

An aerial photograph of a city street grid, viewed from a high angle. The image is heavily blurred and has a monochromatic blue color scheme, with varying shades of blue creating a sense of depth and texture. The street lines form a complex, intersecting pattern across the frame.

# **ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS**

## **Meeting Transcript**

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**ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 5:15 PM**

**JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** GOOD EVENING I WOULD LIKE TO CALL TO ORDER THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2020. BEFORE I PROCEED TO ROLL CALL WOULD STAFF PLAY THE COVID-19 ANNOUNCEMENT. DUE TO COVID-19, THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AS A ZOOM WEBINAR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20, WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT. THIS MEETING IS BEING WEBCAST ON THE ABAG WEB SITE. THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON COMMISSIONERS, PRESENTERS, STAFF, AND OTHER SPEAKERS BY NAME AND ASK THAT THEY SPEAK CLEARLY AND STATE THEIR NAMES BEFORE GIVING COMMENTS OR REMARKS. PERSONS PARTICIPATING VIA WEBCAST AND ZOOM WITH THEIR CAMERAS ENABLED, ARE REMINDED THAT THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE VISIBLE TO VIEWERS. COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK, SHOULD USE THE RAISED HAND FEATURE OR DIAL STAR NINE, AND THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBER. IT IS REQUESTED THAT PUBLIC SPEAKERS STATE THEIR NAMES AND ORGANIZATION, BUT PROVIDING SUCH INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY. WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AT INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5:00 P.M. YESTERDAY WILL BE POSTED TO THE ONLINE AGENDA AND ENTERED INTO THE RECORD, BUT WILL NOT BE

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1 READ OUT LOUD. IF AUTHORS OF THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WOULD  
2 LIKE TO SPEAK, THEY ARE FREE TO DO SO, AND THEY SHOULD RAISE  
3 THEIR HAND AND THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE  
4 APPROPRIATE TIME. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR ALL  
5 ACTION ITEMS. PANELISTS SHOULD NOTE THAT THE CHAT FEATURE IS  
6 ACTIVE, HOWEVER PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ANYTHING TYPED INTO THE  
7 CHAT WILL BE SUBJECT TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE. CHAT FEATURE IS NOT  
8 ACTIVE TO ATTENDEES. IN ORDER TO GET THE FULL ZOOM EXPERIENCE,  
9 PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATION IS UP TO DATE.

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11 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** WILL THE ABAG CLERK OF THE BOARD  
12 PLEASE CONDUCT ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM IF A QUORUM IS PRESENT.

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14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ANDERSEN.

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16 **SPEAKER:** PRESENT.

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MAYOR ARREGUIN?

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20 **SPEAKER:** PRESENT.

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22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FORTUNE AT OWE BAS? ABSENT. BEATTY IS  
23 ABSENT. SUPERVISOR CANEPA?

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25 **DIR. DAVID CANEPA:** HERE.

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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR CHAVEZ?

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4 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** HERE.

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6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COUNCILMEMBER CLARK?

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8 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR CORTESE?

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12 **DAVID CORTESE:** HERE.

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14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COUNCILMEMBER DIEP? I DON'T SEE HIM.

15 ABSENT. MAYOR PRO TEMPORE EKLUND?

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17 **PAT ECKLUND:** HERE.

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19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COUNCILMEMBER ESPARZA?

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21 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MAYOR GARBARINO?

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25 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MAYOR GARCIA?

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4 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COUNCILMEMBER MCELHANEY IS ABSENT.

7 SUPERVISOR HAGGERTY?

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9 **DIR. SCOTT HAGGERTY:** YES.

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11 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. MAYOR HALLIDAY?

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13 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** HERE.

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15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR HANNIGAN?

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17 **ERIN HANNIGAN:** HERE.

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19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** DIRECTOR HILLIS?

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21 **RICHARD HILLIS:** HERE.

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23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COUNCILMEMBER HUDSON?

24

25 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** HERE.

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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COUNCILMEMBER LEE?

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4 **WAYNE LEE:** HERE.

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6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COUNCILMEMBER MACKENZIE?

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8 **JAKE MACKENZIE:** HERE.

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10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR MANDELMAN? IS ABSENT.

11 SUPERVISOR MAR?

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13 **GORDON MAR:** PRESENT.

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15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MILEY? IS ABSENT.

16 SUPERVISOR MITCHOFF?

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18 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** HERE.

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20 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COUNCILMEMBER PERALEZ?

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22 **RAUL PERALEZ:** HERE.

23

24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MAYOR PIERCE?

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1     **JULIE PIERCE:** HERE.

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3     **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR PINE? IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR  
4     RABBIT?

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6     **KAREN MITCHOFF:** HE HAD TO GO FOR THAT TEN MINUTE TV THING.  
7     HE'LL BE BACK.

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9     **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RAMOS?

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11    **BELIA RAMOS:**

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13    **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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15    **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR RODONI? MAYOR WILSON IS ABSENT.  
16    SUPERVISOR CHAN?

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18    **SPEAKER:** HERE.

19

20    **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** COUNCILMEMBER SINKS?

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22    **DIR. ROD SINKS:** HERE.

23

24    **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** QUORUM IS PRESENT.

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH COLLEAGUES FOR  
2 JOINING US THIS EVENING. WE HAVE IMPORTANT BUSINESS TO CONDUCT  
3 TONIGHT WE'LL GO TO ITEM TWO, PUBLIC COMMENT. ANY MEMBERS WHO  
4 WISH TO GIVE PUBLIC COMMENT. RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR  
5 NINE IF YOU'RE PHONING IN. I DO NOT SEE ANY RAISED HANDS. MR.  
6 CASTRO PUBLIC COMMENTS?

7

8 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NONE.

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10 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** ITEM THREE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
11 ANNOUNCEMENTS. ARE THERE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE  
12 EXECUTIVE BOARD? IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. OKAY. I DO NOT  
13 SEE ANY RAISED HANDS. SO SEEING THAT THERE ARE NO  
14 ANNOUNCEMENTS AT THIS TIME, DO WE NEED TO TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT  
15 ON THIS MR. CASTRO.

16

17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH  
18 THEIR HAND RAISED.

19

20 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** OKAY. THAT COMPLETES THIS ITEM.  
21 WE'LL GO TO ITEM FOUR, THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT. I HAVE ONE  
22 ITEM, AND IT'S WITH GREAT PLEASURE TO PRESENT THIS RESOLUTION,  
23 WHICH THE BOARD WILL ADOPT AND THEN WE'LL PRESENT TO LAURA  
24 THOMPSON ON THE DEPARTURE OF HER 21 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE  
25 ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS. SO, WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK



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1 AHEAD OF US TONIGHT. BUT I WANT TO TAKE THIS TIME TO  
2 ACKNOWLEDGE ONE OF OUR LONG SERVING ABAG EMPLOYEES. AND WE  
3 KNOW THAT ZOOM IS NOT THE BEST MEETING TO DO THIS  
4 UNFORTUNATELY WE CAN'T BE IN THE BOARDROOM AT THE METRO CENTER  
5 TO PRESENT THE RESOLUTION BUT WE WANT TO DO THIS RECOGNITION  
6 REGARDLESS TO MAKE SURE THAT PROPER RECOGNITION IS GIVEN WHEN  
7 DUE. SO I BELIEVE LAURA THOMPSON IS ON THE ZOOM SPACE. AND IN  
8 THE PACKET, UNDER ITEM 4A IS THE LANGUAGE OF THE RESOLUTION,  
9 AND SO I AM NOW GOING TO CALL FOR A MOTION TO ADOPT THE  
10 RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LAURA THOMPSON FOR HER SERVICE. IS  
11 THERE A MOTION?

12

13 **JULIE PIERCE:** PIERCE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE WITH A COMMENT, IF I  
14 MAY?

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16 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** YES.

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18 **JULIE PIERCE:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY, I'M REALLY SAD TO SEE  
19 YOU GO, LAURA. BECAUSE -- AND YOU DESERVE A RETIREMENT. YOU  
20 WORKED SO HARD. BUT I REMEMBER VERY FONDLY, MANY RIBBON  
21 CUTTINGS ON THE BAY TRAIL, AND I KNOW THE COORDINATION, IS ALL  
22 OF THAT THAT TOOK TO DO SO MUCH WONDERFUL WONDERFUL WORK. WE  
23 WILL MISS YOU SO MUCH. I HOPE YOU'LL STILL COME OUT FOR THOSE  
24 RIBBON CUTTINGS, AND MORE TIME TO ENJOY THEM YOURSELF.

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1   **PAT ECKLUND:** AND MAYOR PRO TEMPORE PAT EKLUND WOULD LOVE TO  
2   SECOND THAT MOTION. I TOO LAURA HAVE ADMIRERD EVERYTHING YOU  
3   HAVE ACCOMPLISHED AND WISH YOU THE BEST IN SCOTLAND, AND YOUR  
4   INCREDIBLE ADVENTURE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE TAKING ON IN THE  
5   FUTURE.

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7   **LAURA THOMPSON:** THANK YOU PAT.

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9   **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THERE IS A  
10   MOTION AND SECOND. NOW WE'LL SEE IF THERE IS PUBLIC COMMENT ON  
11   THIS ITEM. IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR PLEASE STAR NINE IF  
12   YOU'RE PHONING IN?

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14   **DAVID E. HUDSON:** PANELIST?

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16   **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** WE'LL GO TO THERESE AFTER WE VOTE  
17   ON THE RESOLUTION. THEN WE'RE GOING TO PRESENT THE RESOLUTION,  
18   TOO. SO, ANY ATTENDEES WISH TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT? IF SO  
19   PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE. I DO NOT SEE ANY  
20   RAISED HANDS. MR. CASTRO ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS

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22   **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM.

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** WITH THAT LET'S CALL THE ROLL ON  
2 THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO LAURA  
3 THOMPSON.

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE] THANK YOU. MOTION PASSES  
6 UNANIMOUS

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8 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M NOW GOING  
9 TO RECOGNIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

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11 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** THANK YOU PRESIDENT ARREGUIN. AND OF COURSE,  
12 THE STAFF IS GOING TO BE DOING MORE CELEBRATIONS OF LAURA.  
13 BUT, AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, I HAVE HAD THE GREAT PLEASURE  
14 OF WORKING IN THE RELATIVELY SHORT TIME I HAVE BEEN WORKING  
15 HERE. AND I WANT TO OBSERVE, JUST LOOKING AT THESE TWO PAGES  
16 OF ZOOM, THIS REGION IS BLESSED WITH EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN  
17 LEADERS AND LAURA HAS BEEN ONE OF THOSE LEADERS. AND I JUST  
18 WANT TO SAY THAT SCOTLAND IS GOING TO BE BLESSED TO HAVE HER  
19 CROSS UPON, SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BUT SHE WILL BE GREATLY  
20 REMEMBERED BECAUSE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY BAY TRAIL. THANK YOU  
21 LAURA.

22

23 **LAURA THOMPSON:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH THERESE AND THANK YOU TO  
24 THE BOARD. IT'S BEEN AN HONOR TO WORK ON THIS PROJECT FOR SO  
25 MANY YEARS AND ABAG HAS BEEN THE HOME FOR THIS REGIONAL

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1    PROGRESS. I LOOK FORWARD TO WATCHING ITS PROGRESS FROM AFAR.

2    AND I THANK YOU ALL.

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4    **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU. WE'LL BE PRESENTING AN  
5    ACTUAL PHYSICAL COPY OF THE RESOLUTION THAT WE ADOPTED, AND  
6    ONCE AGAIN, IT'S WITH SADNESS THAT WE CAN'T PHYSICALLY PRESENT  
7    IT TO YOU TODAY. I WANT TO READ A FEW EXPERTS TO HIGHLIGHT THE  
8    INCREDIBLE WORK LAURA HAS DONE AND THIS IS FROM THE RESOLUTION  
9    WE JUST UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED. WHEREAS LAURA THOMPSON IS LEAVING  
10    AFTER 21 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE ASSOCIATION OF  
11    BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS AS SAN FRANCISCO BAY TRAIL PROJECT  
12    MANAGER AND AFTER 25 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE OVERALL LAURA  
13    STARTED IN 1999 AS A BAY TRAIL PLAN PER AFTER WORKING FOR THE  
14    COUNTY OF SAN MATEO WHERE SHE WORKED ON PROJECTS, AND HER  
15    SKILLS AND ABILITY TO WORK ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE JOB FROM SITE  
16    VISITS TO BOARD PRESENTATIONS PROVED INVALUABLE TO THE BAY  
17    TRAIL PROJECT AND TO ABAG AND MTC. AND DURING HER TENURE, THE  
18    ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS WAS ENGAGED IN THE  
19    PLANNING AND STUDY OF 148 MILES OF PAY TRAIL AND ADDITIONAL OF  
20    SCORE MILES OF BAY TRAIL PROVIDING VISITORS WITH CONNECTIONS  
21    ALONG OUR BAY. LAURA'S WORK INCLUDED MANAGING A 7 MILLION  
22    GRANT PROGRAM WITH 20 ACTIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TRAIL AND  
23    DESIGN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS AND IN ADDITION TO THE NEW TRAIL  
24    MILES FUNDED AND BUILT BY PARTNERS THE BAY TRAIL PROJECT TEAM  
25    UNDER LAURA'S LEADERSHIP COMPLETED SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT

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1 OPPORTUNITIES THAT MADE ACCESS TO THE TRAIL EASIER INCLUDING  
2 COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, REDESIGN THE SIGNAGE, MAPS AND REDESIGN  
3 OF THE BAY TRAIL WEB SITE. SHE IS THE THIRD LONGEST TENURES  
4 ABAG AND MTC EMPLOYEE AND OVER THE YEARS BUILT AN EFFECTIVE  
5 TEAM THAT BUILT THE BAY TRAIL TOGETHER ACCOMPLISHING A TEAM  
6 THAT MADE WORK FEEL LESS LIKE WORK AND MORE LIKE FUN. AND  
7 LAURA MAY BE LEAVING THE BAY TRAIL IN THE BAY AREA BUT PLANS  
8 WILL CONTINUE WORKING LITERALLY TO GREENER PASTURES AS SHE  
9 MOVES TO SCOTLAND TO JOIN HER -- IT SAYS FINANCE, BUT I THINK  
10 IT'S FIANCE, CORRECT? WE'LL MAKE THAT CORRECTIONS IN THE FINAL  
11 VERSION. ON BEHALF OF THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD AND STAFF, WE  
12 CONGRATULATE LAURA ON HER RETIREMENT EXTEND WARMEST WISHES TO  
13 CONTRIBUTIONS DURING HER CAREER WITH THE AGENCY, AND OFFER A  
14 SCOTTISH BLESSING THAT SHE MAY FIND A SAFE JOURNEY HOME AS SHE  
15 EMBARKS ON A NEW ERA OF A CALEDONIAN ADVENTURE. SO, WITH THAT,  
16 LAURA, ON BEHALF OF OUR EXECUTIVE BOARD, THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
17 FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE. AND THE LASTING ENACT YOU HAVE MADE  
18 ON OUR REGION. I KNOW MANY GENERATIONS WILL BENEFIT FROM THE  
19 BAY TRAIL PROJECTS. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND IF THERE IS  
20 ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD, WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS.  
21 AND ONCE AGAIN, I'M SORRY THAT WE COULDN'T DO THIS  
22 PRESENTATION IN PERSON, BUT WE ARE GREATLY APPRECIATIVE OF YOU  
23 BEING HERE TODAY.  
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1   **LAURA THOMPSON:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS REALLY MEANS A LOT  
2   TO ME. AND I CAN TELL YOU THE PROJECT IS IN GOOD HANDS WITH MY  
3   SEASONED STAFF. THERE IS MORE WORK TO BE DONE AND I KNOW THE  
4   ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT AS  
5   YOU HAVE OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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7   **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH LAURA.

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9   **JAKE MACKENZIE:** MR. CHAIR?

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11   **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** YES DIRECTOR MACKENZIE.

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13   **JAKE MACKENZIE:** GOOD HEALTH, GREAT HEALTH, WHEREABOUTS IN  
14   SCOTLAND ARE YOU GOING?

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16   **LAURA THOMPSON:** I'LL BE IN EIRE ON THE WEST COAST.

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18   **JAKE MACKENZIE:** THAT'S THE BAD SIDE OF THE COUNTRY. NEVER MIND  
19   YOU'LL GET TO VISIT EDINBURG EVERY NOW AND THEN. THANKS FOR  
20   THE GRAND WORK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR. CHAIR.

