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## *Memorandum*

TO: Joint MTC Planning Committee with the ABAG Administrative Committee  
DATE: May 12, 2021  
FR: MTC Policy Advisory Council  
W.I. 1114  
RE: Communities of Concern: Reconsidering Our Language

At its May 12, 2021 meeting, the Policy Advisory Council heard the item Communities of Concern: Reconsidering Our Language, a proposal to rename “Communities of Concern” as “Equity Priority Communities” for use across MTC and ABAG work products and projects.

The item had been discussed extensively by members of the Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access Subcommittee over the course of three meetings. Acknowledging that the proposal does not resolve the equity issues faced, members of the Subcommittee stressed the importance of nomenclature and formally recommended the adoption of the name “Equity Priority Communities” at its May 3, 2021 meeting.

After the staff presentation and discussion, the Policy Advisory Council voted unanimously to support the proposal to rename “Communities of Concern” as “Equity Priority Communities” for use across MTC and ABAG work products and projects.