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September 23, 2021

TO: Members of the ABAG Administrative Committee

RE: September 24, 2021 Special Meeting to hear appeals to RHNA allocations/assignments/allotments

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I participated in the public meetings of the Methodology Committee that were held in the early months of 2020. I noted at that time that the presence of natural hazards was given significant weight as a factor to be included in the determination of RHNA allocations for each individual jurisdiction. This concept was overwhelmingly accepted without objection by participants in the Methodology process.

It was very disheartening to learn subsequently that a member, or members, of the Administrative Committee made the unilateral and unwarranted decision to completely ignore the recommendations, not only of the stakeholders assigned to the Committee, but also to the contributions of the members of the Public who volunteered a considerable amount of time and attention to the proceedings of the Methodology Committee.

As administrators entrusted to serve the interest of the public, I believe you should either honor the work that was done by the participants in the Methodology process or stop inviting the Public to participate in processes that, based on your current actions, appear to be nothing more than an act of disingenuous posturing intended to make it appear that the Public is being

heard.

I apologize for finding it necessary to share this criticism publicly, but it appears that the Public is not aware of how politically manipulated and motivated the ABAG has become. Someone has to point out when the emperor isn't wearing any clothes.

Jay Garfinkle

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California needs to make smaller footprint, fuel efficient homes for moderate and lower income people. SB9 and SB10 are new tools that planners can use to provide more small unit housing. For all the cities appealing their quota, I ask you to show some compassion for the ordinary people of California and say yes to innovative development ideas of new smaller footprint housing.

By mixing up cities with high income, moderate and low income people, we can make integrated communities and move away from the racist exclusionary policies at the base of single family type zoning.

Please accept your quotas and even ask to raise your numbers as we have a big opportunity to rebuild our suburbs into a fairer, more integrated and more sustainable society.

Kind regards

Mat Fogarty  
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