21

22   **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT COMPLETES  
23   OUR RECOGNITION OF LAURA THOMPSON. MOVING TO OUR NEXT ITEM.  
24   ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN OUR MEETING. IN  
25   ADDITION OUR COMMITTEE REPORTS THERE ARE IMPORTANT ITEMS FOR

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1 CONSIDERATION TONIGHT. WE WILL HEAR A REPORT ON PLANNED BAY  
2 AREA 2050'S FINAL BLUEPRINT AND REVISION TO STRATEGIES AND  
3 GROWTH GEOGRAPHIES AND THEN WE WILL ALSO HAVE A CLOSED SESSION  
4 WITH OUR LEGAL COUNSEL ON EXISTING LITIGATION. SO I DID CALL  
5 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. THERE WERE NO RAISED HANDS. WE'RE GOING TO  
6 MOVE TO THE NEXT ITEM, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT. AND I  
7 TURN THE FLOOR OVER TO MS. MCMILLAN.

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9 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH PRESIDENT ARREGUIN AND  
10 GOOD EVENING BOARD. I AM GOING TO BE EXTREMELY BRIEF. PLANNED  
11 BAY AREA WILL HAVE A PRESENTATION TODAY. I JUST WOULD LIKE TO  
12 UNDERSCORE THE EXTRAORDINARY PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORT THAT OUR  
13 TEAM DID. AND, YOU KNOW, IT WAS -- IT WAS FAR MORE CHALLENGING  
14 BECAUSE OF THE COVID-19 CIRCUMSTANCES, AND THE SHELTER IN  
15 PLACE. BUT I WILL SAY IT WAS AN AMAZING AMOUNT OF TOUCH THAT  
16 WE HAD THROUGHOUT THE BAY AREA, AND THE THOUSANDS OF COMMENTS  
17 THAT WE GOT WERE INCREDIBLY INSTRUCTIVE IN TERMS OF PUTTING  
18 TOGETHER THE RECOMMENDATIONS YOU WILL BE HEARING FROM STAFF  
19 TODAY. YOU WILL ALSO BE RECEIVING A REPORT WITH THE PROGRESS  
20 OF RHNA WORK, AND WHAT THE METHODOLOGY COMMITTEE HAS BEEN  
21 PUTTING TOGETHER. SO INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT WORK THERE, AND YOUR  
22 WORK AND GUIDANCE HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL THERE. FINALLY, I  
23 WOULD ADD, AND MAYBE APROPOS OF RECOGNIZING LAURA AS A WOMAN  
24 LEADER, MTC ABAG HAS BEEN CONDUCTING A SERIES OF EQUITY BASED  
25 CONVERSATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY CALLED METRO TALKS AND THE

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1 NEXT ONE IS ON GENDER EQUITY AND TRANSPORTATION FOCUSING ON  
2 THE PARTICULAR CHALLENGES OFTEN THAT WOMEN AND GIRLS FACE IN,  
3 NOT ONLY MOVING AROUND ON THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM, BUT USING  
4 IT AS A LADDER TO OPPORTUNITY. SO ON OCTOBER 3RD AT 4:00 P.M.  
5 I WILL BE MODERATING A DISCUSSION OF EXTRAORDINARILY YOUNG  
6 WOMEN AND WELCOME YOU TO ACCESS THAT SHOULD YOU WISH.  
7 INFORMATION IS IN MY REPORT. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR.  
8 CHAIR. TURNING IT BACK TO YOU.

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10 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE HAVE A  
11 WRITTEN REPORT AS WELL, WHICH WAS DISTRIBUTED THIS AFTERNOON  
12 BY MR. CASTRO. I WILL NOW ASK IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS OR  
13 COMMENTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ON THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
14 REPORT. IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE. I DO  
15 NOT SEE ANY RAISED HANDS. SO WE NOW SEE IF THERE IS ANY PUBLIC  
16 COMMENT ON ITEM FIVE, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT, IF SO  
17 PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND USING THE RAISED HAND ICON OR PRESS  
18 STAR NINE. I DO NOT SEE ANY RAISED HANDS. MR. CLERK, WERE  
19 THERE ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED

20

21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NONE SUBMITTED.

22

23 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** OKAY. WITH THAT I'LL EXTEND MY  
24 THANKS TO OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF FOR ALL THEIR WORK  
25 AND MOVE ON TO THE NEXT ITEM WHICH IS THE CONSENT CALENDAR



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1 WHICH CONSISTS OF ITEMS A THROUGH K. THIS IS AN ACTION ITEM.

2 IS THERE ANY ITEM A BOARD MEMBER WOULD LIKE TO PULL OR IS

3 THERE A MOTION ON THE ENTIRE CONSENT CALENDAR?

4

5 **WAYNE LEE:** I'LL MAKE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

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7 **RICHARD GARBARINO:** SECOND.

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9 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE  
10 MOTION? ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR? IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND  
11 OR PRESS STAR NINE. I DO NOT SEE ANY RAISED HANDS FROM  
12 PANELISTS. SO WE'LL NOW GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT. IS THERE A  
13 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISHES TO GIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE  
14 CONSENT CALENDAR. IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR  
15 NINE. I DO NOT SEE ANY RAISED HANDS. MR. CASTRO, WERE THERE  
16 ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS WHICH NEED TO BE READ INTO THE RECORD?

17

18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NONE WERE RECEIVED.

19

20 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** OKAY WITH THAT I'LL NOW CALL THE  
21 ROLL ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

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23 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES, SIR. [ROLL CALL VOTE] MOTION PASSES  
24 UNANIMOUS.

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU. CONSENT CALENDAR IS  
2 APPROVED. ITEM SEVEN JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE. AND  
3 I'LL NOTE BEFORE I TURN IT OVER TO MAYOR PIERCE THAT WE HAD  
4 OUR FIRST MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE LAST WEEK AND MAYOR  
5 PIERCE IS GOING TO GIVE THE REPORT.

6

7 **JULIE PIERCE:** I WILL DO THAT. AS JESSE MENTIONED, THIS WAS THE  
8 FIRST JOINT MEETING WE HAD ON SEPTEMBER 11TH. AND UNDER THE  
9 CONSENT CALENDAR THE COMMITTEE RECEIVED THE REPORT ON THE  
10 LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF BILLS THAT STAFF CONTINUES TO TRACK IN  
11 SACRAMENTO INCLUDING THOSE THAT ABAG AND MTC BOTH SUPPORT AND  
12 OPPOSES. COMMITTEE MADE RECOMMENDATIONS ON MEASURE RR WHICH IS  
13 THE CALTRAIN ONE 8TH CENT SALES TAX. IT IS AN 8TH CENT SALES  
14 TAX ON THE BALLOT TO PROVIDE DEDICATED FUNDING FOR CALTRAIN  
15 THE COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE ALONG THE PENINSULA CORRIDOR THROUGH  
16 SOUTH BAY TO SAN JOSE AND GILL LOYAL. JOINT COMMITTEE REFERRED  
17 A SUPPORT POSITION ON MEASURE RR TO THE MTC COMMISSION AND TO  
18 THE ABAG AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL. THE NEXT ITEM WAS THE SONOMA  
19 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ONE QUARTER CENT SALES TAX  
20 EXTENSION. THIS IS A PROPOSED 20 YEAR EXTENSION OF THE SONOMA  
21 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SALES TAX. JOINT COMMITTEE  
22 REFERRED A SUPPORT POSITION TO THE -- BOTH OF THE BOARDS.

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24 **REBECCA LONG:** EXCUSE ME, CHAIR PIERCE. I APOLOGIZE IT'S  
25 REBECCA LONG MANAGER OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS. I THINK

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1 SOMETHING GOT MIXED UP BECAUSE YOU RECALL THE JOINT  
2 COMMITTEE'S ACTION ON BOTH OF THOSE ITEMS WAS JUST TO THE  
3 COMMISSION SINCE THOSE WERE TRANSPORTATION ITEMS.

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5 **JULIE PIERCE:** OKAY.

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7 **REBECCA LONG:** MY APOLOGIES.

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9 **JULIE PIERCE:** OKAY. I HAD THOUGHT THAT BECAUSE WE WERE A JOINT  
10 COMMITTEE, THAT BOTH AGENCIES WERE GOING TO BE APPROVING THEM.  
11 BUT I GUESS NOT. OKAY. SO THE NEXT ITEM WHICH IS REFERRED TO  
12 AS PROP 16, WHICH IS A STATEWIDE BALLOT INITIATIVE TO REPEAL  
13 CALIFORNIA'S AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BAN, AND THE COMMITTEE  
14 RECEIVED A REPORT ON PROP 16, WHICH I WILL REPORT ON NEXT  
15 UNDER THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD AGENDA ITEM 7B. AND THE  
16 COMMITTEE ALSO RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING REPORTS: THE 2020  
17 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE ON PRIORITY BILLS; AN OVERVIEW OF THE 2020  
18 LEGISLATIVE SESSION WITH FOCUS ON BILLS WHICH MTC AND ABAG  
19 HAVE TAKEN A POSITION. WE ALSO GOT AN UPDATE ON THE COVID  
20 RELIEF NEGOTIATIONS. ON THE POTENTIAL FEDERAL COVID-19  
21 EMERGENCY AID PACKAGE, AND A BRIEF REPORT FROM OUR ADVOCATE IN  
22 WASHINGTON, D.C. TOM BULGER. THAT CONCLUDES THE COMMITTEE  
23 REPORT.

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25 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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2 **JULIE PIERCE:** THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE LEGISLATIVE  
3 COMMITTEE.

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5 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** SO THAT -- DO WE NEED TO TAKE A  
6 SEPARATE VOTE ADRIENNE?

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8 **JULIE PIERCE:** IT'S 7B NEVER MIND.

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10 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** OKAY. THERE IS A MOTION TO APPROVE  
11 ITEM 7B A SUPPORT POSITION FOR PROPOSITION. IS THERE A SECOND?

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13 **LOREN TAYLOR:** TAYLOR SECONDS.

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15 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** TAYLOR SECONDS. IS THERE ANY  
16 DISCUSSION FROM THE BOARD? DIRECTOR LEE?

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18 **WAYNE LEE:** AS MUCH AS I BELIEVE IN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, I HAVE  
19 TO SAY ONE OF THE THINGS I NOTICED IS WHEN WE PASS THIS TYPE  
20 OF THING THAT'S A FEEL GOOD LEGISLATION, AND I WANT TO MAKE  
21 SURE THAT WE ALL KNOW THAT'S JUST THE BEGINNING, THAT IT'S NOT  
22 THE END-ALL. BECAUSE THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE EVEN THOUGH  
23 THEY HAVE THESE TYPES OF LEGISLATION TO HELP THEM, THEY'RE  
24 REALLY HAVING A HARD TIME IN GETTING THERE BECAUSE THEY'RE  
25 IMPOVERISHED, THEIR HOME IS INSECURE, THEIR FOOD IS INSECURE,

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1 AND THEY DON'T HAVE CHILD CARE A LOT OF TIMES. THESE ARE THE  
2 PEOPLE WHO DO A LOT OF SERVICES FOR US. SO EVEN THOUGH THEY  
3 HAVE THESE OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, THEY  
4 CAN'T PROVIDE BECAUSE WE DON'T GIVE THEM THE LEG UP THAT THEY  
5 NEED. A LOT OF US SUPPORT AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, BUT WE HAVE TO  
6 DO A LOT MORE. AND I RESPECT -- I'M NOT GOING TO -- I'M GOING  
7 TO ABSTAIN BECAUSE I THINK I NEED TO MAKE A STATEMENT TO THAT  
8 EFFECT. THANK YOU.

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10 **JULIE PIERCE:** JESSE, I THINK WE ACTUALLY HAVE THREE ITEMS  
11 UNDER THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT. WE HAD THE BASIC  
12 REPORT, THEN WE HAD PROP 16 WHICH WE CAN ASK REBECCA TO GIVE  
13 US A REPORT ON, AND THEN WE CAN TAKE ACTION. AND THEN WE HAVE  
14 SENATE BILL 146.

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16 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** I DON'T BELIEVE WE NEED A MOTION TO  
17 APPROVE A COMMITTEE REPORT. IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, MS. WELL,  
18 COULD YOU CONFIRM THAT?

19

20 **JULIE PIERCE:** JUST PUBLIC COMMENT.

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22 **ADRIENNE WEIL, COUNSEL:** THIS IS JUST AN INFORMATION ITEM. SO  
23 MOVE ON TO THE NEXT ONE ON THE AGENDA.

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1 **JULIE PIERCE:** SO IN THAT CASE, WE ARE ON TO ITEM B, WHICH IS  
2 THE PROP 16 DISCUSSION. AND MAYBE WE SHOULD GO TO REBECCA  
3 FIRST FOR HER REPORT.

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5 **REBECCA LONG:** OKAY. THANK YOU, LEGISLATION COMMITTEE CHAIR  
6 PIERCE. GOOD EVENING DIRECTORS, REBECCA LONG MTC ABAG STAFF.  
7 PROPOSITION PASSED BY THE VOTERS. BANNED BY RACE AS A FACTOR  
8 IN ADMISSIONS IN ANY PUBLIC UNIVERSITY HIRING OR CONTRACTING  
9 BY PUBLIC AGENCIES. I WOULD NOTE THAT THE SUPREME COURT NOTES  
10 THE CONSTITUTION PROHIBITS STRICT RACIAL OR GENDER QUOTAS.  
11 PROP 16 DOESN'T CHANGE THAT IT ALLOWS FOR RACE GENDER POLICIES  
12 TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY WHEN IT COMES TO EDUCATION AND HIGHER  
13 CONTRACTING LIFTING THE VOTE PASSED BY PROP 209 WOULD HELP  
14 EXPANDING OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN AND MINORITY OWNED BUSINESSES  
15 TO BENEFIT FROM THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS THAT ARE SPENT IN THE  
16 BAY AREA'S TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING SECTORS EACH YEAR.  
17 PROPOSITION 16 WILL HELP CALIFORNIA TAKE A SIGNIFICANT STEP  
18 FORWARD IN THE GOALS OF ADVANCING JUSTICE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY,  
19 AND INCLUSION WHICH ARE ALL CORE GOALS OF OUR EQUITY PLATFORM  
20 AND PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 THAT WERE UNDERScoreD BY THE JOINT  
21 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT IN JUNE BY ABAG PRESIDENT ARREGUIN  
22 AND MTC CHAIR SCOTT HAGGERTY FOR THIS REASON WE ARE  
23 RECOMMENDING THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ADOPT A SUPPORT POSITION ON  
24 PROP 16. AND I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** IT SOUNDS LIKE WE HAVE HAD  
2 DISCUSSION ALREADY BUT THERE WAS A MOTION BY MAYOR PIERCE AND  
3 SECOND BY DIRECTOR TAYLOR ON THE SUPPORT POSITION FOR  
4 PROPOSITION 16. SO, IS THERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION FROM THE  
5 EXECUTIVE BOARD ON ITEM 7B SUPPORT FOR PROPOSITION 16? IF SO  
6 PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE IF YOU'RE PHONING  
7 IN. I DO NOT SEE ANY RAISED HANDS. SO -- OH NO. DIRECTOR  
8 GARCIA?

