

Fred Castro

From: Karen Pinkos <KPinkos@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us>
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 10:54 AM
To: Fred Castro
Subject: Resolution
Attachments: Resolution 2020-45 Plan Bay Area 2050 .pdf

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Hello,

Please find a resolution from the City of El Cerrito, to be shared with members of the ABAG Executive Board.

Thank you,
Karen Pinkos, ICMA-CM
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PLEASE NOTE: The City has declared a local emergency due to COVID-19 and all City buildings are closed to the public. The City has canceled all non-essential public meetings, events, programs, and classes. See www.el-cerrito.org/covid19 for more information.

The City of El Cerrito serves, leads and supports our diverse and transit-rich community by providing exemplary and innovative services, public places and infrastructure, ensuring public safety and creating an economically and environmentally sustainable future.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-45

RESOLUTION OF THE EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY JURISDICTIONS' SUPPORT FOR THE 'PLAN BAY AREA 2050' HOUSING ALLOCATION METHODOLOGY THAT MATCHES HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS PROXIMATE TO JOB CENTERS

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa County Jurisdictions' recognize and respect the local needs and character of each community, and have a shared interest in maintaining local control of decision-making related to all aspects of the management of each jurisdiction, including but not limited to financial, land use and development, and growth-related matters; and

WHEREAS, in June 2020, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) determined that the San Francisco Bay region must plan to accommodate 441,176 housing units over the upcoming 8-year housing element cycle (2022-2030); and

WHEREAS, according to Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), this represents a 135% increase from the previous housing element assignment; and

WHEREAS, ABAG has formed a Housing Methodology Committee (HMC) that is charged with evaluating and making a recommendation on how these housing units would be allocated to the Bay Area's 101 cities and 9 counties; and

WHEREAS, at a very high level, the HMC is considering a variety of options and factors for allocating housing units; and

WHEREAS, selecting a 'baseline data' methodology has the greatest impact on Contra Costa communities and ensuring that there is a match between housing assignments and job centers; and

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa Mayors Conference at their August 6, 2020 meeting discussed and unanimously supported the 'Plan Bay Area 2050 Baseline Data Methodology'; and

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa Mayors Conference sent a letter of support for the 'Plan Bay Area 2050 Baseline Data Methodology' on August 7, 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of El Cerrito that the City Council re-affirms the Contra Costa Mayors' Conference letter of support for the support for the 'Plan Bay Area 2050 Baseline Data Methodology' which is consistent with decades-long region-wide efforts to:

- Encourage housing development proximate to job centers, which would in turn; and

- Reduce transit and transportation congestion, helping to alleviate long regionwide commute times; and
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions, consistent with AB 32, SB 375 and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Plan Bay Area 2050 policy framework.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage and adoption.

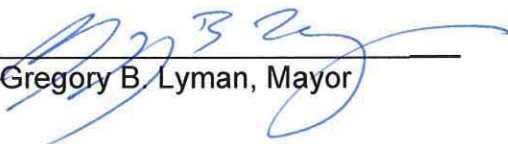
I CERTIFY that at a special meeting on September 1, 2020 the City Council of the City of El Cerrito passed this Resolution by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Lyman; Mayor Pro Tem Fadelli; Councilmembers Abelson, Pardue-Okimoto and Quinto
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

IN WITNESS of this action, I sign this document and affix the corporate seal of the City of El Cerrito on September 15, 2020.


Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk

APPROVED:


Gregory B. Lyman, Mayor



City of Hercules

Office of the Mayor

Roland Esquivias, Mayor

September 11, 2020

Mayor Jesse Arreguín, President
ABAG Executive Board
Association of Bay Area Governments
375 Beale Street, Suite 700
San Francisco, CA 94105-2066

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Dear President Arreguín:

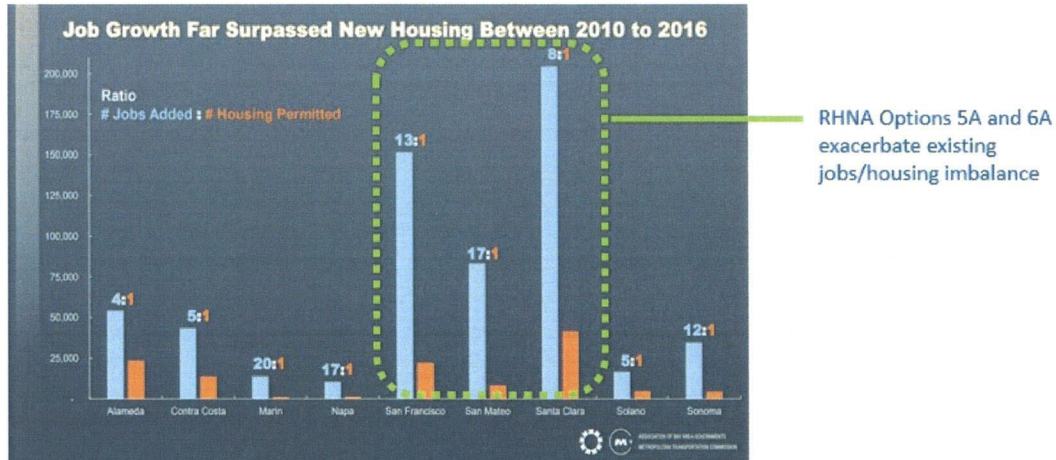
Our council wishes to convey our tremendous appreciation for the Housing Methodology Committee's (HMC) work on the formidable task of evaluating housing allocation methodologies for the next Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) cycle (2023-2031). We appreciate the HMC's consideration of our input to date and utilizing the "Plan Bay Area 2050" as the baseline data methodology. On September 8, 2020, our City Council adopted the attached Resolution in support of the Plan Bay Area 2050 Housing Allocation Methodology.

We understand that the HMC is now considering options (a combination of different "factors") that would refine the housing allocation methodology. To this end, we are writing to express grave concern that the options proposed for consideration - **Option 5A** ("High Opportunity Areas & Jobs") and **Option 6A** ("Modified High Opportunity Areas Emphasis") - are **rife with unintended consequences**. Specifically:

1. These methodologies allocate housing growth to "high opportunity areas" (suburban communities) rather than to urbanized city centers with a wealth of transit options and high-quality jobs. Doing so would **exacerbate the jobs/housing imbalance**:

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Figure 1. Existing Jobs/Housing Imbalance (source: ABAG)



2. Allocating housing growth to suburban communities **ignores market demand** for housing in urbanized city centers with high-quality jobs. If the collective goal is to facilitate housing construction, then we strongly advocate for housing to be allocated where there is market demand.
3. Allocating housing growth to small communities with limited land capacity or “high opportunity areas” **ignores land economics**. Legislating up-zoning to accommodate multi-family housing simply drives up the value of land, which in turn drives up the cost of housing construction.
4. Allocating housing growth communities at that interface with urban growth boundaries and green fields would place **development pressures on undeveloped agricultural lands**. It would be *contrary* to the prioritizing in-fill development, avoiding areas with natural hazards, and **promotes urban sprawl**.
5. Lastly, allocating growth farther from quality job centers and **exacerbates the staggering commutes on workers**, placing an undue burden on working families.

In summary, Hercules recognizes the critical need to address a statewide housing affordability crisis and the responsibility of local cities to help address this issue that is critical to the quality of life for all residents. We believe in – and urge the Executive Board to consider - factors that:

- a. **Allocate housing growth near job centers** (i.e., achieve a greater balance between the “jobs” and “housing” bars in the graphic on page 1). This reduces long commutes and allows development of a strong social/community fabric.
- b. **Discourage housing growth near green fields and protected open space**, reducing development pressure at the urban growth boundaries.
- c. **Discourage housing growth in small and rural communities** with limited land capacity, to avoid driving up land development costs and building near natural hazards.

With tremendous appreciation for your work, we thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Roland Esquivias
Mayor

Attachment: Resolution 20-057

xc: City Council

RESOLUTION NO. 20-057

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERCULES SUPPORTING THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY JURISDICTIONS' SUPPORT FOR THE 'PLAN BAY AREA 2050' HOUSING ALLOCATION METHODOLOGY THAT MATCHES HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS PROXIMATE TO JOB CENTERS

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County jurisdictions recognize and respect the local needs and character of each community, and have a shared interest in maintaining local control of decision-making related to all aspects of the management of each jurisdiction, including but not limited to financial, land use and development, and growth-related matters; and

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WHEREAS, selecting a 'baseline data' methodology has the greatest impact on Contra Costa communities and ensuring that there is a match between housing assignments and job centers; and

WHEREAS, officials at the Contra Costa Mayors Conference held on August 6, 2020, discussed and unanimously supported the 'Plan Bay Area 2050 Baseline Data Methodology'; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2020, the Contra Costa Mayors Conference sent ABAG a letter of support for the 'Plan Bay Area 2050 Baseline Data Methodology.'

