

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

RESOLUTION NO. 10-19

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR KEN KIRKEY

WHEREAS, Ken Kirkey is leaving the Association of Bay Area Governments and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission after thirteen years of exemplary service to ABAG/MTC; and

WHEREAS, after starting at ABAG in 2006 as a Principal Planner, Ken was promoted to the Director of Planning and Research the following year, where he led a variety of programs including the consensus-based process for developing FOCUS, the Bay Area's regional blueprint plan encompassing over 150 Priority Development Areas and 100 Priority Conservation Areas nominated by local governments; and

WHEREAS, after serving at ABAG for six years, Ken joined MTC as its Planning Director in 2012 and served in that role until 2017 when he became the Director for the Regional Planning Program serving both ABAG and MTC after the two agencies' planning departments were integrated into one program; and

WHEREAS, as the Director of Planning for the Regional Planning Program, Ken served as the lead staff for Plan Bay Area, the region's long range plan that guides land use, transportation investments and housing production, and oversaw a staff of 45 advancing planning and implementation for a broad range of topics including transit oriented development; focused growth; climate adaptation and mitigation; transit planning; goods movement; economic development; housing protection, preservation, and production; active transportation; priority conservation areas; equitable outcomes; and performance monitoring; and

WHEREAS, Ken has more than 25 years of experience related to land use and transportation planning, having worked in the public, private, and non-profit sectors on regional growth management policy, general plans, specific plans, and development agreements in Northern California and New England, prior to joining ABAG and MTC; and,

WHEREAS, Ken helped marshal the Committee to House the Bay Area, or CASA for short, a blue-ribbon panel comprised of leaders from the public, private and non-profit sectors, with the aim of developing game-changing recommendations to address the region's housing crisis, which led to an ambitious 10-point compact and a widely-embraced concept of the "3Ps" of production, preservation and protection being the essential ingredients to a comprehensive housing agenda in Sacramento, and to multiple bills now pending on the Governor's desk with the promise of benefiting not just the nine Bay Area counties, but the entire State of California; and

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WHEREAS, Ken adroitly fielded tough questions about planning policy before dozens of meetings of local elected officials while maintaining a composed demeanor; and

WHEREAS, Ken's ability to listen without judgment, to calmly explain controversial subjects in a relevant and easy-to-understand way for any audience, and to remain unwavering in the face of the harshest criticism and feedback from Tea Party activists, single-issue advocates, and elected officials on any and all topics is unparalleled and commendable; and

WHEREAS, Ken has deftly balanced his work at ABAG/MTC with the joys and challenges of family life, including parenting his teenaged son Joey; and

WHEREAS, Ken is leaving ABAG/MTC to dive more deeply into the housing and homelessness crisis as the Chief Partnership Officer at a new NGO; and

WHEREAS, while ABAG/MTC will miss Ken's leadership in the Regional Planning Program, the Bay Area will continue to benefit from his expertise and commitment to tackling the vexing homelessness crisis in the Bay Area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Board and ABAG/MTC staff thank Ken for his dedicated service to the agencies, congratulate him on his new position, and wish him all the best in his new role.

The foregoing was adopted by the Executive Board this 19th of September, 2019.

David Rabbitt
President

Certification of Executive Board Approval

I, the undersigned, the appointed and qualified Clerk of the Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments (Association), do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the Association at a duly called meeting held on the 19th day of September, 2019.

Frederick Castro
Clerk of the Board