9

10 **LEON GARCIA:** YES. THANK YOU. I SERVED ON THE AFFIRMATIVE  
11 ACTION COMMITTEE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, CHAIR, MANY  
12 YEARS AGO. AND THERE WAS AN ACTION TAKEN TO FIND INCLUSION AND  
13 EQUITY, AS WE'RE CALLING IT TODAY IN THE WORKPLACE. AND I  
14 THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT. BECAUSE WE LOOK AT THE COMPOSITION  
15 OF WHAT MAKES A WORKFORCE IN GOVERNMENT AREAS, SCHOOLS,  
16 ANYWHERE THAT SERVES ARE THE PUBLIC THERE IS A GREAT DISPARATE  
17 BETWEEN THOSE THAT ARE SERVING I TAKE GOOD WILL IN THAT, ALL  
18 TO THE BEST REPRESENTATION TO COLOR LACKING IN A LOT OF AREAS  
19 AND I THINK WE NEED TO INCLUDE ALL OUR COMMUNITY IN THE  
20 PROCESS. MY ONLY QUESTION IS, OKAY, SO IF WE MOVE FORWARD WITH  
21 PROP 16, WHAT DO WE REPLACE IT WITH? WHAT SYSTEM WILL WE PUT  
22 IN PLACE THAT ASSURES A MORE EQUITABLE PROCESS IN TERMS OF  
23 EMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION OF THE COMMUNITY. MISSING A LOT  
24 OF THE DIALOGUE. PARTICULARLY THINGS LIKE CLIMATE CHANGE. WHO  
25 IS IN THE ROOM. YOU LOOK AT THE FACES IN THE ATTENDEES. WHO IS

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1 THE LEADERSHIP IN THE MOVEMENT MOVING IT FORWARD? IT'S NOT  
2 REPRESENTATIVE OF PEOPLE OF COLOR. IT'S NOT. SO, TO INCLUDE  
3 OUR COMMUNITIES IN THAT PROCESS, IT OUGHT TO BE CRITICAL TO BE  
4 ABLE TO GET A UNITED VOICE BEHIND THE ISSUE, AND OVERLOOKING  
5 COMMUNITIES WITH RESENTMENT AND LACK OF PARTICIPATION, AND  
6 THEY SHUT DOWN. THAT HAS BEEN MY EXPERIENCE. SO IT'S A GREAT  
7 MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, BUT WE NEED TO HAVE CONSISTENCY  
8 AND COMMITMENT TO INCLUSION AND EQUITY. THANK YOU.

9

10 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU. DIRECTOR GARCIA. ANY  
11 FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE BOARD. PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR  
12 PRESS STAR NINE. I DO NOT SEE ANY RAISED HANDS FROM PANELISTS.  
13 PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE MOTION? PROP 16 SUPPORT POSITION. IF SO  
14 PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE. DO I NOT SEE ANY  
15 RAISED HANDS MR. CASTRO. WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED ON THIS  
16 ITEM?

17

18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NONE.

19

20 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** SEEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION WE'LL  
21 CALL THE ROLL ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT A SUPPORT POSITION FOR  
22 PROPOSITION 16.

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24 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE] MOTION PASSES ONE  
25 ABSTENTION.



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2 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU. GOING TO SENATE 146.

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4 **JULIE PIERCE:** THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD HAS REQUESTED TO TAKE  
5 ACTION ON SENATE BILL 146 BY SENATOR BEALL IT'S REGARDING  
6 OUTREACH ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGIES  
7 WITH THE OCCURRENCE OF ABAG PRESIDENT ARREGUIN AND MYSELF AS  
8 THE ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE CHAIR UNDER ABAG'S URGENCY  
9 PROCESS STAFF ASKS FOR A SUPPORT POSITION WHICH ASKS FOR  
10 FLEXIBILITY FOR OUTREACH ON SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGIES  
11 APPLICABLE TO PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY  
12 AREA REGION. AND STAFF IS NOW RECOMMENDING ABAG EXECUTIVE  
13 BOARD ACTION ON SB146. REBECCA LONG IS HERE TO ANSWER ANY  
14 QUESTIONS. SO, REBECCA, DO YOU WANT TO GIVE A LITTLE BIT OF A  
15 BRIEFING ON ONE?

16

17 **REBECCA LONG:** I THINK YOU HAVE REALLY COVERED, YOU KNOW, THE  
18 MAIN POINTS OF THE BILL. I WOULD JUST MAKE TWO ADDITIONAL  
19 POINTS. ONE IS THAT IT'S JUST A PILOT FOR TWO YEARS, AND SO  
20 THE IDEA IS TO BASICALLY ENSURE THAT ALL OF THE ROBUST  
21 OUTREACH THAT DIRECTOR MCMILLAN REFERENCED EARLIER, THAT WE  
22 HAVE BEEN DOING FOR PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 WILL COUNT TOWARD  
23 THE STATE'S REQUIREMENTS WHEN SHELTER IN PLACE REQUIREMENTS  
24 ARE LIFTED AND WE'RE NOT SUDDENLY IN THIS FRENZY TOW HAVE TO  
25 SCHEDULE 21 WORKSHOPS WITHIN THREE WEEKS. SO WE HAVE FOUND

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1 TREMENDOUS PARTICIPATION, DIGITALLY, AND SO WE JUST WANT THAT  
2 TO BE COUNTED FOR THIS ROUND AND I THINK THERE IS GOING TO BE  
3 A BROADER CONVERSATION ABOUT INCORPORATING DIGITAL OUTREACH  
4 LONGER TERM. AND SO IT DOES APPLY STATEWIDE BUT WE'RE THE  
5 BIGGEST NPO THAT'S REALLY IMPACTED BY IT BECAUSE WE'RE IN THE  
6 MIDST OF OUR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY RIGHT NOW.

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8 **JULIE PIERCE:** THANKS REBECCA, AND I WOULD ADD TO THAT, WE  
9 ACTUALLY, I THINK, HAVE HAD MORE INTENSE RESPONSE TO THE  
10 DIGITAL OUTREACH THAT WE HAVE DONE. STAFF, WHEN THEY GAVE THE  
11 REPORT TO OUR JOINT COMMITTEE WAS ABLE TO TELL US THAT,  
12 INSTEAD OF PEOPLE JUST POPPING IN FOR FIVE MINUTES AND SAYING  
13 HI, THEY STAYED FOR THE ENTIRE PRESENTATION THAT STAFF DID AND  
14 THERE WERE A WHOLE LOT MORE COMING WHICH IS WHAT WE'RE ALL  
15 EXPERIENCING IN OUR HOME AGENCIES. WE GETTING SO MANY MORE  
16 PEOPLE PARTICIPATING BECAUSE THEY CAN DO IT FROM THE COMFORT  
17 OF THEIR HOME, AND THEY CAN DO IT IN A WAY THAT DOESN'T TAKE  
18 UP THEIR ENTIRE EVENING, BUT THEY CAN ACTUALLY PARTICIPATE.  
19 AND SO I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPRESSIVE. WE HAD LITERALLY  
20 THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATING. AND I KNOW URSULA IS ON  
21 HERE SOMEWHERE, SHE COULD ACTUALLY GIVE US A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF  
22 HOW MANY PARTICIPATED. BUT IT WAS REALLY BIG. IT'S BIGGER THAN  
23 WHAT WE HAVE HAD BEFORE. AND I JUST THINK HUGE KUDOS GO TO OUR  
24 STAFF. URSULA, CAN YOU GIVE US A COUPLE OF SENTENCES ABOUT  
25 THAT?

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2 **URSULA VOGLER:** YES THANK YOU MAYOR PIERCE. DEFINITELY. WE SAW  
3 THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN OUR DIGITAL WORKSHOPS, OUR  
4 DIGITAL TELEPHONE TOWN HALLS. WE HAD AN ONLINE POLL. AND WE  
5 DEFINITELY SAW MORE ROBUST AND INTENSE PARTICIPATION FROM  
6 PEOPLE WHO WERE ABLE TO, AS YOU SAID, COME TO THE MEETINGS AND  
7 PARTICIPATE BECAUSE IT WAS -- THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO GO  
8 SOMEWHERE. THEY DEPARTMENT HAVE TO LOOK FOR CHILD CARE. THEY  
9 DIDN'T HAVE TO COORDINATE THEIR BUS SCHEDULE TO GET TO OUR  
10 MEETINGS. SO WE DEFINITELY HAD, I THINK IT WAS OVER 7,000  
11 COMMENTS, AND WE HAD A LOT OF -- I THINK IT WAS 3,000 COMMENTS  
12 AND 7,000 PARTICIPANTS, I THINK THAT'S WHAT IT WAS. SO  
13 DEFINITELY, YES, WE HAD SO MANY PARTICIPANTS AND BECAUSE OF  
14 THE DIGITAL ASPECT WE WERE ABLE TO DO THIS SO I'M HOPEFUL THIS  
15 TWO YEAR PILOT WILL EXTEND IT PROVIDES FLEXIBILITY AND  
16 POSSIBILITY FOR US TO REACH PEOPLE TO GET THEIR INPUT. THANK  
17 YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT, IN ADVANCE.

18

19 **JULIE PIERCE:** YEAH. I THINK THIS IS AMAZING. AND THIS GIVES US  
20 KIND OF A ROADMAP FOR ALL OF WHAT WE'RE ALL DOING AT HOME, FOR  
21 ANY OF THE OUTREACH WE NEED TO DO. WE'RE PROVING, RIGHT NOW,  
22 IN COVID, THAT WE CAN GET BETTER PARTICIPATION THAN WE CAN  
23 WITHOUT COVID. SO, I THINK THIS IS AWESOME. AND WITH THAT, I  
24 WOULD MOVE THAT THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD TAKE A SUPPORT  
25 POSITION ON SB146.

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2 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** IS THERE A SECOND?

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4 **JAKE MACKENZIE:** SECOND.

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6 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** SECONDED BY DIRECTOR MACKENZIE.

7 COLLEAGUES, ANY DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION TO SUPPORT SENATE

8 BILL 146? IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE. I

9 DO NOT SEE ANY RAISED HANDS. SO WE GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE

10 MOTION. IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM 7C, IF SO PLEASE

11 RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE. I DO NOT SEE ANY RAISED

12 HANDS. MR. CASTRO ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM?

13

14 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NONE.

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16 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** OKAY WITH THAT LET'S CALL THE ROLL

17 ON THE MOTION.

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19 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE] MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUS.

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21 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. BEFORE

22 WE MOVE ON FROM THE JOINT LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT. ONE

23 THING I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE IS THAT WE ELECTED A CHAIR AND

24 VICE CHAIR AND WE ELECTED MAYOR JULIE PIERCE FROM THE CITY OF

25 CLAYTON AS THE CHAIR OF ABAG AND IS IT VICE MAYOR, IS THAT THE

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1 CORRECT TITLE, DIRECTOR MACKENZIE? VICE MAYOR JAKE MACKENZIE  
2 REPRESENTING THE CITY OF ROHNERT PARK AS THE MTC  
3 REPRESENTATIVE. AND AS WE DISCUSSED WITH WE CREATED THE JOINT  
4 MEET THERE WILL BE ABAG AND MTC REPRESENTATIVE AS THE CHAIR  
5 AND VICE CHAIR. THANK YOU MAYOR PIERCE FOR YOUR ONGOING  
6 LEADERSHIP OF THIS COMMITTEE. WE'LL MOVE TO ITEM EIGHT.  
7 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT AND DIRECTOR MITCHOFF WILL GIVE THE  
8 REPORT.

9

10 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** THANK YOU SIR. ABAG FINANCE -- OOPS. AM I ON -  
11 - NO. ABAG FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2020.  
12 JUST A MOMENT, PLEASE. OKAY. COMMITTEE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING  
13 REPORTS. REPORT ON THE ABAG FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL  
14 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020, NOT AUDITED YET BUT SOON-TO-BE. AS  
15 OF JUNE 30, 2020 ENTITY END THE YEAR IN GOOD SHAPE. ESTUARY  
16 PARTNERSHIP HAD CASH FLOW DEFICITS OF 2.5 MILLION AND 1  
17 MILLION RESPECTIVELY HOWEVER AS YOU WILL RECALL THESE ARE  
18 GRANT FUNDS AND WILL REDUCE TIMING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN  
19 REIMBURSEMENT. IN ADDITION ALL ABAG OPERATING FUNDS ENDED  
20 FISCAL YEAR 2020 WITH POSITIVE CASH BALANCES ELIMINATING THE  
21 NEED FOR YEAR END SUPPORT FROM MTC. WE ALSO RECEIVED A REPORT  
22 ON THE ABAG CONTRACTS AND PURCHASE REQUISITIONS BETWEEN  
23 20,050,000, AND THERE WERE NONE. FOR THIS PERIOD. AND THEN A  
24 REPORT ON ABAG INVESTMENTS FOR 2020, ALSO UNAUDITED. TOTAL  
25 FUNDS UNDER ABAG MANAGEMENT ARE JUST UNDER 75.1 MILLION. WE

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1 RECEIVED A REPORT ON THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION  
2 REGARDING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PURCHASING AND CONTRACT  
3 AUTHORITY. AND THIS WILL BE REPORTED ON UNDER THE ABAG  
4 EXECUTIVE ITEM 8B. WITH THAT, THAT CONCLUDES MY REPORT. OH  
5 PARDON ME. IT GOES ON. OH NO.

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7 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** I THINK THE NEXT ITEM IS THE ACTION  
8 ITEM. DIRECTOR MITCHOFF.

9

10 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** WELL I WOULD THINK SO THIS SAYS NEXT REPORT GO  
11 TO NEXT PAGE I FOLLOWED DIRECTIONS UNDER AGENDA ITEM EIGHT B  
12 THE ABAG FINANCE COMMITTEE RECEIVED A REPORT ON THE EXECUTIVE  
13 DIRECTOR'S PURCHASING AND CONTRACT AUTHORITY, STAFF  
14 RECOMMENDED THAT TO STREAMLINE CONTRACTING PROCESSES THAT WE  
15 MOVE THE CURRENT LIMIT BEFORE COMING TO THE BOARD FROM 50,000  
16 TO 200,000. THIS ALIGNS WITH MTC, AND WE RECEIVED INFORMATION  
17 THAT ONLY 19 PERCENT OF OUR CONTRACTS FALL UNDER THAT. THESE  
18 WOULD ALL HAVE BEEN BUDGETED. HOWEVER, WE, THE FINANCE  
19 COMMITTEE MOVED AND RECOMMENDS TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD A MOTION  
20 TO EXTEND THE SIGNING AUTHORITY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
21 \$200,000, BUT ONLY FOR BUDGETED ITEMS. BECAUSE WE ALREADY  
22 REVIEW THOSE BUDGETED ITEMS AND HAVE GIVEN AUTHORITY FOR THEM.  
23 ANYTHING THAT IS NOT IN THE BUDGET IS STILL RESTRICTED TO THE  
24 \$50,000, AND WE ASK FOR A REPORT BACK A YEAR FROM NOW AS TO  
25 THE NUMBER OF CONTRACTS THAT FELL INTO THIS CATEGORY AND THE

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1 REASONS THEREFORE. WITH THAT, THAT DOES CONCLUDE. AND I WILL  
2 MOVE THE ITEM.

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4 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** OKAY. SO THERE IS A MOTION TO  
5 APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED. IS THERE A SECOND?

6

7 **WAYNE LEE:** SECOND.

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9 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** SECOND BY DIRECTOR LEE. DIRECTOR  
10 EKLUND HAS RAISED HER HAND. AND IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER  
11 DIRECTORS WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM PLEASE DO SO AS WELL.  
12 DIRECTOR EKLUND.

13

14 **PAT ECKLUND:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE THE DISCUSSION  
15 FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. THE LIST OF CONTRACTS COME TO THE  
16 ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD?

17

18 **SPEAKER:** YES.

19

20 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** YES IT USUALLY DOES IF WE DO HAVE THOSE  
21 CONTRACTS. THIS MEETING WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY THAT FELL WITHIN  
22 THE \$50,000 RANGE BUT AS PART OF THE REPORT-OUT WE MENTION IN  
23 THE REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHAT THOSE CONTRACTS  
24 ARE.

25

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1   **PAT ECKLUND:** SO THEN WITH THE AUTHORIZATION TO GO UP TO  
2   \$200,000. SO YOU WILL BE ADDING MORE CONTRACTS TO THAT LIST  
3   THAT YOU'RE REPORTING?

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5   **KAREN MITCHOFF:** YES --

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7   **PAT ECKLUND:** THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL GET A LIST OF ALL  
8   OF THOSE.

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10   **KAREN MITCHOFF:** MR. PAUL GAVE US A REPORT THAT SINCE 2014  
11   THERE HAVE BEEN OVER 200 CONTRACT. IF YOU FIGURE THERE ARE 40  
12   CONTRACTS A YEAR. 19, 20 PERCENT THAT'S EIGHT CONTRACTS.

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14   **PAT ECKLUND:** I AM MORE CONCERNED ABOUT TRANSPARENCY NOT ONLY  
15   TO THE BOARD MEMBERS BUT THE MEMBER CITIES AS WELL AS THE  
16   PUBLIC.

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18   **KAREN MITCHOFF:** SURE OF COURSE.

19

20   **PAT ECKLUND:** AS LONG AS WE GET A LIST THEN I'M FINE WITH THAT.

