

An aerial photograph of a city street grid, viewed from a high angle. The streets form a complex pattern of intersecting lines. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter, giving it a monochromatic appearance. The text is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the image.

ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST, 2024, 5:00 PM

CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT: WELCOME TO THE ABAG FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 21ST 2024. THIS MEETING IS WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEB SITE. TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL SHOULD USE STAR NINE. PLEASE STAND WITH ME AS WE DO THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AS PART OF THE ROLL CALL. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE] "I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL."

CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FRED, COULD WE DO A ROLL CALL, PLEASE?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THIS IS ROLL CALL OF THE ABAG FINANCE COMMITTEE. VICE MAYOR ADAMS IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR ANDERSEN?

CANDACE ANDERSEN: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: ECKLUND?

PAT ECKLUND: PRESENT.

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RAMOS?

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3 **BELIA RAMOS:** HERE.

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RABBITT?

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7 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** HERE.

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9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ROMERO IS AT THE POSTED TELECONFERENCE
10 LOCATION, AND ECKLUND IS ALSO AT THE TELECONFERENCE LOCATION.

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12 **V. CHAIR, PAT ECKLUND:** ABSOLUTELY. I ALSO WANT TO TELL
13 EVERYONE THAT I JUST GRADUATED FROM THE WALKER TO A CANE, SO
14 NOW I'M ABLE TO DRIVE. I HOPE TO BE IN-PERSON NEXT MONTH.

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16 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** CONGRATULATIONS. LOOKING FORWARD TO
17 SEEING IN-PERSON AND GLAD THAT YOU ARE MENDING WELL. MOVING TO
18 AGENDA ITEM 2A, ABAG FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.
19 I'LL LOOK TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR AND VICE
20 CHAIR.

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22 **CANDACE ANDERSEN:** I WOULD NOMINATE YOU ONCE AGAIN, AND AS VICE
23 CHAIR, YOU HAVE BOTH DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB LET'S GIVE IT MORE
24 TIME.

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1 **SPEAKER:** YOU BEAT ME TO IT.

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3 **V. CHAIR, PAT ECKLUND:** I'LL SECOND THE NOMINATION.

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5 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** I'LL LOOK TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR OTHER
6 NOMINATIONS? WE'LL CLOSE NOMINATIONS WITH THAT. APPRECIATE YOU
7 SUPERVISOR, PAT WE'RE MOVING THAT'S GOOD WITH THE PRESIDENT
8 AND THE VICE PRESIDENT. WE'LL BE GOOD WITH THAT GOING FORWARD.
9 ROLL CALL, PLEASE, ON THIS.

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11 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE PUBLIC COMMENTS, AND NO MEMBERS
12 IN THE BOARDROOM WITH PUBLIC COMMENT AND IN THE ATTENDEE
13 SPACE, NO MEMBERS WITH RAISED HANDS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS
14 TIME. AND NEITHER IN THE ATTENDEE SPACE. THANK YOU

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16 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** THANK YOU.

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION ANDERSEN SECOND
19 ECKLUND. ADAMS IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR ANDERSEN?

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21 **CANDACE ANDERSEN:** AYE.

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23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ARREGUIN?

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25 **JESSE ARREGUIN:** YES.

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1

2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ECKLUND?

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4 **V. CHAIR, PAT ECKLUND:** AYE.

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6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** RAMOS? ROMERO?

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8 **CARLOS ROMERO:** YES.

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10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS
11 PRESENT.

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13 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM THREE ASK THE CLERK
14 TO LIST ITEMS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT?

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16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR THIS ITEM NONE IN
17 THE BOARDROOM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND IN THE ATTENDEE SPACE NO
18 PUBLIC COMMENT AND AT THE TO THE ARE LOCATIONS NO MEMBERS FOR
19 PUBLIC COMMENT THANK YOU.

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21 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** ITEM FOUR COMMITTEE MEMBER
22 ANNOUNCEMENTS. I'LL LOOK TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS
23 FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER. SEEING NO ONE. MOVING TO AGENDA
24 ITEM 5 ABAG BAG FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT THERE. IS NO
25 CHAIR REPORT AT THIS PARTICULAR POINT IN TIME. WE'LL MOVE ON

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1 THEN TO OUR CONSENT CALENDAR. WHICH IS 6A THROUGH 6C INCLUDES
2 REFERRAL TO THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR APPROVAL OF THE
3 REPORT ON ABAG INVESTMENTS AND REPORT ON THE ABAG STATEMENT OF
4 REVENUE AND EXPENSES. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? OR
5 CONCERNS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS IN FRONT OF US?

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7 **CARLOS ROMERO:** NONE. I AM READY TO MOVE.

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9 **V. CHAIR, PAT ECKLUND:** I'LL SECOND THE MOTION.

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11 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** MOTION AND SECOND. NO QUESTIONS ON THE
12 CONSENT CALENDAR. AND, FRED, ONCE AGAIN, IS THERE ANYONE FROM
13 THE PUBLIC WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS PARTICULAR ITEM.

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15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO MEMBERS TO SPEAK NONE FOR PUBLIC
16 COMMENT IN ATTENDEE SPACE NO MEMBERS WITH RAISED HANDS AND IN
17 TELECONFERENCE LOCATION NO PUBLIC COMMENTERS THERE THANK YOU.

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19 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVING TO AGENDA
20 ITEM SEVEN WHICH IS ADJOURNMENT. OUR NEXT --

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22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** CHAIR, MAY WE CALL THE VOTE?

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24 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** WE SHOULD CALL A VOTE ON THAT ONE, FRED,
25 YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. BEFORE I GET RECALLED.

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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ON THE MOTION. ANDERSEN?

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4 **CANDACE ANDERSEN:** AYE.

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6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ARREGUIN?

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8 **JESSE ARREGUIN:** AYE.

9

10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ECKLUND?

11

12 **V. CHAIR, PAT ECKLUND:** AYE.

13

14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ROMERO?

15

16 **CARLOS ROMERO:** YES.

17

18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS

19 PRESENT.

20

21 **CHAIR, DAVID RABBITT:** ALL RIGHT NOW MOVING TO ADJOURNMENT. THE

22 NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE ABAG FINANCE COMMITTEE IS

23 SCHEDULED TO BE HELD HERE THURSDAY MAY 16TH, 2024. ANY CHANGES

24 TO THE SCHEDULE WILL BE DULY NOTICED TO THE PUBLIC. THANK YOU

25 VERY MUCH. AND THAT'S IT FOR FINANCE. [ADJOURN]

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