RELATIVELY NEWLY ELECTED. AND I SPENT SOME TIME, LIKE,

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1 READING THROUGH THE PACKET, AND I GET HOW IT'S, LIKE, A LITTLE
2 MUCH, AND I REMEMBER READING ABOUT THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR,
3 AND IT'S NOT CONTESTED SO I DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. BUT I THINK
4 EVEN THE PEOPLE WHO ARE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATES,
5 LITERALLY HAVE LIKE ONE MEETING A YEAR I THINK WE COULD GIVE
6 THEM A BIT MORE CREDIT THEY ARE ELECTED JUST LIKE THE REST OF
7 US, PRESUMABLY THEY WILL DO THEIR BEST TO BE WELL PREPARED FOR
8 THIS MEETING. I THINK IN MY CITY THE BIGGER ISSUE IS HOW FAR
9 WE HAVE TO TRAVEL TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BUT IF YOU GO
10 THROUGH THAT MUCH TROUBLE TO TRAVEL THERE I ASSUME MOST OF THE
11 ELECTIVES WILL GO THROUGH THE TROUBLE OF READING THROUGH THEIR
12 PACKET AND JUST TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY, WHAT THEY HAVE,
13 BECAUSE LIKE I MENTIONED WE'RE ALL ELECTED AND ELECTIONS HAVE
14 CONSEQUENCES SO YEAH IF THERE IS SOME KIND OF REVOLT, ANTI-
15 REGIONAL REVOLT IN A CITY, THAT'S THE CONSEQUENCES OF OUR
16 DEMOCRACY AND WE HAVE TO RESPONSIVE TO THAT. SO, I THINK -- I
17 DON'T MIND A TWO TIER SYSTEM TO HAVE SOME KIND OF PROTECTIONS.
18 BUT, LIKE, I -- I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD FEAR AS MUCH HAVING
19 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATES, THOSE WHO ARE HERE FOR, LIKE,
20 A ONE MEETING A YEAR, THAT IT WOULD GO COMPLETELY OUT OF
21 BOUNDS. GRANTED I COULD JUST BE REALLY NAIVE BECAUSE I LIVE IN
22 A WONDERFUL CITY THAT CARES VERY MUCH ABOUT REGIONAL
23 GOVERNANCE, AND ALL OF THAT. BUT I THINK WE ARE -- I DON'T SEE
24 ANYTHING WRONG WITH HAVING SOME CONSTRAINTS BUT I DON'T THINK
25 WE HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT AS MUCH AS WE ARE.

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2 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** NOT SEEING ANY OTHER HANDS UP HERE.

3 OKAY. I THINK I RECOGNIZED YOU DIRECTOR ADAMS THEN WE'LL GO IT
4 MISS WILLIAMS THEN ECKLUND.

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6 **SUSAN ADAMS:** THANK YOU. I'M NOT SO CONCERNED ABOUT HOW OTHER -
7 - WITH DUE RESPECT TO THE PRESIDENT, I'M NOT SO WORRIED ABOUT
8 HOW OTHER COGS DO IT OR WHATEVER YOU'RE CALLING THEM. I'M NOT
9 EVEN SURE WHAT THAT IS BAY AREA REGIONAL GOVERNANCE BODIES --

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11 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** COUNCILS.

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13 **SPEAKER:** COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS.

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15 **SUSAN ADAMS:** I DO LIKE SUPERVISOR CARLSON'S, WHERE THE 38
16 PEOPLE IN THIS GROUP NOMINATE AND VOTE FOR, AND THEN WE HAVE
17 IT RATIFIED JUST LIKE WE DO THE BUDGET I'M NOT AFRAID OF WHAT
18 71 PEOPLE ARE DOING. WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IS THAT WE'RE
19 TAKING A SIMPLE EXCHANGE OF LEADERSHIP, AND PUTTING IT OUT
20 THERE TO 71 PEOPLE WHO REALLY DON'T KNOW THE WORK AND THE TIME
21 THAT'S GOING INTO IT. THIS IS -- I MEAN, WE SEE THE PRESIDENT
22 AND THE VICE PRESIDENT HERE DOING THIS WORK. THIS IS, LIKE,
23 THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG. AND I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT SOMEBODY
24 COMING IN AND SAYING HEY WE WANT TO DO IT. I DON'T THINK THEY

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1 WOULD LAST LONG THIS IS STRENUOUS, STRENUOUS WORK. THE AMOUNT
2 OF TIME -- WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING? IS IT NOT STRENUOUS WORK?