21

22   **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** YEAH AND I'LL NOTE THAT THE  
23   RESOLUTION STATES THAT THE CONTRACTS WILL BE REPORTED AT THE  
24   NEXT ABAG AND EXECUTIVE BOARD FINANCE MEETING AND THESE ARE  
25   INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET AND SCOPE OF WORK ADOPTED BY THE



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1    GENERALLY ASSEMBLY. COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON THE MOTION TO  
2    APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED. IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR  
3    HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE. PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM? PLEASE  
4    RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE. IF YOU WISH TO OFFER  
5    PUBLIC COMMENT. I DO NOT SEE ANY RAISED HANDS. MOTOR CASTRO  
6    SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM.

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8    **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NONE.

9

10    **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU. LET'S CALL THE ROLL ON  
11    THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION. WE'RE GOING TO EXECUTIVE  
12    DIRECTOR'S PURCHASING CONTRACTING AUTHORITY AS AMENDED BY THE  
13    FINANCE AUTHORITY.

14

15    **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** [ROLL CALL VOTE] MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUS.

16

17    **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL MOVE TO  
18    ITEM NINE, THE ABAG HOUSING METHODOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT. THIS  
19    IS AN INFORMATION ITEM. I WILL GIVE THE REPORT AS THE CHAIR OF  
20    THE HOUSING METHODOLOGY COMMITTEE. MET ON AUGUST 13TH, 2020  
21    AND THE COMMITTEE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING REPORT ON REFINING  
22    REGIONAL METHODOLOGY CONCEPTS MTC ABAG ANNOUNCED ANALYSIS  
23    ABOUT RHNA METHODOLOGY BASELINE INCOME ALLOCATION FACTORS AND  
24    WEIGHTS. DISCUSSED PREFERENCES AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS  
25    FOR METHODOLOGY COMPONENTS AND HMC CAME TO A CONSENSUS TO MOVE

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1 FORWARD WITH THE 2050 HOUSEHOLDS FROM THE PLANNED BAY AREA  
2 2050 BLUEPRINT AS THE BASELINE ALLOCATION. AND THE BOTTOM-UP  
3 INCOME ALLOCATION APPROACH AS THE FOUNDATION FOR THE RHNA  
4 METHODOLOGY. HOUSING METHODOLOGY COMMITTEE ALSO MET ON AUGUST  
5 28TH, 2020. AND THE COMMITTEE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING REPORT.  
6 WE HAD A FURTHER DISCUSSION ON REFINING RHNA METHODOLOGY  
7 CONCEPTS. HMC CONTINUED ITS DISCUSSION ON REFINING FACTORS AND  
8 WEIGHTS THAT COMPROMISE METHODOLOGY USING 2050 BASELINE  
9 ALLOCATION AND BOTTOM-UP INCOME ALLOCATION APPROACH. HMC  
10 REACHED CONSENSUS THAT MODERATE INCOME UNITS SHOULD NOT BE  
11 SHIFTED TO USING THE SAME FACTORS AND WEIGHTS AS VERY LOW AND  
12 LOW INCOME UNITS MEANING THAT MODERATE INCOME UNITS WOULD  
13 STILL BE IN THE MODERATE UPPER MODERATE INCOME CATEGORY. ABAG  
14 HOUSING METHODOLOGY COMMITTEE MET ON SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2020 AND  
15 RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING REPORT DISCUSSION ABOUT REFINING RHNA  
16 METHODOLOGY CONCEPTS DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON FACTORS AND WEIGHTS  
17 FOR THE METHODOLOGY. AND THE COMMITTEE CAME TO CONSENSUS  
18 NARROWING FOCUS ON FOUR METHODOLOGY OPTIONS AND A POTENTIAL  
19 EQUITY ADJUSTMENT TO CONSIDER FOR THE PROPOSED METHODOLOGY.  
20 OUR LAST MEETING OF THE HOUSING METHODOLOGY WILL BE TOMORROW,  
21 SEPTEMBER 18TH, AND YOU'RE ALL ENCOURAGED TO TUNE IN AT 10:00  
22 IN THE MORNING FOR THE FINAL DISCUSSION AND VOTE OF THE  
23 HOUSING METHODOLOGY COMMITTEE ON A RECOMMENDED HOUSING  
24 ALLOCATION METHODOLOGY. AND OUR RECOMMENDATION WILL THEN GO TO  
25 THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE AND THEN TO THE EXECUTIVE

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1 BOARD FOR ACTION. SO THIS CONCLUDES THE COMMITTEE REPORT.

2 THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

3 ON THE HOUSING METHODOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT? IF SO PLEASE

4 RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE. DIRECTOR MITCHOFF?

5

6 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** THANK YOU. AND I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT THE

7 HOUSING METHODOLOGY IS DOING. AND I KNOW WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH

8 THESE RHNA NUMBERS. BUT I MET WITH SOME DEVELOPERS TODAY,

9 AROUND A DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL AT THE PLEASANT HILL BART

10 STATION AND OF COURSE OUR COUNTY STAFF IS LOOKING TO UPDATE

11 OUR GENERAL PLAN TO MAKE THIS ONE -- IT'S A FORMER PRIVATE

12 SCHOOL, AND SO IT NEEDS A PLAN AMENDMENT, AND THEY WANT TO

13 MAKE IT HIGH DENSITY AND OF COURSE I'M PUSHING FOR THAT, GIVEN

14 THAT IT'S NEAR TRANSPORTATION, IT'S WITHIN A HALF MILE, AND

15 THAT, YOU KNOW, IT SERVES THE PURPOSE. THEY ASKED ME TO BRING

16 TO YOUR ATTENTION, BECAUSE THEY KNEW I WAS MEETING WITH YOU

17 TONIGHT, THAT AS MUCH AS WE WANT TO ZONE FOR THIS, DEVELOPERS

18 ARE FINDING FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS. THEY CANNOT GET FINANCING.

19 AND I'M GOING TO HAVE A DILEMMA HERE, AS TO HOW I PROCEED ON

20 THIS, BECAUSE THIS LAND THAT COULD HAVE SOME HOUSING ON IT

21 WILL PROBABLY LIE VACANT IF I REQUIRE THE DENSITY. AND THE

22 ONLY REASON I'M MENTIONING THAT IS I -- THEY ARE TELLING ME

23 THAT THIS MESSAGE NEEDS TO BE BROUGHT TO ABAG AS WE CONTINUE

24 MOVING FORWARD. THEY KNOW THAT THE BIA IS THERE, BUT THEY FEEL

25 -- AND I ENCOURAGED THEM, THAT THEY NEED TO BE A STRONGER

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1 VOICE, AND NOT JUST INDIVIDUALS COMING TO INDIVIDUAL DECISION  
2 MAKERS ABOUT THIS ISSUE. BECAUSE IT IS A PROBLEM, I THINK,  
3 WE'RE GOING TO RUN INTO AND I KNOW I'M PROBABLY SPEAKING TO  
4 THE CHOIR HERE BECAUSE ALL OF YOU HAVE HAD TO FACE THESE KIND  
5 OF ISSUES AND I'M NOT SURE WE HAVE PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE, BUT  
6 I KNOW, THROUGH ALL OF THE WORK WE HAVE ALL DONE OVER THE LAST  
7 YEAR OR SO, THERE IS A TREMENDOUS PUSH FOR ADDITIONAL HOUSING.  
8 BUT, AS WE HAVE ALWAYS SAID, ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CITY  
9 COUNCILS AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DO NOT BUILD HOUSING,  
10 DEVELOPERS DO. SO, THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO PUT THAT  
11 COMMENT ON THE RECORD.

12

13 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU. DIRECTOR RABBIT?

14

15 **DAVID RABBIT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SO I WANTED TO BRING UP  
16 REALLY THE QUESTION OF HOW UNINCORPORATED JURISDICTIONS ARE  
17 ACCOMMODATED VIS-A-VIS CITIES. HERE IN SONOMA COUNTY, WE'RE  
18 THE ONLY COUNTY, I BELIEVE, IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WITH A  
19 VOTER APPROVED URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARIES COMMUNITY SEPARATORS  
20 AND SALES TAX SUPPORT AG AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT MORE IS  
21 NEEDED AND WE HAVE BEEN ON THE FOREFRONT OF INNOVATIVE HOUSING  
22 ISSUES AND TRYING TO ATTRACT MORE, BUT WE'RE TRYING TO ATTRACT  
23 THOSE HOUSES INTO URBAN SERVICE AREAS, YOU NEED A SEWER, AND,  
24 YOU KNOW, IDEALLY PIPED WATER, ALTHOUGH YOU CAN HAVE WELLS,  
25 BUT YOU NEEDS CERTAINLY ON THE SEWER SIDE TO BE ABLE TO

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1 ACCOMMODATE. AND THE PROBLEM IS I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT'S  
2 ACCOMMODATED WITHIN WHAT'S BEEN PRODUCED. BECAUSE OUR NUMBERS  
3 ARE GOING UP, NOT THE 135 PERCENT THAT THE BAY AREA AVERAGES,  
4 BUT 533 PERCENT. AND ONE COULD SAY THE SAME THING, MARINES ARE  
5 2,000 PERCENT AND SOLANO 955, AND NAPA 417. WE'RE GOING FROM  
6 515 UNITS IN THE UNINCORPORATED COUNTY TO BETWEEN 6 AND 9,000  
7 UNITS, ALL TO BE BUILT WITHIN AN URBAN SERVICE AREA THAT QUITE  
8 FRANKLY IS MINISCULE IN SIZE. SO I JUST THROW THAT OUT THERE,  
9 BECAUSE I THINK FOR UNINCORPORATED COUNTIES, WHERE THE, I  
10 BELIEVE THE GOAL, AND THE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION GOALS, AND  
11 THE TRANSIT ORIENTED DESIGN GOALS IS TO REALLY PUT EVERYONE  
12 WITHIN THE INCORPORATED CITIES, IT CREATES A PROBLEM. AND IT  
13 CREATES AN AREA, A BIG PROBLEM GOING FORWARD. SO, I THINK IT'S  
14 SOMETHING THAT WE REALLY NEED TO GRAPPLE WITH. BECAUSE, ON THE  
15 ONE HAND WE CAN'T SAY THAT WE'RE ACHIEVING THESE GOALS ON  
16 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS, VMT, AND EVERYTHING ELSE, AND ON THE  
17 OTHER HAND BE PUSHING HOUSING INTO SPRAWL OUTSIDE THE URBAN  
18 CORE IN THESE KIND OF JURISDICTION. OUR COUNTY, PERHAPS, IS  
19 NOT LIKE SOME OF THE MORE URBANIZED CITIES IN THE CENTRAL AREA  
20 IT HAS MORE RURAL LANDS AND THOSE LANDS SHOULD REMAIN RURAL. I  
21 WANT TO BRING THAT TO EVERYONE'S ATTENTION.

22

23 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU. DIRECTOR RABBIT ON THAT  
24 POINT I'M GOING TO GO TO JILL AN AS WELL. THERE IS AN AREA WHY  
25 THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF COMMENT FROM NAPA AND SOLANO COUNTY

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1 GIVEN THE CATASTROPHIC FIRES THAT HAVE OCCURRED OVER THE PAST  
2 SEVERAL YEARS, AND I THINK ONE ADVANTAGE FOR US USING THE 2050  
3 BLUEPRINT AS A FACTOR FOR THE RHNA METHODOLOGY IS THAT THE  
4 BLUEPRINT DOES PRIORITIZE HOUSING IN AREAS THAT ARE NOT --  
5 THAT DON'T HAVE HIGH WILDFIRE RISK OR THAT ARE OUTSIDE URBAN  
6 GROWTH BOUNDARIES. SO I KNOW USING THAT AS THE BASELINE HELPS  
7 US ALIGN THE RHNA WITH THE PLANNED BAY AREA WHICH WE'RE GOING  
8 TO TALK ABOUT LATER, AND THERE IS SPECIFIC FOCUS ON NOT  
9 CONCENTRATING GROWTH IN AREAS OF HIGH WILDFIRE RISK FOR  
10 OUTSIDE OF URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARIES. I KNOW THERE HAVE BEEN  
11 DISCUSSIONS WITH ABAG STAFF AND STAFF IN SOLANO SONOMA AND  
12 SANTA CLARA COUNTIES AND IF GILLIAN IS ON THE LINE I'M GOING  
13 TO TURN TO GILLIAN TO FURTHER COMMENT ON THIS ISSUE.

14

15 **GILLIAN ADAMS:** AS YOU HAVE NOTED A LOT OF THIS CONVERSATION IS  
16 AROUND KIND OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PLANNED BAY AREA SO I'M  
17 GOING TO ASK DAVE VAUTIN TO STEP IN AND ADDRESS THIS IN THE  
18 CONVERSATIONS WE HAVE BEEN HAVING WITH LOCAL STAFF.

19

20 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU. >DAVE VAUTIN: GOOD  
21 EVENING THIS IS DAVE VAUTIN WITH ABAG MTC STAFF. THANK YOU FOR  
22 THE QUESTION, PRESIDENT ARREGUIN AND OTHERS. I THINK, FIRST OF  
23 ALL I JUST WANT TO UNDERSCORE AS YOU WILL BE LOOKING AT  
24 TONIGHT, ONE OF THE STRATEGIES IN THE DRAFT AND FINAL  
25 BLUEPRINT FOR PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 IS TO FOCUS GROWTH WITHIN

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1 EXISTING URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARIES. SO, THERE IS A STRONG FOCUS  
2 IN THE PLAN, IN FOCUSING GROWTH IN THOSE AREAS. NOW AS WE ALL  
3 KNOW URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARIES SOMETIMES INCLUDE PORTIONS OF  
4 UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AREAS OFTEN REFERRED TO SOME OF THESE  
5 AREAS OF SPHERES OF INFLUENCE. SO ONE OF THE THINGS WE HAVE  
6 BEEN TALKING TO COUNTIES ABOUT, THROUGH THIS PROCESS, IS  
7 WHETHER THE GROWTH IN THOSE SPHERES SHOULD BE ASSIGNED TO THE  
8 UNINCORPORATED COUNTY OR TO THE CITY. WHICH MIGHT ANNEX THAT  
9 LAND IN THE FUTURE, THAT LAND WITHIN THE URBAN GROWTH  
10 BOUNDARY. CURRENTLY, THE RHNA WORK WE HAVE BEEN SHARING DOES  
11 NOT ASSUME THAT ANNEXATION OCCURS WE HAVE BEEN TALKING TO THE  
12 HCD HOUSING ACCOUNTABILITY DEPARTMENT ABOUT THE FEASIBILITY OF  
13 THE ADJUSTMENT AND BY COUNTY BY COUNTY BASIS TO CONSIDER  
14 WHETHER THAT APPROACH WOULD BE APPROPRIATE BASED UPON LOCAL  
15 POLICIES. SO THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE'RE CONTINUING TO  
16 EXPLORE. OTHER THING I'LL NOTE IS IN THE LAST CYCLE OF RHNA,  
17 THE PREVIOUS CYCLE, THOSE SPHERES WERE GENERALLY ASSIGNED TO  
18 CITIES WHICH IS YESTERDAY UNINCORPORATED ALLOCATIONS IN THE  
19 LAST CYCLE WERE SMALLER. SO WE ARE HEARING THIS COMMENT FROM A  
20 NUMBER OF DIFFERENT UNINCORPORATED AREAS THROUGHOUT THE REGION  
21 IN PART IT'S DUE TO THIS HANDLING ISSUE, WHO TAKES ON THE RHNA  
22 FOR THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AREAS.

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24 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU DAVE. DIRECTOR RABBIT?