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERCULES DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER THE FOLLOWING:

Section 1. Re-affirm the Contra Costa Mayors' Conference letter of support for the 'Plan Bay Area 2050 Baseline Data Methodology,' which is consistent with decades-long region-wide efforts to:

- Encourage housing development proximate to job centers, which would in turn
- Reduce transit and transportation congestion, helping to alleviate long region-wide commute times; and
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions, consistent with AB 32 (Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006), SB 375 (Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008), and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Plan Bay Area 2050 policy framework.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Hercules on the 8th day of September, 2020.

I, Lori Martin, City Clerk of the City of Hercules, California, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Hercules at a regular meeting held on the 8th day of September 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: G. Boulanger, D. Bailey, D. Romero, Vice Mayor C. Kelley, Mayor R. Esquivias.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

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Roland Esquivias

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Roland Esquivias, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lori Martin

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Lori Martin

Administrative Services Director/City Clerk

Fred Castro

From: MTC-ABAG Info
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 12:29 PM
To: Julie Teglovic; Fred Castro
Subject: FW: Town of Moraga RHNA Housing Methodology
Attachments: 52-2020 Support for Plan Bay Area 2050 Housing Allocation Methodology.pdf; Letter to ABAG Final signed.pdf

Fred-

Late comment for today's meeting, I've saved it into the COVID Comments folder under the HMC subfolder.

Jules-

For the tracking portal.

Thanks-
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From: Afshan Hamid [mailto:ahamid@moraga.ca.us]
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 6:02 PM
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Cc: Cynthia Battenberg <cbattenberg@moraga.ca.us>; twilliams@danville.ca.gov
Subject: Town of Moraga RHNA Housing Methodology

External Email

Good Evening:

The Town of Moraga presented the RHNA methodology to Town Council on September 9, 2020 regarding support of the Plan Bay Area 2050 Baseline Data Methodology in support of Plan Bay Area 2050. The Town Council via resolution (see attached) supported the direction from the Contra Costa Mayors' Conference in support.



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Town of Moraga

MAYOR'S OFFICE

September 10, 2020

Jesse Arreguin, President
ABAG Executive Board
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RE: RHNA Housing Methodology

President Arreguin,

Thank you and the ABAG Housing Methodology Committee (Committee) for the tireless efforts on developing a way to distribute the Bay Area region's share of the Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND) received from the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

We appreciate that this is a challenging task, with highly passionate voices advocating for social equity through this effort. To this end, we *endorse* the need for increased housing opportunities for all. However, we strongly urge the Executive Board to do so without forsaking the region's enduring commitment toward reducing environmental impacts, long commutes, and greenhouse gas emissions by ***placing the homes where the job centers are located***.

Consequently, we'd like to take this opportunity to reaffirm our support of the Contra Costa Mayors' Conference letter to the ABAG Committee, dated August 7, 2020 which endorses the use of "**Plan Bay Area 2050**" (rather than "2019 Baseline Household" methodology).

As a community, we are thankful for your continuing facilitation and leadership. We look forward to working with ABAG to help ensure that this effort would not unravel other enduring decades-long commitments to environmental protection and traffic congestion relief.

With appreciation and respect,

Kimberleigh N. Korpus
Mayor, Town of Moraga

BEFORE THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MORAGA

In the Matter of:

Supporting the Contra Costa County)
Jurisdictions' Support for the Plan Bay)
Area 2050 Housing Allocation)
Methodology that Matches Housing)
Assignments Proximate to Job Centers)

Resolution No. 52 - 2020

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa County Jurisdictions recognize and respect the local needs and character of each community, and have a shared interest in maintaining local control of decision-making related to all aspects of the management of each jurisdiction, including but not limited to financial, land use and development, and growth-related matters; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Moraga does hereby Resolve, Declare, Determine and Order the following:

Re-affirm the Contra Costa Mayors' Conference letter of support for the support for the 'Plan Bay Area 2050 Baseline Data Methodology' which is consistent with decades-long region-wide efforts to:

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Moraga at a regular meeting held on September 9, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Korpus, Vice Mayor McCluer, Councilmembers Sos, Woehleke and Wykle
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None



Kimberleigh N. Korpus, Mayor

Attest:



Marty C. McInturf, Town Clerk