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4 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** [LAUGHTER] IT'S 7:15 IN THE AFTER --
5 EVENING.

6

7 **SUSAN ADAMS:** I THINK THIS IS HOW IT'S DONE. THE PEOPLE WHO
8 SERVE WITH YOU, ELECT YOU, AND I'M NOT SURE WE ON NEED AN AD-
9 HOC COMMITTEE, BUT YOU KNOW I ALSO DON'T WANT TO MAKE A MOTION
10 OVER THE PRESIDENT.

11

12 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** WILLIAMS.

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14 **SPEAKER WILLIAMS:** I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO PRESIDENT RAMOS
15 AND TO PRESIDENT ROMERO FOR PUTTING IN THE WORKING TIME, TO
16 WHAT MEMBER ADAMS INDICATED, ANYWAY I'M NOT EVEN GOING TO GO
17 INTO ANY MORE OF THAT, HOWEVER, I DO LIKE WHAT WAS
18 RECOMMENDED, WHERE WE HAVE THE 38 BOARD MEMBERS AND I THINK
19 THERE WAS AN ADDITIONAL PIECE ADDED IN THERE ALTERNATE WITH
20 THE TRANSITIONING BEING RATIFIED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY JUST
21 THAT MAKES SENSE IT STILL GIVES GENERAL ASSEMBLY SOME
22 OWNERSHIP IN THE PROCESS OF THE VOTE AND OF COURSE WHEN WE DO
23 VOTE OR WHEN IT DOES GO TO THE ASSEMBLY, THERE COULD BE A BIO,
24 WHO IS RUNNING, WHAT THEY DO I MEAN LIKE A CAMPAIGN, ALL OF US
25 RUNNING CAMPAIGNS AROUND HERE SO YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING

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1 ABOUT, JUST A SMALL LITTLE CAMPAIGN, A BLURB, WHO THEY ARE,
2 WHAT THEY HAVE DONE, HOW -- THEN THEY CAN SEE HOW INTENTIONAL
3 THIS INDIVIDUAL IS AND THEIR COMMITMENT LEVEL OF EVEN RUNNING
4 FOR THOSE SEATS. AND I'M NOT GOING TO BELABOR THAT ANYMORE.
5 THANK YOU.

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7 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** THANK YOU SUPERVISOR. MISS ECKLUND
8 AND THEN I'M GOING TO CALL ON THE PRESIDENT.

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10 **PAT ECKLUND:** YEAH I STILL GO BACK TO -- IT'S MARK, IT'S HARD
11 FOR ME TO SEE YOUR FIRST NAME THERE.

12

13 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** NAGALES.

14

15 **PAT ECKLUND:** YEAH, HIS SUGGESTION THAT IN ORDER TO BE
16 PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT YOU HAVE TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD,
17 EXECUTIVE BOARD. SO, I DO REALLY THINK THAT THAT'S IMPORTANT
18 FOR US TO ADD. AS PART OF THIS DISCUSSION THAT WE'RE HAVING
19 WE'RE GOING TO LOOK AT MAKING SOME MORE SUGGESTIONS LIKE THE
20 EXECUTIVE BOARD DETERMINES OR VOTES ON PRESIDENT AND VICE
21 PRESIDENT, AND IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO START ANOTHER
22 COMMITTEE, I AGREE WITH BELIA THAT YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BE
23 ABLE TO DO IT BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. I THINK AT MINIMUM, YOU
24 NEED TO PUT IN HERE, CHAIR -- VICE PRESIDENT OR PRESIDENT YOU
25 HAVE TO BE ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD I THINK THAT PRETTY MUCH

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1 WHAT'S HAPPENED SINCE INCEPTION OF THE ORGANIZATION I
2 CANDIDATES THINK OF ANYBODY PUT IN AS PRESIDENT OR VICE
3 PRESIDENT WITHOUT BEING ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. I DON'T KNOW,
4 CATHERINE DO YOU KNOW? I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH ABAG FOR A
5 LONG TIME. AND I HAVE NEVER SEEN IT.