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1   **DAVID RABBIT:** THE ONLY THING I COULD ADD TO THAT IS I HOPE WE  
2   REALLY LOOK AT WHAT THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AREAS ARE BECAUSE  
3   I THINK THE CONSEQUENCES ARE REALLY GOING TO BE QUITE FRANKLY  
4   THAT WE MAY HAVE THREE OR FOUR AREAS WITHIN SONOMA COUNTY THAT  
5   ARE OUTSIDE OF A WILDFIRE RISK AREA WHICH IS NEBULOUS AT BEST  
6   BECAUSE EVERYTHING'S IN A -- WE WILL BE BASICALLY BUILDING A  
7   CITY IN ORDER TO MEET THE NUMBERS IN THE UNINCORPORATED  
8   COUNTY. AND I DON'T THINK THAT'S NECESSARILY WHAT THE INTENT  
9   IS HERE. NUMBERS JUST CAN'T ADD UP THAT WAY. 7,000 UNITS IS  
10   14,000 RESIDENTS, OR THEREABOUTS. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE  
11   THAT WE TRULY FOCUS THE GROWTH ON THE EGBS. COUNTY IS, AGAIN,  
12   VERY OPEN TO MAKING SURE THAT WE PROVIDE ADEQUATE HOUSING  
13   SCATTERED THROUGHOUT, TO THE EXTENT THAT IT IS -- THAT IT  
14   SHOULD BE IN THOSE PARTICULAR AREAS, BUT IF YOU'RE REALLY  
15   TALKING ABOUT HALF OF THOSE UNITS BEING AFFORDABLE, DESIGNATED  
16   DEED RESTRICTED AFFORDABLE, IT REALLY SHOULD BE WHERE THE  
17   SERVICES ARE AND THAT'S GOING TO BE MORE IN THE INCORPORATED  
18   AREAS. I THINK THAT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T STEP ON  
19   OUR UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES AND END UP WITH SOMETHING THAT'S  
20   GOING TO BE A HEAD SCRATCHER FOR EIGHT YEARS TO COME.

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22   **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DIRECTOR  
23   PIERCE. AND THEN HUDSON, MACKENZIE AND LEE. DIRECTOR PIERCE?

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1 **JULIE PIERCE:** THANK YOU JESSE. I'M DEBATING WHETHER TO SPEAK  
2 HERE OR UNDER THE LATER ITEM FOR THE BLUEPRINT. BUT I THINK --  
3 I THINK THIS IS WHERE IT NEEDS TO GO. MY CONCERN, AS A MEMBER  
4 OF THE HOUSING METHODOLOGY COMMITTEE IS THAT I PERSONALLY -- I  
5 UNDERSTAND THE RULES TO THAT BY HMM CD ON WHAT WE HAVE TO DO  
6 FOR RHNA. MY CONCERN ABOUT THE DIRECTION THAT WE'RE HEADING  
7 RIGHT NOW, AND WHERE WE ARE IN THE PROCESS IS THAT THE  
8 RECOMMENDATION THAT WILL COME OUT IS GOING TO BE COMPETING A  
9 BIT WITH PLANNED BAY AREA. YES, WE AGREED TO USE PLANNED BAY  
10 AREA 2050 HOUSEHOLDS AS THE BASE, BUT I'M CONCERNED THAT SOME  
11 OF THE FACTORS THAT ARE BEING ADDED IN ARE GOING TO BE  
12 CONTRADICTORY TO WHAT OUR GOALS ARE WITH PLANNED BAY AREA  
13 2050. AND MY BIGGEST CONCERNS ARE THAT WE'RE SPREADING THESE  
14 UNITS LIKE PEANUT BUTTER IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE THE EQUITY  
15 CHALLENGES WORK, WHILE THAT ONLY EXACERBATES OUR VEHICLE MILES  
16 TRAVELED, IT INCREASES OUR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS, IT TAKES  
17 A SEVERE TOLL ON PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO BE ASKED TO COMMUTE  
18 FROM AREAS THAT ARE 50, 60, 70 MILES AWAY FROM WHERE THEIR  
19 EMPLOYMENT IS. AND I DON'T THINK THAT WAS WHAT WE INTENDED  
20 WITH PLANNED BAY AREA. AND YET I'M AFRAID THAT'S THE DIRECTION  
21 THAT RHNA IS GOING WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS THEY'RE COMING  
22 DOWN. I -- YOU KNOW, I REALLY WANT TO BE ABLE TO BE AGREEABLE  
23 TO RECOMMENDATIONS COMING THROUGH THE COMMITTEE, AND I FOUND I  
24 HAD TO USE MY RED CARD A LOT IN THE LAST COUPLE OF MEETINGS.  
25 AND IT'S BECAUSE I DON'T THINK WE'RE MARRYING THESE TWO

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1 PROCESSES WELL ENOUGH. AND I WANT ALL OF OUR ABAG ELECTED  
2 OFFICIALS WHO WILL BE VOTING ON THIS, WHEN WE GET TO IT IN  
3 OCTOBER, TO THINK LONG AND HARD ABOUT HOW WE BALANCE OUR GOALS  
4 FOR THE BAY AREA. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT MOVING JOBS IS VERY  
5 DIFFICULT. SO MOVING JOBS FROM THE BIG JOB CENTERS, OUT TO THE  
6 SUBURBAN AREAS TO PROVIDE A LOWER VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED FOR  
7 OUR RESIDENTS IS NOT LIKELY TO HAPPEN. AND IN FACT, IN TODAY'S  
8 CLIMATE, IT'S MORE LIKELY THAT THOSE JOBS, IF THEY LEAVE  
9 SILICON VALLEY OR SAN FRANCISCO, WILL ACTUALLY GO TO OTHER  
10 STATES, NOT TO THE EAST BAY OR THE NORTH BAY. OR OTHER AREAS  
11 OF THE BAY AREA. SO, I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. IT'S A  
12 HEAD'S UP, YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR ME TALK ABOUT IT MORE AND MORE  
13 AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE VOTE IN OCTOBER. I'M VERY CONCERNED  
14 ABOUT THE DIRECTION WE'RE HEADED.

15

16 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DIRECTOR  
17 HUDSON?

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19 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** YEAH. I THINK JULIE HAS A LOT OF REASON TO BE  
20 WORRIED, ALSO. AND I WON'T REPEAT THE THINGS THAT SHE JUST  
21 SAID. BUT I WANT TO GO BACK TO WHAT MITCHOFF WAS SAYING, I SEE  
22 AS A BIG PROBLEM. WE APPROVE PROJECTS, THEY DON'T GET BUILT.  
23 AND THEY DON'T GET BUILT BECAUSE THEY MAY HAVE FINANCING,  
24 FINANCING ISN'T FUNDING, AND FOR SOME REASON, WHATEVER, THE  
25 DEVELOPER HAS TO START FOOLING AROUND, COMING BACK, TRYING TO

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1 MOLD SOMETHING TO WHERE THEY CAN GET THE FUNDING TO DO WHAT  
2 THEY NEED TO DO. I HAVE TWO PROJECTS IN MY CITY THAT I THINK  
3 ARE CLASSIC EXAMPLES OF IT, ONE THE OWNER HAS HAD THE PLACE  
4 FOR SO LONG, HE PROBABLY BOUGHT IT FOR \$0.40. IT'S RIDICULOUS  
5 THAT HE'S GOING TO MAKE PROFIT ON IT. BUT WHEN WE GOES IN TO  
6 DO IT RIGHT, AS WE HAVE DEFINED IT, NEAR TRANSIT, HIGHER  
7 DENSITY, THE BANK DOESN'T WANT TO FUND ON IT, SO I'M LOOKING  
8 AT, BECAUSE OF 330, A SINGLE FAMILY DETACHED HOME PROJECT,  
9 WHERE THERE PROBABLY SHOULD BE BETWEEN 20 AND 30 UNITS PER  
10 ACRE. I GOT ANOTHER PROJECT THAT IS SO GOOD, WITHOUT USING  
11 NAMES, AND BRINGING IT TO ABAG HE SAID CAN I USE THIS AS A  
12 MODEL FOR THE BAY AREA AND IT'S UNDER APPEAL AND I'M LOOKING  
13 AT THIS THING THINKING THESE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO PUSH THIS TO  
14 THE LIMIT AND PROBABLY TAKE IT TO A COURT. SO MY 4500 PROJECT  
15 WILL LIKELY BE 9,000 IN NO TIME PER THE ANTI-NIMBY LAW, AND  
16 MAYBE WE'LL SOLVE ALL YOUR PROBLEMS. BUT IF WE COULDN'T  
17 MINIMIZE, WHOEVER IS NOT GOING TO DO THE FUNDING FOR THE  
18 PROJECT WE'RE WASTING OUR TIME BECAUSE WE'RE BACK SIGNIFICANT  
19 SAME SPOT WHERE THE PEOPLE SAID WE SHOULD BE DOING A MILLION  
20 INSTEAD OF 440,000, ARE GOING TO HAVE THE UPPER HAND SO THIS  
21 NOT MODERATE CHANGING TO LOW AND VERY LOW HAS ME CONCERNED AND  
22 MY CITY IS TWO THIRD'S HOUSEHOLDS MAKING MORE THAN \$100,000. I  
23 DON'T WANT TO LET GO OF THAT POINT. I THINK THERE NEEDS TO BE  
24 SOMETHING THERE. DAVID CHEW SAW IT TRIED TO DO SOMETHING WHERE  
25 WE COULD GET CREDIT FOR DOING THE LOW AND CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE

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1 CREDIT. POINT IS YOU SHOULD BE LOOKING AT FUNDING FOR PROJECTS  
2 THAT WE WANT TO APPROVE THAT CAN GET TO THE 2050 NUMBER, BUT  
3 DON'T GIVE UP ON THAT MODERATE TRANSFER, OR WHATEVER YOU'RE  
4 CALLING IT. BECAUSE I THINK WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO DO IT.

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6 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU DIRECTOR HUDSON. DIRECTOR  
7 MACKENZIE? YOU'RE MUTED DIRECTOR MACKENZIE.

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9 **JAKE MACKENZIE:** I MUST SAY, LISTENING TO THE LAST FEW SPEAKERS  
10 THAT NUMBER ONE, I HAD NOT REALIZED UNTIL DAVID RABBIT  
11 ENUNCIATED IT, THESE UNINCORPORATED NUMBERS IN THE NORTH BAY  
12 COUNTIES. AND I THOUGHT THAT I PAID PRETTY GOOD ATTENTION TO  
13 WHAT GOES ON, IN THIS PARTICULAR WORLD. SONOMA COUNTY,  
14 PARTICULARLY, AS DAVID MENTIONED, WE HAVE THE NINE CITIES WITH  
15 VOTER APPROVED URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARIES, AND NOT ONLY THAT, WE  
16 HAVE THE VOTER APPROVED COMMUNITY SEPARATORS AROUND MOTORIST  
17 OF THESE CITIES, WHICH ALSO ARE VOTER APPROVED, AND WE ALSO IN  
18 PLANNED BAY AREA, AND THIS IS WHERE I WAS LISTENING CLOSELY TO  
19 DIRECTOR PIERCE, WE HAVE IN PLANNED BAY AREA THE  
20 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARIES ARE TO BE  
21 OBSERVED. AND CERTAINLY IN TERMS EVER PROVIDING SERVICES TO  
22 THE NEW TOWN THAT DIRECTOR RABBIT MENTIONED, I DON'T KNOW  
23 WHERE THESE SERVICES ARE GOING TO BE PROVIDED IN SONOMA  
24 COUNTY. SO, IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE THERE IS A BIG COLLISION OF  
25 TRAINS COMING DOWN TRACKS, AND GETTING READY TO BANG INTO ONE

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1 ANOTHER, WHICH I THINK IS WHAT I HEARD DIRECTOR PIERCE. THAT'S  
2 ONE ASPECT. FINANCING THING, WHAT DIRECTOR HUDSON JUST SAID,  
3 I'LL GIVE YOU A GRAND EXAMPLE OUT OF ROHNERT PARK WITH STATION  
4 AVENUE SITUATED RIGHT NEXT TO THE STATION AND WHY ISN'T IT  
5 GOING FORWARD WHY IS IT SITTING VACANT FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS  
6 AND WHY IS IT AN ISSUE IN THE CURRENT COUNCIL ELECTION BECAUSE  
7 NOTHING'S HAPPENING AND WHY IS THAT BECAUSE LACK OF FINANCING  
8 FOR DENSE HOUSING IN A PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT AREA AND CLEARLY A  
9 TRANSIT, YOU KNOW, A TOD. SO, THIS IS CERTAINLY BEEN A  
10 FASCINATING CONVERSATION. AND I'M LIKE PIERCE. MY ANTENNA ARE  
11 QUIVERING MIGHTILY.

12

13 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU. DIRECTOR LEE?

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15 **WAYNE LEE:** THANK YOU MR. PERSPECTIVE. AND THANK YOU DIRECTOR  
16 HUDSON. MAYOR PIERCE. YEAH, I THINK WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT  
17 THIS A WHILE. WE HAVE MANY, MANY OF THOSE PROJECTS IN SAN  
18 MATEO COUNTY WHERE THE BANKS AREN'T FINANCING THEM BECAUSE OF  
19 THE NUMBERS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT ARE INVOLVED. AND I'M  
20 NOT TRYING TO DERAIL I'M TALKING ABOUT REALITY HERE AND WHAT'S  
21 GOING ON. WE DON'T FIND IT FINANCIALLY FEASIBLE. THERE ARE TWO  
22 THINGS I WANT TO ASK. FOR THERESE AND BRAD. FIRST, DO WE HAVE,  
23 DAVE, DO WE HAVE ANY RECENT DATA SHOWING THE TRENDS OF WHAT'S  
24 GOING ON IN HOUSING. BECAUSE WHAT I'M SEEING HERE IS THE PRICE  
25 OF HOUSING IS GOING UP BUT YET RENTALS ARE GOING DOWN. SO TO

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1 ME, IT SOUNDS LIKE PEOPLE ARE MIGRATING TO SINGLE FAMILY  
2 HOUSES. AND SUPERVISOR RABBIT, ARE THOSE HOUSES SINGLE FAMILY  
3 HOMES OR HIGH DENSITY HOMES OUT THERE IN THE UNINCORPORATED  
4 AREAS? AND THEN, SO, WHAT I'M HOPING THAT WE CAN DO, THERESE  
5 AND BRAD, IS THAT MAYBE WE CAN HELP CITIES DO MORE PUBLIC  
6 PRIVATE VENTURES BECAUSE I SEE OPPORTUNITY IN MILLBRAE WHERE  
7 WE CAN USE THE CITY PROPERTY TO LOWER THE COST OF BUILDING  
8 SOME OF THESE AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS AND MAKE IT PENCIL OUT,  
9 AND MAKE IT A REALITY. SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT ABAG HELP  
10 OUT MORE PRIVATE PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS. SO SUPERVISOR RABBIT, I  
11 HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU AND DAVE.

12

13 **DAVID RABBIT:** THROUGH THE CHAIR, OR PRESIDENT, IF I MAY. AS I  
14 UNDERSTAND IT, THE ONLY WAY TO GET THAT NUMBER OF UNITS WITHIN  
15 THE LIMITED AREA WOULD BE MEDIUM TO HIGH DENSITY. SO WHAT YOU  
16 WOULD HAVE, YOU WOULD HAVE CITIES THAT TYPICALLY THE CITY OF  
17 PETALUMA WHICH I LIVE IN, THEY HAVE GREAT DESIGNS FOR  
18 DOWNTOWN. COMING DOWN AND FADING TOWARDS THE PERIMETER, AND  
19 THEN AT THE PERIMETER YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE UNINCORPORATED LENS  
20 THAT WILL COME BACK UP INTO THESE HIGHER DENSITY DEVELOPMENTS  
21 JUST IN ORDER TO MEET THE NUMBERS BECAUSE WE'RE SO LIMITED IN  
22 WHERE THOSE CAN OCCUR.

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24 **WAYNE LEE:** SO DO WE HAVE ANY LATEST DATA SHOWING WHAT THE  
25 TRENDS ARE? ARE PEOPLE MOVING OUT OF THE AREA LIKE MAYOR

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1   PIERCE OF SAYING? ARE THEY BUYING THE BIGGER HOUSES? ARE THEY  
2   MOVING TO TRANSIT AREAS? DO WE HAVE ANY DATA AT ALL? >DAVE  
3   VAUTIN: I'LL SAY TWO THINGS ON THAT FRONT. ONE THERE HAS BEEN  
4   DAY-TO-DAY DATA YOU HAVE SEEN IN THE HEADLINE ABOUT  
5   PREFERENCES FOR HOME BUYING DURING THE PANDEMIC, SHIFTING OUT  
6   OF, YOU KNOW, THE URBAN CORE OF SAN FRANCISCO, AND INTO PLACES  
7   LIKE THE EAST BAY AND THE NORTH BAY. BUT I THINK IT'S  
8   IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT THIS RHNA IS NOT FOR, YOU KNOW,  
9   FALL 2020. IT IS THE RHNA FOR 2023 TO 2031. SO THE NEEDS OF  
10   TODAY MAY CONTINUE TO MORPH AND CHANGE AS WE GO INTO KIND OF  
11   THE POST COVID ERA IN TERMS OF WHERE PEOPLE WANT TO LIVE AND  
12   WORK. SO I THINK IT'S JUST IMPORTANT TO HAVE THAT CONTEXT,  
13   THAT THE REGION HAS BEEN SHIFTING TO MORE OF AN URBANIZED  
14   MULTI-FAMILY TYPE SETUP. AND WE CAN SEE THAT IN ALL THE PERMIT  
15   DATA FROM THE PAST DECADES, THAT MAY CONTINUE TO EVOLVE IN THE  
16   YEARS AFTER THE PANDEMIC IS RESOLVED.

