

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

May 21, 2026

Agenda Item 8.c.

MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council

Subject:

Adoption of ABAG Resolution No. 5-2025, Revised, approving the appointment of Kathleen Cha, League of Women Voters, as an “at large” representative for civic organizations on the MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council

Background:

ABAG Resolution No. 5-2025 and MTC Resolution No. 4686 established the integrated MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council (“Council”) and called for the recruitment and appointment of a new Council every four years. An Ad Hoc Selections Committee consisting of three members each from MTC and the ABAG Executive Board deliberated and recommended 27 candidates to ABAG President Ramos and MTC Chair Noack. However, one of the candidates who was recommended to fill an “at large” seat on the Council representing civic organizations (as an official representative of the League of Women Voters) passed away in December 2025 before the Council held its first meeting. The Ad Hoc Selections Committee reconvened to review applications for “at large” seats and make a new recommendation to President Ramos and MTC Chair Noack for the at-large slot. In the interim, the League of Women Voters nominated Kathleen Cha for the seat on the Council.

Discussion:

In consultation with staff, the Selections Committee evaluated the top scoring “at-large” finalists, including Kathleen Cha, and recommended Ms. Cha for the vacant seat. ABAG President Ramos and MTC Chair Noack approved the recommendation, which is subject to ABAG Executive Board and the MTC approval. Ms. Cha brings significant experience to the role having previously worked as ABAG staff (leading communications and legislative affairs), served on the ABAG Regional Planning Committee (ABAG’s predecessor to the Community Advisory Council) and currently serving in a leadership role on the League of Women Voters Bay Area chapter. These experiences reflect a deep understanding of regional governance and a longstanding commitment to civic engagement.

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Recommended Action:

The ABAG Executive Board is requested to adopt ABAG Resolution No. 5-2026, Revised, approving the appointment of Kathleen Cha as an at-large representative for civic organizations on the MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council.

Attachments:

- A. ABAG Resolution No. 5-2025, Revised (Redline)

Reviewed:



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