6

7 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** I'M NOT AWARE OF THE HISTORY.

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9 **PAT ECKLUND:** BUT ANYWAY AT MINIMUM WE COULD PUT IN TO BE CHAIR
10 TO BE VICE PRESIDENT OR PRESIDENT YOU HAVE TO SERVE ON THE
11 EXECUTIVE BOARD.

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13 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** OKAY. SUGGESTION REGISTERED. I
14 BELIEVE THE PRESIDENT WANTED TO SPEAK NEXT.

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16 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** THANK YOU. AND I'M GOING TO ASK EITHER
17 COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS OR SUPERVISOR CARLSON TO JOIN ME IN THIS.
18 I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND MAKE A MOTION THAT -- PLEASE BE
19 PATIENT WITH ME. I'M GOING TO TRY AND INCORPORATE ALL THE
20 THOUGHTS HERE SO THAT WE CAN MOVE THIS FORWARD AND REALLY
21 BRING SOME TRANSPARENCY TO THIS PROCESS. I'M GOING TO ASK THAT
22 THE ELECTION PROCESS FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT BE OF AN
23 EXISTING -- THAT THE NOMINATIONS BE OF AN EXISTING MEMBER OF
24 THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, THAT THE DECISION OF A NOMINATION AND
25 ELECTION HAPPEN AT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WITH RATIFICATION AS BY

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1 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND THAT COUNSEL WORK THROUGH THAT WHAT
2 IF SCENARIO PROVIDED BY SUPERVISOR CARLSON OF CONTINUING
3 RESOLUTION, AND THAT THE SUGGESTED LANGUAGE THAT WOULD BE
4 PRESENTED TO THIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
5 FOR VOTING WOULD INCLUDE THE EXTENSION OF THE SERVICE OF YOUR
6 CURRENT PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT, UNTIL NEXT YEAR'S
7 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND THAT THE LANGUAGE BE CIRCULATED TO THIS
8 EXECUTIVE BOARD BEFORE A POST TO THE AGENDA.

9

10 **KEN CARLSON:** SECOND.

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12 **SUSAN ADAMS:** I'LL SECOND THAT.

13

14 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** WE HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND. IS THAT
15 CLEAR? I'M SORRY.

16

17 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** YES AND JUST THROUGH THE CHAIR, MADAM
18 PRESIDENT, DOES IT ALSO INCLUDE ALL OF THE SUGGESTED CHANGES
19 GOING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

20

21 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** THAT WE HAVE ALREADY --

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23 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** THAT WE HAVE ALREADY VETTED. AND THE
24 SECONDER --

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1 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** SHOULD I MAKE THE PRESIDENT RESTATE
2 THE MOTION? [LAUGHTER] JUST KIDDING.

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4 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** IT'S ON THE RECORD.

5

6 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** I WILL REMEMBER YOU COUNCIL MEMBER, YOU'RE
7 ON PROBATION.

8

9 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** ON DO WE HAVE A MOTION --

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11 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** BEFORE A PUBLIC COMMENT AND VOTE IS
12 TAKEN THIS, THE TIGHT TIME FRAMES UNDER BYLAWS SUGGESTED
13 LANGUAGE HAS TO GO TO THE GA30 DAYS BEFORE THEIR MEETING WHICH
14 IS THE 20th TODAY IS THE 15th THROUGH THE WHAT IF SCENARIO
15 MEANS THAT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VET IT WITH THIS BODY PRIOR
16 TO THAT POSTING SO I WOULD LIKE THE AUTHORITY TO WORK PERHAPS
17 WITH PRESIDENT RAMOS VICE PRESIDENT, GET THE LANGUAGE THAT IS
18 CONSISTENT WITH THIS DISCUSSION AND PUT THAT FORWARD TO THE
19 GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNDERSTANDING THAT IF WE NEED TO AMEND IT
20 THERE WE CAN DO THAT.

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22 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** IS THAT ACCEPTABLE? OR?