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18   **WAYNE LEE:** I APPRECIATE THAT. AND MY WORRY IS THAT IN 2050,  
19   THE WHOLE PICTURE WILL CHANGE AND EVEN THOUGH WE BUILD IT  
20   PEOPLE WILL NOT COME. SO THAT'S MY PROBLEM.

21

22   **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** OKAY. THANK YOU. ANY OTHER  
23   QUESTIONS? THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT. I DON'T SEE ANY  
24   RAISED HANDS. I TOOK NOTE OF ALL THE COMMENTS THAT EXECUTIVE  
25   BOARD MEMBERS MADE ON THIS ISSUE AS WE'RE GOING INTO THE

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1 CONVERSATION TOMORROW. I KNOW THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED A NUMBER  
2 OF LETTERS FROM A VARIETY OF CITIES IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY,  
3 ALAMEDA COUNTY AND I HAVE READ ALL OF THOSE COMMUNICATIONS AND  
4 CERTAINLY TAKE VERY SERIOUSLY THE QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS THAT  
5 HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED. AND I AGREE THAT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE  
6 THAT WE'RE NOT UNDERMINING OUR GOALS TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS  
7 EMISSIONS AND ACHIEVE THAT 19 PERCENT MANDATORY TARGET THAT WE  
8 HAVE TO REACH WITH THE GROWTH PATTERN WE'RE GOING TO BE  
9 IMPLEMENTING IN THE REGION. SO I WILL NOW GO TO PUBLIC  
10 COMMENT. AND I SEE WE HAVE THREE RAISED HANDS. FIRST SPEAKER  
11 IS -- MR. CASTRO CALL THE FIRST SPEAKER

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13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** TWO MINUTE TIME LIMIT?

14

15 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** YES. TWO MINUTES.

16

17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FIRST SPEAKER IS TIM MCGALLIAN. GO AHEAD  
18 PLEASE.

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20 **SPEAKER:** ARE YOU ABLE TO HEAR ME?

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22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES.

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24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GREETINGS TO THE EXECUTIVE  
25 BOARD. MY NAME IS TIM, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CONCORD THANK YOU



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1 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TONIGHT. YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THE  
2 LETTER THAT WAS PROVIDED TO YOU ON BEHALF OF MY CITY COUNCIL.  
3 AT THIS TIME THE TWO DRAFT RHNA METHODOLOGIES POSE A GREAT  
4 CONCERN TO THE CITY OF CONCORD AND THE BAY AREA REGION AS WE  
5 CONTINUE TO FACE THE HOUSING SUPPLY EMERGENCY WITH ESTIMATED  
6 DEFICIT OF 3.5 MILLION UNITS. AS DISCUSSED IN OUR LETTER OF  
7 OPPOSITION, OUR CONCERNS INCLUDE BOTH 5A AND 6A INCREASE THE  
8 HOUSING ALLOCATIONS IN SUBURBAN AND RURAL AREAS OF THE REGION  
9 INSTEAD OF AREAS THAT GENERATE THE GREATEST NUMBER OF JOBS.  
10 DRIVING ALLOCATION OF UNITS TO HIGH OPPORTUNITY AREAS WOULD  
11 INCLUDE AREAS WITH SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE AND  
12 TRANSPORTATION CONSTRAINTS AND POOR PROXIMATE TO TRANSIT.  
13 ALLOCATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO IMPROVE THE JOBS/HOUSING  
14 RELATIONSHIP WITHIN THE BAY AREA REGION AS THE AREA IS  
15 CREATING THE MOST JOBS ARE NOT PRODUCING FAIR SHARE OF HOUSING  
16 UNITS. SAN MATEO COUNTY CREATED -- FOR JOBS CREATED THIS IS  
17 DRASTIC AND HAS FORCED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT INTO EASTERN  
18 CONTRA COSTA AND OTHER OUTLYING AREAS OF THE REGION. RESULT  
19 LONG DIFFICULT COMMUTES ON OVER TAXED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS  
20 AND DEGRADED QUALITY OF LIFE AS WORKERS SPEND TIME AWAY FROM  
21 HOMES AND FAMILIES THIS CONFLICTS WITH RHNA REQUIREMENTS TO  
22 IMPROVE INFILL DEVELOPMENTS AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC. WE DISCOURAGE  
23 GROWTH IN SUBURBAN AND URBAN RURAL AREAS WHERE PHYSICAL  
24 ENVIRONMENTAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRAINTS ARE LIKELY TO  
25 EXIST. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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2 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS TOM BUTT. GO AHEAD  
5 MAYOR.

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7 **SPEAKER:** HI I'M TOM BUTT MAYOR OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND AND I  
8 AM HERE TO SUPPORT USING THE PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 BASELINE  
9 DATA METHODOLOGY. I ECHO VIRTUALLY EVERYTHING THAT MAYOR  
10 MAGALLIAN JUST SAID. BACK IN AUGUST, I JOINED THE MAYORS OF 19  
11 CITIES, IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY AT THE MAYOR'S CONFERENCE, IN  
12 SENDING A LETTER TO ABAG IN SUPPORT OF THIS METHODOLOGY, AND  
13 JUST TWO DAYS AGO MY CITY COUNCIL IN RICHMOND ALSO ADOPTED THE  
14 SAME LETTER. THIS METHOD ENCOURAGES HOUSING DEVELOPMENT  
15 PROXIMATE TO JOB CENTERS WHICH WOULD TRANSIT CONGESTION  
16 HELPING TO ALLEVIATE LONG COMMUTING TIMES IT WOULD ALSO REDUCE  
17 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS CONSISTENT WITH A.B. 32, SB 375, AND  
18 THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION BAY AREA PLANNED  
19 BAY AREA 2050 POLICY FRAMEWORK. IT MAXIMIZES THE USE OF  
20 EXISTING RESOURCES AND INFRASTRUCTURE. AND I WANT TO USE MY  
21 OWN CITY AS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF AN AREA THAT CAN EASILY TAKE  
22 THIS LEVEL OF GROWTH. OUR GENERALLY PLAN 2030 ALLOWS A GROWTH  
23 OF IN EXCESS OF 30,000 PEOPLE. RICHMOND IS CENTRALLY LOCATED,  
24 WE'RE A TRANSPORTATION HUB. WE HAVE BART. WE HAVE AMTRAK  
25 CAPITAL CORRIDOR ACTUALLY IN THE SAME PLACE AS BART. WE HAVE

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1 FERRY SERVICE, AND WE'RE CRISS CROSS BY TWO FREEWAYS. WE ALSO  
2 HAVE PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT AREAS. SO, WE'RE A GREAT EXAMPLE OF  
3 AN EXISTING URBAN AREA THAT HAS THE RESOURCES AND  
4 INFRASTRUCTURE TO TAKE A LOT MORE GROWTH THAN MIGHT BE  
5 ASSIGNED UNDER ONE OF THE LESS DESIRABLE RHNA PLANS. SO THANK  
6 YOU VERY MUCH.

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8 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU TOM.

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10 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS NEWELL ARNERICH.

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12 **NEWELL ARNERICH:** HI. GOOD EVENING. I'M NEWELL ARNERICH. SIX  
13 TIME MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBER 25 YEARS IN DANVILLE. MANY OF YOU  
14 KNOW ME WELL. I AM ALSO BEEN FOR MANY YEARS WITH CONTRA COSTA  
15 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AND REPRESENT THE 19 CITIES. MANY OF  
16 YOU DON'T KNOW THAT I OWN AND MANAGE A ARCHITECTURE URBAN  
17 DESIGN PLANNING FIRM IN THE LOS ANGELES BAY AREA, HONOLULU AND  
18 FORMERLY IN LONDON. ABOUT 10,000 UNITS OF HOUSING, FROM  
19 MODULAR HOUSING, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND PARTICULARLY IN SAN  
20 FRANCISCO, HIGH-RISE 500 UNITS THAT WAS 25 PERCENT AFFORDABLE  
21 FOR VERY LOW AND LOW INCOME HOUSING. I AGREE WITH MY TWO  
22 FELLOW MAYORS IN WHAT THEY SAID. I WOULD LIKE TO ADD A  
23 PERSPECTIVE. WE FOUGHT HARD FOR THE 2050 BAY AREA PLAN. WE  
24 CHANGED OUR GENERAL PLANS. WE TOOK BEATINGS FROM OUR  
25 CONSTITUENCIES BUT WE FOUGHT THE FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT REASON.

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1 CALIFORNIA AS OF DECEMBER 31ST, 2019 HAD THREE AND A HALF  
2 YEARS HOUSING SUPPLY OF PROJECT AS I HAVE HEARD EARLIER  
3 TONIGHT THAT HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BUT YET UNBUILT.  
4 THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA, NUMBER ONE PROBLEM, WHY WE WERE  
5 TALKING ABOUT THIS IS CREATED SINGULARLY BECAUSE OF THREE  
6 COUNTIES, THREE MAJOR URBAN CENTERS, THAT BUILT JOBS OVER  
7 HOUSING. CONTRA COSTA COUNTY SPECIFICALLY HAS PROVIDED LION'S  
8 SHARE OF THE HOUSING TO SUPPORT THIS FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS.  
9 PROBLEM IS THE METHODOLOGY CALLING IT THE OLD PLAN BUT  
10 CHANGING THE RULES AND GOING BACK TO FORCING PEOPLE INTO LONG  
11 COMMUTES. I URGE YOU TO STOP. GO BACK TO WHERE WE WERE. IT  
12 MEETS OUR GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTIONS, IT REDUCES VEHICLE MILES  
13 TRAVELED BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY AS THE PROJECT I DID IN DOWNTOWN  
14 SAN FRANCISCO, THERE WERE 125 FAMILIES THAT LIVE THERE, THAT  
15 ARE IN SURFACE JOBS AND THE ADVANTAGE IS YOU CAN AFFORD TO DO  
16 THAT HOUSING THERE. THEY LIVE IN DANVILLE CALIFORNIA OR WALNUT  
17 CREEK OR OTHER PLACES LIKE THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE COMMUTING  
18 TO THOSE PLACES AND CANNOT AFFORD TO DO THAT. I URGE YOU TO  
19 LOOK AT THOSE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE SETTLED ON. THANK  
20 YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND I WOULD BE GLAD TO TALK TO ANY  
21 OF YOU ONE-ON-ONE. THANK YOU.

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23 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO OTHER ATTENDEES WITH THEIR  
2 HANDS RAISED. AND FIVE PUBLIC COMMENT LETTERS WERE RECEIVED,  
3 E-MAILED, AND POSTED.

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5 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO  
6 ACKNOWLEDGE, I READ ALL THE LETTERS. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE  
7 COMMENTS IN THE TRI-VALLEY CITIES FROM CITY IN CONTRA COSTA  
8 COUNTY, CITY IN SONOMA, SAN MATEO COUNTY. I THINK THIS HAS  
9 BEEN A GOOD DISCUSSION. WE HAVE A LOT TO TRY TO RESOLVE. I'LL  
10 JUST ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS COMMITTEE IS MADE UP OF A VARIETY  
11 OF STAKEHOLDERS, NOT ALL OF THEM ARE ELECTED OFFICIALS. AND  
12 YOU KNOW, OUR PERSPECTIVE IS DIFFERENT IN THAT WE HAVE TO  
13 PERMIT THESE PROJECTS. AND PLAN FOR THE GROWTH. SO, I WILL  
14 CERTAINLY COMMUNICATE SOME OF WHAT I HEARD FROM THE EXECUTIVE  
15 BOARD, TOMORROW MORNING. AND YOU KNOW, ENCOURAGE, IF YOU'RE  
16 INTERESTED, TO FOLLOW. AND I THINK WE'RE GOING TO BE TAKING  
17 THIS UP NEXT MONTH. RIGHT? SO, AT THE END OF THE DAY THE BUCK  
18 STOPS WITH US. WE MAKE THE DECISION. I THINK WE NEED TO  
19 RECONCILE THESE VARIOUS ISSUES, THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS AS  
20 WELL AS OUR BROADER REGIONAL GOALS ON ENSURING A GREATER  
21 CONCENTRATION OF HOUSING NEAR JOBS AND VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED.  
22 THANK YOU ALL FOR THE GOOD DISCUSSION THIS IS AN INFORMATION  
23 REPORT. WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO ITEM TEN ABAG REGIONAL PLANNING  
24 COMMITTEE REPORT. AND DIRECTOR MITCHOFF WILL GIVE THE REPORT.

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1    **DAVID E. HUDSON:** YOU'RE MUTED KAREN.

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3    **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** YOU'RE CURRENTLY MUTED.

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5    **KAREN MITCHOFF:** THANK YOU. I JUST CLOSED MY LINK ACCIDENTALLY.

6    SO IF YOU CAN GIVE ME JUST A MOMENT HERE, I WILL GET IT BACK

7    UP. I MEAN, WHAT A FOOL. SO SORRY FOLKS. Hmm... WHERE ARE YOU.

8    FRED? NO. FRED SENT ME SO MANY THINGS. I'M TRYING TO BRING IT

9    UP. I AM SO, SO SORRY. I CANNOT BELIEVE I DID. WHERE ARE YOU?

10

11    **WAYNE LEE:** IT HAPPENS TO THE BEST OF US.

12

13    **KAREN MITCHOFF:** I KNOW. BUT PEOPLE'S TIME IS IMPORTANT. AND I

14    KEEP SEEING --

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16    **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** KAREN, I CAN DISPLAY IT ON THE

17    SCREEN IF YOU JUST WANT TO READ IT FROM THE SCREEN.

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19    **KAREN MITCHOFF:** IF YOU WOULD THANK YOU.

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21    **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** I CAN SHARE THE SCREEN.

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23    **KAREN MITCHOFF:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH JESSE.

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25    **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** NO PROBLEM.

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2 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. ABAG REGIONAL PLANNING  
3 COMMITTEE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 17TH, WE MET AS A COMMITTEE  
4 LAST WEEK ON SEPTEMBER 10TH. COMMITTEE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING  
5 REPORTS. PLANNED BAY AREA 2050, THE FINAL BLUEPRINT SUMMER  
6 2020 ENGAGEMENT AND PROPOSED REVISIONS. STAFF PRESENTED A  
7 SUMMARY OF SUMMER 2020 PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 BLUEPRINT  
8 ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS, KEY FEEDBACK RECEIVED TO INFORM THE FINAL  
9 BLUEPRINT AND PROPOSED REVISIONS TO STRATEGIES AND GROWTH  
10 GEOGRAPHIES FOR FINAL PHASE OF ANALYSIS. INTENT OF THIS  
11 ENGAGEMENT WAS TO SEEK FEEDBACK -- WHOOPS GO BACK DOWN A  
12 LITTLE BIT. THANK YOU. -- FOR THE BAY AREA -- OOPS -- OH I'M  
13 SORRY. YOU HAD IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME. TO SEEK FEEDBACK ON  
14 THE STRATEGIES AND POTENTIAL GROWTHS FROM THE DRAFT BLUEPRINT  
15 FOLLOWED BY REVISIONS TO STRATEGY AND GROWTH GEOGRAPHIES FOR  
16 THE FINAL BLUEPRINT ANALYSIS THIS FALL. FIVE MAJOR CHALLENGES  
17 WERE NOT FULLY ADDRESSED IN THE FIRST PHASE OF BLUEPRINT  
18 PLANNING FEEDBACK THIS SUMMER FOCUSED ON OVERCOMING CHARGES  
19 RELATED TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING, CONGESTION AND TRANSIT  
20 OVERCROWDING, DISPLACEMENT RISK, GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND  
21 JOBS/HOUSING IMBALANCE IN THE FINAL BLUEPRINT PHASE. WE  
22 RECEIVED AN UPDATE ON THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION.  
23 STAFF SUMMARIZED WORK DONE BY THE HOUSING METHODOLOGY  
24 COMMITTEE, WHICH HAS BEEN MEETING SINCE -- MONTHLY -- I'M  
25 SORRY SINCE OCTOBER 2019HMC WILL FINALIZE RECOMMENDED ABOUT

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1 PROPOSED RHNA METHODOLOGY AT ITS FINAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER  
2 18TH FOR THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING IN OCTOBER  
3 AND PROPOSE THE RECOMMENDED METHODOLOGY IN DECEMBER AND STAFF  
4 WILL RELEASE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS CONCLUDES MY REPORT AND  
5 I WOULD MOVE ITS ACCEPTANCE.

