

## Association of Bay Area Governments

### Administrative Committee

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October 13, 2023

Agenda Item 6.k.

#### Committee Appointments

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#### Subject:

Ratification of Appointment to Committee(s)

#### Background:

According to the ABAG Bylaws, the ABAG President makes appointments to committees with the advice and consent of the Executive Board.

At its meeting on October 13, 2023, ABAG President Arreguin will report on his appointment to committees to the Administrative Committee, acting for the Executive Board.

President Arreguin is appointing Cesar Zepeda, Councilmember, City of Richmond, to the San Francisco Bay Conservation Development Commission (BCDC) as the East Bay Representative, replacing himself, for the term ending December 31, 2024. Further, Sohelia Bana, Councilmember, City of Richmond, has agreed to serve as the East Bay Alternate for the same term.

BCDC is engaged in meaningful work through the Bay Adapt initiative to plan for and adapt to the threat of rising sea levels in the San Francisco Bay, including securing state and federal resources for adaptation projects. BCDC has launched a Bay Adapt Local Electeds Regional Task Force as part of this effort. Councilmember Zepeda serves on the Task Force and represents a community that will be disproportionately impacted by the threat of rising sea levels, with low-income communities living close to the Bayshore that will be affected by flooding and industries like Chevron. Richmond is advancing several adaptation planning efforts and projects. BCDC is also updating the Bay Area Seaport Plan, and the City of Richmond is one of several cities in the Bay Area with an active seaport. Councilmember Zepeda represents most of the Bayshore area in the City of Richmond and would be an excellent representative for East Bay cities on BCDC. Councilmember Bana has actively participated in the Local Electeds Task Force and is passionate about climate adaptation issues. The appointment of

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these elected leaders to BCDC will ensure that BCDC has continuity and active leadership and engagement on critical regional issues.

In addition, President Arreguin is appointing Lisa Motoyama, Mayor of the City of El Cerrito, to the ABAG Housing Committee.

San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission

East Bay—Cesar Zepeda, Councilmember, City of Richmond—Representative (for the term ending December 31, 2024)

East Bay—Sohelia Bana, Councilmember, City of Richmond—Alternate (for the term ending December 31, 2024)

ABAG Housing Committee

Lisa Motoyama, Mayor, City of El Cerrito

**Issues:**

None

**Recommended Action:**

The ABAG Administrative Committee, acting for the Executive Board, is requested to ratify the committee appointment(s), as reported.

**Attachments:**

None

**Reviewed:**

  
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