23

24 **PRES., BELIA RAMOS:** I'M AMENABLE TO THAT IN THE MOTION, YES.

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1 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. THANK YOU. IS THERE A SECOND TO THE MOTION?

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3 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** I THINK YOU'RE JUST LOOKING FOR
4 GUIDANCE ON THAT, AND THERES -- OKAY. HEARING NO OBJECTIONS
5 OKAY. THEN LET'S MOVE TO PUBLIC TO SEE IF THERE IS ANYONE FROM
6 THE PUBLIC WHO WANTS TO PROVIDE COMMENT.

7

8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I RECEIVED NOTHING IN WRITING FOR THIS
9 ITEM. I SEE NO HANDS RAISED IN THE ZOOM SPACE AND NO ONE HAS
10 APPROACHED THE PODIUM.

11

12 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MISS --
13 [INDISCERNIBLE] LET'S CALL THE QUESTION, PLEASE. ALL RIGHT.
14 ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

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18 **SUSAN ADAMS:** YES.

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

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22 **SYLVIA ARENAS:** YES CAMPOS IS ABSENT. CARLSON?

23

24 **KEN CARLSON:** YES.

25

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1 **BOARD CLERK:** CORZO IS ABSENT. DOAN?

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3 **BIEN DOAN:** YES.

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** DORSEY?

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7 **MATT DORSEY:** YES.

8

9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ECKLUND?

10

11 **PAT ECKLUND:** YES.

12

13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FIFE? HER REMOTE LOCATION IS OPEN SHE HAS
14 STEPPED AWAY. FLIGOR IS ABSENT. BAS?

15

16 **NIKKI FORTUNATO-BAS:** YES.

17

18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. GAUTHIER. I KNOW THAT'S WRONG.
19 IS ABSENT. HILLIS? KAMEI?

20

21 **ROSEMARY KAMEI:** YES LUCAN? IS ABSENT.

22

23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** LURIE IS ABSENT. MANDELMAN IS ABSENT.
24 BELTRAN?

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1 YVONNE MARTINEZ-BELTRAN: YES.

2

3 CLERK OF THE BOARD: MILEY IS ABSENT. MOTOYAMA?

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5 LISA MOTOYAMA: YES.

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7 BOARD CLERK: MOY? IS ABSENT. NAGALES?

8

9 MARK NAGALES: YES.

10

11 CLERK OF THE BOARD: RABBITT IS ABSENT. RAMOS?

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13 PRES., BELIA RAMOS: YES.

14

15 CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. MEMBER ROMERO?

16

17 V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO: YES.

18

19 CLERK OF THE BOARD: SCALES-PRESTON? IS ABSENT. HOWEVER, HER

20 REMOTE LOCATION IS STILL OPEN. THANK YOU. SILVA IS ABSENT.

21 WASHINGTON?

22

23 PIERRE WASHINGTON: YES.

24

25 CLERK OF THE BOARD: WILLIAMS?

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2 **SPEAKER WILLIAMS:** AYE.

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4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YOUNG IS ABSENT. NOW TO ALTERNATES.

5 HANNON?

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7 **MICHAEL HANNON:** AYE.

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9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RAMOS?

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11 **SPEAKER:** AYE.

12

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

14

15 **RACHAEL TANNER:** AYE.

16

17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. WILLIAMS?

18

19 **SPEAKER WILLIAMS:** AYE.

20

21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY

22 ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

23

24 **V. PRES., CARLOS ROMERO:** THANK YOU ALL VERY, VERY MUCH. THAT

25 WAS A HEALTHY AND CAPACIOUS DISCUSSION. AND I THINK WE WOUND

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1 UP GETTING TO A POINT WHERE WE CAN ALL FEEL THAT THE BYLAWS
2 HAVE BEEN IMPROVED. WE'LL SEE IF THEY GET RATIFIED. WITH THAT,
3 I WILL ADJOURN THIS MEETING UNTIL OUR NEXT MEETING, WHICH WILL
4 BE JULY 17TH IN THESE CHAMBERS. WE WILL ALL SEE YOU THEN.
5 THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND CONTRIBUTING TO
6 THIS DISCUSSION.

7

8 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR ENGAGEMENT. I
9 REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. [ADJOURNED]

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