6

7 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** I DON'T BELIEVE WE NEED A MOTION.

8

9 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** THANK YOU JESSE. YOU HAD MENTIONED THAT  
10 EARLIER.

11

12 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** IT'S FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES. BUT  
13 NOW WE'LL OPEN IT UP FOR QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM IT THE  
14 EXECUTIVE BOARD ON THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT. IF  
15 SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE. OKAY. DO I NOT  
16 SEE ANY RAISED HANDS FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. SO, WE WILL NOW  
17 TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT.  
18 IF THERE IS ANY PUBLIC COMMENT PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS  
19 STAR NINE. AND I DON'T SEE ANY RAISED HANDS. MR. CASTRO? WERE  
20 THERE ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM

21

22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NONE FOR THIS ITEM.

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24 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** OKAY THANK YOU. THAT COMPLETES ITEM  
25 TEN. ABAG REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT. WE'LL MOVE TO



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1 ITEM 11 ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT. AND THERE IS TWO  
2 PARTS. MY REPORT AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO GO TO THE ACTION  
3 ITEM. WHICH IS THE APPROVAL OF THE PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 FINAL  
4 BLUEPRINT. SO, THIS IS THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE  
5 REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2020. ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE  
6 MET JOINTLY WITH THE MTC PLANNING COMMITTEE ON SEPTEMBER 11TH,  
7 2020 AND THE COMMITTEE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING REPORTS.  
8 RECEIVED A REPORT ON PLANNED BAY AREA 2050, FINAL BLUEPRINT,  
9 THE SUMMER 2020 ENGAGEMENT AND PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE  
10 BLUEPRINT. STAFF PRESENTED ON THE PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 FINAL  
11 BLUEPRINT SUMMER ENGAGEMENT REPORT TO THE JOINT MEETING OF THE  
12 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE. AND THIS WAS  
13 ALSO PRESENTED TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE AS WELL. WE  
14 ALSO RECEIVED A REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF A STATISTICALLY VALID  
15 POLL ON PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 TO PROVIDE INPUT ON PUBLIC  
16 PRIORITIES AND PUBLIC REGIONAL ISSUES AS WELL AS STRATEGIES  
17 PROPOSED. AND LASTLY WE RECEIVED A REPORT AND TOOK ACTION ON  
18 ABAG RESOLUTION 162020. PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 FINAL BLUEPRINT.  
19 THIS CONCLUDES THE COMMITTEE REPORT. SO, ARE THERE ANY  
20 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE  
21 REPORT? IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE. OKAY.  
22 IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE  
23 REPORT KNOWING WE'LL GET TO PLANNED BAY AREA SHORTLY. NONE.  
24 WRITTEN COMMENTS MR. CASTRO?  
25

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NONE.

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3 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU. WE'LL NOW GO TO THE  
4 ACTION ITEM WHICH IS ITEM 11B ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 162020  
5 APPROVAL OF THE PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 FINAL BLUEPRINT. THIS IS  
6 AN ACTION ITEM. AND DAVE VAUTIN WILL GIVE THE REPORT AND  
7 PRESENTATION. >DAVE VAUTIN: GOOD EVENING DAVE VAUTIN AGAIN  
8 FROM THE MTC ABAG STAFF. I WOULD ASK THAT THE TECHNICAL TEAM  
9 BRING UP THE SHORT SLIDE DECK WE HAVE FOR THIS EVENING. THANK  
10 YOU. TODAY, WE'RE PLEASED TO SHARE THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION  
11 FOR THE REVISED STRATEGIES GROWTH GEOGRAPHIES AND FINAL  
12 REGIONAL GROWTH FORECAST FOR PLANNED BAY AREA 2050'S FINAL  
13 BLUEPRINT. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE INFORMED BY THE SUMMER  
14 2020 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT THAT CONNECTED WITH THOUSANDS OF  
15 RESIDENTS AND GENERATED THOUSANDS OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AS WELL.  
16 HOPEFULLY YOU ALL HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE LONGER VERSION  
17 OF THE PRESENTATION, WHICH WAS GIVEN BOTH AT THE ABAG REGIONAL  
18 PLANNING COMMITTEE AND THE JOINT MTC ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE  
19 COMMITTEES LAST WEEK. MATERIALS FROM THOSE MEETINGS ARE  
20 INCLUDED IN YOUR PACKET FOR REFERENCE. BUT THIS EVENING WE'RE  
21 GOING TO TOUCH UPON HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION  
22 AND THEN WE'LL ASK FOR YOUR APPROVAL OF THE STRATEGIES AND  
23 GROWTH GEOGRAPHIES FOR THE FINAL BLUEPRINT AND REGIONAL GROWTH  
24 FORECAST THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY REQUESTED ACTION AT THE  
25 COMMISSION NEXT WEEK AS WELL. NEXT SLIDE. TODAY'S MILESTONE IS

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1 ROUGHLY TWO AND A HALF YEARS IN THE MAKING. AND IT REFLECTS  
2 THE COMBINED SKILLS OF THE INTEGRATED MTC ABAG STAFF WITH OVER  
3 20 PLANNERS, OUTREACH PROFESSIONALS, MODELERS AND MORE WHO  
4 HELPED GET US TO THIS POINT. AFTER SPENDING 18 MONTHS WORKING  
5 TO PINPOINT RESILIENT AND EQUITABLE STRATEGIES THROUGH THE  
6 HORIZON PLANNING PROCESS WHERE WE EXPLORED UNCERTAINTY AND THE  
7 FUTURE OF THE BAY AREA WE FOCUSED ON DRAFTING THE DRAFT  
8 BLUEPRINT A PACKAGE OF 25 STRATEGIES ACROSS THE FOUR ELEMENTS  
9 OF THE PLANNED BAY AREA 2050, TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, THE  
10 ECONOMY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT. AFTER THE APPROVAL OF THE  
11 STRATEGIES AND GROWTH GEOGRAPHIES FOR ANALYSIS IN FEBRUARY, BY  
12 BOTH THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND THE COMMISSION, WE SPENT THE  
13 SPRING ANALYZING THE POTENTIAL OUTCOMES, IN ADDITION UPDATING  
14 THE REGIONAL GROWTH FORECAST TO ACCOUNT FOR THOSE IMPORTANT  
15 COVID AND RECESSION RELATED IMPACTS. NEXT SLIDE. THIS SUMMER,  
16 WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THE FORECASTED OUTCOMES WITH  
17 THE PUBLIC, SEEK INPUT ON WAYS TO ADD, MODIFY, AND REMOVE  
18 STRATEGIES IN ADVANCE EFFORT FINAL BLUEPRINT, ALL OF THIS WITH  
19 THE GOAL OF MOVING CLOSER TOWARDS A PLAN THAT ACHIEVES THE  
20 VISION OF A MORE AFFORDABLE, CONNECTED, DIVERSE, HEALTHY, AND  
21 VIBRANT REGION FOR ALL BAY AREA RESIDENTS. AND NOW, HERE WE  
22 ARE IN SEPTEMBER 2020, READY TO DIVE INTO THE ANALYSIS, READY  
23 TO DIVE INTO THE ANALYSIS OF THE FINAL BLUEPRINT DRIVEN BY THE  
24 VOICES OF THE BAY AREA'S DIVERSE COMMUNITIES WITH A SET OF NEW  
25 AND EXPANDED STRATEGIES. NOW IT'S ESSENTIAL TO REMEMBER THAT

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1 THIS IS NOT THE FINAL ACTION ON PLANNED BAY AREA 2050, AS  
2 THESE GOLD STARS INDICATE, THAT WILL OCCUR ROUGHLY ONE YEAR  
3 FROM NOW WHEN THE FINAL PLAN DOCUMENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
4 REPORT AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN ARE PUBLISHED. BUT THIS IS  
5 INDEED A CRITICAL MILESTONE THAT WILL INFORM THE FINAL  
6 BLUEPRINT OUTCOMES WE'LL BRING FORWARD AT THE END OF 2020. AND  
7 AT THAT POINT, WE WILL ASK FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION TO ADVANCE  
8 THE FINAL BLUEPRINT INTO THE EIR AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE  
9 FOR PLANNED BAY AREA 2050. LASTLY YOU WILL NOTE THE GRAY BARS  
10 IN THE TIMELINE ON THE BOTTOM. THAT INDICATES THE RHNA PROCESS  
11 SCHEDULE, WHICH WE JUST WERE DISCUSSING EARLIER AND WHICH WILL  
12 BE THE TOPIC OF MUCH CONVERSATION IN THE NEXT MONTH AND MORE.  
13 OF COURSE RHNA MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH PLANNED BAY AREA 2050,  
14 AND I'LL TOUCH ON THIS AT THE END OF THE PRESENTATION TODAY.  
15 NEXT SLIDE. SO AS I NOTED, THE PROPOSED ACTION IN THE  
16 RESOLUTION BEFORE YOU WILL ENABLE US TO STUDY A MORE EQUITABLE  
17 AND RESILIENT PACKAGE OF STRATEGIES THAN EVER BEFORE, CUTTING  
18 ACROSS THE FOUR ELEMENTS OF PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 SHOWN ON THE  
19 SCREEN. IN YOUR PACKET, YOU WILL FIND ATTACHMENTS FROM THE  
20 COMMITTEE MEETING LABELED GH AND I. THAT INCLUDE THE STRATEGY  
21 REVISIONS REFRESHED GROWTH GEOGRAPHIES AND THE REFRESHED FINAL  
22 GROWTH FORECAST TAKEN TOGETHER THESE REFINEMENTS WILL ENABLE  
23 US TO ADDRESS WHAT WE CALL THE BIG FIVE CHALLENGES PRESENTED  
24 IN THE JULY PRESENTATION. INSUFFICIENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING,  
25 CONGESTION AND TRANSIT CROWDING, DISPLACEMENT RISK,

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1 JOBS/HOUSING IMBALANCE AND CLIMATE EMISSIONS. AND IT WILL  
2 CARRY FORWARD THE AREAS OF SUCCESS FROM THE DRAFT BLUEPRINT  
3 INTO THE FINAL. THIS INCLUDES THINGS LIKE PROTECTING ALMOST  
4 ALL HOMES FROM SEA LEVEL RISE OVER THE NEXT THREE DECADES AND  
5 REDUCING TRANSIT COST FOR OUR LOW INCOME POPULATIONS WITH  
6 MEANS-BASED POLICIES. IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT THE  
7 STRATEGIES IN THE PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 CONTEXT ARE NOT  
8 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY PROPOSALS OR NEAR TERM POLICY  
9 PRESCRIPTIONS. THEY ARE IDEAS. THEY ARE IDEAS FOR CITIES AND  
10 COUNTIES, THE REGION, AND THE STATE TO COLLABORATIVELY ADVANCE  
11 OVER THE THREE DECADES AHEAD. AND WE'LL EXPLORE MORE OF THOSE  
12 NEAR TERM ACTIONS AS PART OF THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN PHASE OF  
13 PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 WHICH WILL HAPPEN STARTING THIS FALL. SO  
14 YOUR ACTION TODAY WILL ENABLE US TO FURTHER STUDY POLICY IDEAS  
15 TO DEMONSTRATE HOW WE CAN MOVE THE NEEDLE FURTHER AS A REGION.  
16 NEXT SLIDE. THIS SLIDE SUMMARIZES THE STRATEGIES INCLUDED IN  
17 THE PACKET FOR THIS EVENING. IF YOU RECALL FROM THE  
18 PRESENTATION GIVEN TO THE VARIOUS ABAG COMMITTEES THIS MONTH  
19 THAT THERE IS A SET OF STRATEGY REVISIONS TO TACKLE EACH OF  
20 THOSE BIG FIVE CHALLENGES. IN PRIORITY ORDER BASED ON PUBLIC  
21 FEEDBACK, PRIORITIZING, ADDRESSING HOUSING FIRST AS WELL AS  
22 CLIMATE EMISSIONS, CONGESTION AND TRANSIT CROWDING,  
23 JOBS/HOUSING IMBALANCE AND OF COURSE DISPLACEMENT RISK. FINAL  
24 BLUEPRINT BUILDS ON THE FOUNDATION OF THE DRAFT BLUEPRINT WITH  
25 NEW AND EXPANDED STRATEGIES WITH THE SAME FOCUS OF EQUITY AND

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1 RESILIENCE. THAT BRINGS USES FROM 25 STRATEGIES IN THE DRAFT  
2 TO A TOTAL OF 35 STRATEGY IN THE FINAL VERSION OF THE  
3 BLUEPRINT. THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING  
4 HIGHLIGHTS IN TERMS OF REVISIONS FROM THE VERSION YOU APPROVED  
5 IN FEBRUARY. SO KEY REVISIONS FROM FEBRUARY ON TRANSPORTATION  
6 INCLUDE THINGS LIKE NEW COMMUNITY LEAD TRANSPORTATION  
7 PROGRAMS. UPGRADES TO TIMES TRANSFER HUBS TO FURTHER EXPAND A  
8 SEAMLESS NETWORK OF TRANSPORTATION ACROSS OF THE BAY AREA.  
9 MORE THAN \$100 BILLION IN NEW INVESTMENT IN A NEXT GENERATION  
10 TRANSIT NETWORK, INCLUDING NEW BUS RAPID TRANSIT LINES AND  
11 EXPRESS BUSES THAT CONNECT EVERY BAY AREA COUNTY. NEW SOUTH  
12 BAY RAIL LINES, A NEW TRANSBAY RAIL CROSSING VALLEY LINK  
13 SERVICE TO SERVE THE TRI-VALLEY AND BEYOND THEN THOUSAND OR  
14 MORE MILES OF BICYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE AND HIGH IMPROVEMENTS IN  
15 KEY BOTTLENECK THAT WILL GET US TO MEET OUR CLIMATE GOALS.  
16 FINAL BLUEPRINT EXPANDS THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE  
17 HOUSING PRESERVATION AND PRODUCTION. INCLUDES TARGETED  
18 MORTGAGE AND RENTAL ASSISTANCE STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THE  
19 LEGACY OF RACIAL EXCLUSION IN SOME OF OUR COMMUNITIES ACROSS  
20 THE REGION, AS WELL AS COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS AND OTHER  
21 INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO PRODUCE AND PRESERVE MORE AFFORDABLE  
22 HOUSING FASTER. AND ALL COMBINED THOSE STRATEGIES CAN HELP US  
23 MOVE THE NEEDLE EVEN FURTHER ON OUR EQUITY AND AFFORDABLE  
24 GOALS. WHEN IT COMES TO THE ENVIRONMENT -- WHEN IT COMES TO  
25 THE ECONOMY ELEMENT OF THE PLAN, SOME HIGHLIGHTED REVISIONS

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1 INCLUDE THINGS LIKE A UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME ON THE STATE  
2 LEVEL. NEW JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS, INTERNET SUBSIDIES TO HELP  
3 SUPPORT TELECOMMUTING AND OTHER SORTS OF DIGITAL SCHOOLS AND  
4 OTHER THINGS LIKE THAT. AND NEW INFRASTRUCTURE FOR INDUSTRIAL  
5 LANDS. ALL OF WHICH COMBINED, AGAIN, ARE SUPPOSED TO HELP US  
6 BETTER ADVANCE ECONOMIC MOBILITY AND SHIFT THE LOCATION OF  
7 JOBS AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST IN ENVIRONMENT ELEMENTS KEY  
8 REFINEMENTS MADE IMPROVEMENTS TO SEA LEVEL RISE EXPANSIONS  
9 EXPANSION TO BUILDING RETROFIT TO ADDRESS THE CARBON EMISSIONS  
10 FROM PUBLIC BUILDINGS EXPANDING FOR NEW AND MODERNIZED PARKS  
11 AS WELL AS BOLD NEW CLIMATE INITIATIVES FROM TELECOMMUTING  
12 TARGETS TO EXPANDS ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUBSIDIES TO APARTMENT  
13 BUILDINGS ALL WHICH CAN HELP US ADVANCE THE KEY CLIMATE GOALS.  
14 IN TOTAL THE FINAL BLUEPRINT SUMS TO \$1.4 TRILLION OVER THE 30  
15 YEAR HORIZON AND IT REQUIRES NEW REVENUES ESPECIALLY FOR  
16 HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE REG'S ENVIRONMENT TO  
17 TACKLE OUR BIG PROBLEMS. MANY NEW AND EXPANDED STRATEGIES  
18 PAIRED WITH THE STRATEGY WE CARRIED FORWARD WITH HORIZON IN  
19 THE DRAFT BLUEPRINT WILL ALLOW THE PLAN TO MOVER FORWARD WITH  
20 ADOPTED VISION TO CONNECT A HEALTHY AND VIBRANT COMMUNITY FOR  
21 ALL. WHILE THE STRATEGIES WERE THE PRIMARY AREA OF VISION  
22 SINCE THE DRAFT BLUEPRINT WE'RE ASKING FOR APPROVAL OF THE  
23 FINAL GROWTH GEOGRAPHIES FOR HOUSING AND JOB GROWTH. WE HAVE  
24 INTEGRATED PDAS ADOPTED BY ABAG BOARD IN JULY AS WELL AS 2020  
25 DATA FOR THE TRANSIT-RICH AND HIGH RESOURCE AREAS AS WELL.

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1 THIS MORE BALANCED GROWTH PATTERN IN THE BLUEPRINT HAS HELPED  
2 LINE BOTH CLIMATE AND EQUITY GOALS AS WELL. AND THE  
3 RECOMMENDATION WE ARE BRINGING FORWARD TODAY REALLY JUST  
4 REAFFIRMS THE FEBRUARY 2020 DEFINITION OF GROWTH GEOGRAPHIES  
5 USING THE LATEST AVAILABLE DATA. AGAIN, SIMILAR TO THE  
6 RECOMMENDATION IN FEBRUARY, THIS PROTECTS AREAS OUTSIDE URBAN  
7 GROWTH BOUNDARIES AND IN UNMITIGATED HIGH HAZARD AREAS FROM  
8 FUTURE GROWTH. AND IT FOCUSES THAT FUTURE GROWTH, INSTEAD IN  
9 DOWNTOWNS AND MAIN STREETS ACROSS THE BAY AREA. NEXT SLIDE.  
10 WE'RE ALSO ASKING FOR APPROVAL OF THE FINAL REGIONAL GROWTH  
11 FORECAST WHICH INCLUDES ADJUSTMENTS FOR COVID-19 AND THE 2020  
12 RECESSION. WE PREVIOUSLY SHARED THIS SLIDE AND MATERIAL IN  
13 JULY. AND IT INTEGRATED A SIGNIFICANT EMPLOYMENT REDUCTION IN  
14 THE YEAR 2020 WELL AS PROLONGED RECOVERY OVER THE DECADE AHEAD  
15 COMPARED TO THE STATUS QUO FORECAST. WE HAVE RECEIVED NO  
16 COMMENTS ON THE FORECAST THIS SUMMER WHEN IT WAS OUT FOR  
17 FEEDBACK IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR BUILDING SETTLE WE ARE ASKING  
18 TO MOVE FORWARD AT THIS TIME SO WE CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH THE  
19 PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 PROCESS. WHAT'S NEXT FOR PLANNED BAY  
20 AREA 2050. THERE ARE MILESTONES AHEAD. THIS INCLUDES THE FINAL  
21 BLUEPRINT ANALYSIS THAT WILL STRETCH THROUGH THE REST OF THE  
22 YEAR ALSO INCLUDES EIR SCOPING AN ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT  
23 THAT WILL HAPPEN OVER THE COURSE OF THE FALL AND WE LOOK  
24 FORWARD TO KICKING OFF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT OF THIS  
25 LAST YEAR OF PLANNED BAY AREA 2050, THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN



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1 WHICH WILL FOCUS ON THE NEXT FIVE YEARS OF ACTIONS MTC AND  
2 ABAG CAN TAKE TO SUPPORT THESE 35 STRATEGY GOING FORWARD. WE  
3 WILL LOOK FORWARD ON BRINGING BACK THE FINAL BLUEPRINT  
4 ANALYSIS IN DECEMBER OF THIS YEAR AS WELL AS THE SPRING 2021  
5 RELEASE OF THE DRAFT PLAN AND THE FALL 2021 SLATED APPROVAL OF  
6 THE FINAL PLANNED BAY AREA 2050. NEXT SLIDE. ONE WAY THE PLAN  
7 CAN BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE REAL-WORLD IS THROUGH THE REGIONAL  
8 HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION PROCESS THAT HAS COME UP A NUMBER OF  
9 TIMES THIS EVENING. HMC HAS CONSIDERED WHAT ROLE IF ANY THE  
10 BLUEPRINT SHOULD PLAY IN THE RHNA PROCESS, AND IN AUGUST THEY  
11 CAME TO A CONSENSUS THAT THE 2050 HOUSEHOLD PROJECTIONS FROM  
12 THE BLUEPRINT COULD BE USED AN A STARTING POINT FOR THE RHNA  
13 METHODOLOGY. THIS IS A COMPROMISE FROM THE 2050ING 2019  
14 HOUSEHOLDS AND GROWTH SUMMING THOSE TOGETHER TO CREATE A  
15 BASELINE FOR RHNA WHEREAS THE PLAN FOCUSES ON THE HIGH LEVEL  
16 30 YEARS PROJECTIONS AT THE COUNTY AND SUBCOUNTY LEVELS RHNA  
17 REALLY DELVES INTO THE -- AND THE FINAL BLUEPRINT CAN  
18 INCORPORATE INTO THE FINAL DRAFT METHODOLOGY INCORPORATED THIS  
19 FALL. NEXT SLIDE. THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE HOW  
20 PUBLIC FEEDBACK INTEGRATED INTO THE WIDE RANGING SET OF  
21 REVISIONS FOR THE FINAL BLUEPRINT. THERE IS A LOT MORE  
22 MATERIAL AVAILABLE IN YOUR PACKET AND OF COURSE WE'RE HAPPY TO  
23 TAKE QUESTIONS ON ANY OF THESE ITEMS. WE'RE ASKING AGAIN FOR  
24 APPROVAL OF ABAG 16-2020 WHICH PROVES STRATEGIES GROWTH

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1 GEOGRAPHIES AND REGIONAL GROWTH FORECAST AS RECOMMENDED BY THE  
2 COMMITTEE.

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4 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU FOR  
5 THE EXCELLENT WORK OUR STAFF AT ABAG AND MTC HAVE DONE OVER  
6 THE PAST YEAR. WE HAVE HAD A ROBUST PUBLIC OUTREACH PROCESS.  
7 AND JUST THE CALIBER OF WORK AND ANALYSIS THAT'S BEEN DONE IS  
8 EXCEPTIONAL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SO, I SEE A NUMBER OF  
9 DIRECTORS HAVE RAISED THEIR HANDS FOR QUESTIONS AND  
10 COMMENTS. I GUESS FIRST I'LL ASK, BEFORE WE GO TO DISCUSSION,  
11 I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSION TO ADOPT  
12 RESOLUTION NUMBER 162020.

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14 **WAYNE LEE:** I SO MOVE.

15

16 **JAKE MACKENZIE:** SECOND.

17

18 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** MOTION AND SECOND. DIRECTOR LEE?

19

20 **WAYNE LEE:** I WANT TO COMMENT ON THE WORK STAFF HAS DONE IT'S  
21 PHENOMENAL. THANKS FOR YOUR EXPERTISE. YOU HAVE ANSWERED ALL  
22 OF OUR QUESTIONS VERY PROFESSIONALLY, AND VERY DETAILED. I  
23 KNOW IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH DIFFERENT IDEAS AND  
24 DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES. SO AGAIN WE WANT TO LET YOU KNOW WE  
25 APPRECIATE YOUR WORK.

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2 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DIRECTOR  
3 HALLIDAY?

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5 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** WELL I WANT TO COMPLIMENT STAFF TOO, AND  
6 EVERYBODY WHO WORK, THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO WORK ON THIS.  
7 THERE IS A LOT HERE. A LOT OF GREAT THINGS THAT MAKE ME  
8 EXCITED. ESPECIALLY AROUND -- WELL, A LOT OF THINGS, BUT I'LL  
9 JUST CALL OUT, YOU KNOW I'M LOOKING AT MY NOTES SO I DON'T  
10 KNOW -- HIGH SPEED INTERNET TO SERVE LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES  
11 HAS BECOME REALLY PARENT DURING THIS COVID PERIOD. AND ALSO  
12 STRATEGIES TO HELP CITIES ATTRACT NEW INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.  
13 AND THE SUPPORT FOR THE SEISMIC ENERGY AND WATER IMPROVEMENTS,  
14 THAT'S ALL REALLY NEEDED. THERE IS JUST A WHOLE LOT OF GOOD  
15 STUFF. THERE ARE TWO THINGS THAT REALLY JUMPED OUT AT ME AS --  
16 WELL, THAT I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW IT WOULD EVEN WORK. AND  
17 THE FIRST ONE IS THE MANDATE TO -- A MANDATE THAT 60 PERCENT  
18 OF THE WORKERS IN -- I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER HOW IT WAS  
19 DESCRIBED, BUT I GUESS IN OFFICE TYPE BUSINESSES, WORK FROM  
20 HOME ON A DAILY BASIS. THAT JUST SEEMS REALLY OVERBEARING AND  
21 DOESN'T TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION NEEDS OF EMPLOYERS. I MEAN IT  
22 SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEADACHE  
23 FOR EMPLOYERS. WHILE EMPLOYERS CERTAINLY ARE DOING THIS AND  
24 HAVE BEEN SINCE THE LATE 90S HAVING PEOPLE WORK FROM HOME FOR  
25 ECONOMIC REASONS OF THEIR OWN LONG BEFORE COVID CAME ALONG, I

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1 WORKED FOR A COMPANY THAT IN THE LATE 1990S SENT A WHOLE BUNCH  
2 OF ITS WORKERS TO HOME AND MADE THEM MAKE A RESERVATION FOR A  
3 CUBICLE WHEN THEY WANTED TO COME INTO AN OFFICE. THEY'RE DOING  
4 THAT, AND I THINK THAT MANDATE IS SOMETHING THAT WILL BE  
5 DIFFICULT FOR SOME TO COMPLY WITH, AND I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU  
6 MAKE SUCH A MANDATE WHO VOTES ON THAT. AND THE OTHER ONE IS  
7 THIS STATE -- THE GUARANTEED INCOME -- GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME  
8 OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS A MONTH THAT IS REPLACING A STRATEGY  
9 THAT WOULD HELP FAMILIES THAT NEED HELP AND SUPPORT FOR CHILD  
10 CARE. AND THAT JUST MAKES ABSOLUTELY NO SENSE TO ME. I DON'T -  
11 - I AM REALLY NOT A FAN EVER SENDING MONEY TO EVERYBODY, FOR  
12 ANY REASON. I WASN'T A FAN IN THE CARES ACT OF THAT. SO MANY  
13 PEOPLE DIDN'T NEED THAT MONEY, WHEREAS OTHERS NEEDED MUCH  
14 MORE, AND I'M -- I THINK WE NEED TO TARGET HELP. AND HELPING  
15 FAMILIES WITH CHILD CARE DEFINITELY HELPS THEM, YOU KNOW, WITH  
16 LIVING EXPENSES, PAYING FOR THEIR APARTMENT SO THOSE ARE THE  
17 TWO THINGS I JUST DON'T AGREE WITH AND HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT  
18 WHY -- FIRST OF ALL, HOW YOU WORK THE MANDATE FOR EMPLOYERS,  
19 AND THEN -- IS THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE A STATE ACTION ANYWAY. SO  
20 HOW CAN WE PUT INTO OUR PLAN SOMETHING THAT HAS TO BE DONE AT  
21 THE STATE LEVEL. SO THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS, BUT OTHERWISE,  
22 ASIDE FROM THAT JUST GREAT WORK AND A LOT OF GOOD THINGS IN  
23 HERE. >DAVE VAUTIN: THANK YOU FOR THOSE QUESTIONS. I THINK I  
24 KIND OF WANT TO BREAK MY RESPONSE INTO TWO PARTS BECAUSE THERE  
25 IS THE STRATEGY, THE IDEAS WE'RE PUTTING INTO THE PLAN, RIGHT,

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1 IS THEN THERE'S THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THEM AND HOW WE'RE GOING  
2 TO EXPLORE THAT. LET ME DELVE INTO THE TELECOMMUTING STRATEGY  
3 OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE A HIGH CLIMATE TARGET THAT WE'RE TRYING TO  
4 ACHIEVE IN THIS PLAN AND WE WANTED TO ENGAGE WITH COMMUNITIES  
5 AND ASK THEM WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND TO HELP US GET TO THAT GOAL  
6 AND WHAT WAS UP THERE ALONG WITH ELECTRIFICATION OF OUR  
7 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IS SIGNIFICANT POLICY SHIFTS ON  
8 TELECOMMUTING. WE LOOKED AT COUNTIES IN THE BAY AREA AND  
9 POLLED THE AREA OF A TELECOMMUTING REQUIREMENT. AND THE POLL  
10 OF THAT IS 70 TO 80 PERCENT IN EVERY BAY AREA COUNTY AND WHEN  
11 WE DID OUR PUBLIC WORKSHOPS AS WELL WE GOT THE SAME SORT OF  
12 RESPONSE EVEN AS WE SPECIFICALLY SAID THE LEVELS OF TARGETING  
13 TELECOMMUTING THAT WE ARE TRYING TO WORK TOWARDS. THAT'S A  
14 TARGET FOR 2035 THAT WE WOULD BE WORKING TOWARDS IN OUR  
15 PLANNING IT'S NOT TO SAY PEOPLE WILL BE REMOTE WORKING EVERY  
16 DAY OF THE WEEK IT WOULD BE REFLECTIVE OF A POST COVID OFFICE  
17 ENVIRONMENT WHERE YOU DO GO IN A FEW DAYS A WEEK AND ALSO WORK  
18 FROM HOME A FEW DAYS OF WEEK. THAT'S THE THOUGHT PROCESS  
19 BEHIND THAT STRATEGY IT SEEMS TO BE A RELATIVELY POPULAR TO  
20 GET TO SOME OF OUR CLIMATE GOALS. ON THE BASIC UNIVERSAL  
21 INCOME THIS HAS GOTTEN BUZZ IN THE LAST FEW YEARS AND WE  
22 SCORED IN MORE DETAIL IN THE HORIZON INITIATIVE AND BROUGHT IT  
23 BACK TO TRY TO ADDRESS BETTER THE INCOME EQUALITY ISSUES WE  
24 SAW IN THE DRAFT BLUEPRINT. SO THAT'S WHERE THOSE TWO  
25 STRATEGIES REALLY CAME INTO THE MIX. IMPLEMENTATION QUESTIONS

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1 ARE KEY. DON'T GET ME WRONG. THERE ARE MANY OF OUR STRATEGY  
2 THAT WILL REQUIRE ENABLING LEGISLATION AT THE STATE LEVEL, IF  
3 YOU WANTED TO OPERATIONALIZE THEM. AND THAT'S WHY THESE  
4 STRATEGY ARE NOT THINGS FOR TOMORROW OR FOR NEXT YEAR. THEY'RE  
5 THINGS THAT IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN WE CAN CONTINUE TO  
6 REFINE AND EXPLORE. IS FIGURE OUT WHAT ARE THOSE NEXT STEPS,  
7 WHAT ARE THE PUZZLE PIECES WE HAVE TO PUT TOGETHER IN ORDER TO  
8 MAKE INCREMENTAL PROCESS TOWARDS THESE LONG-TERM GOALS.

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10 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** IF I COULD JUST TO ADD TO WHAT DAVE SAID,  
11 THERESE MCMILLAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. I THINK IT'S ALSO, AGAIN,  
12 THE STRATEGIES BEING A DIRECTION ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THERE IS A  
13 WHOLE HOST OF CONTINUING DISCUSSION AND POLICY DECISIONS AND  
14 PARTNERSHIPS THAT WOULD NEED TO BE DONE TO CREATE THEM. BUT I  
15 ALSO WANT TO UNDERSCORE THE FACT THAT MANY -- THAT IT'S  
16 IMPORTANT TO VIEW THESE STRATEGIES AS A COMPENDIUM, NOT JUST  
17 SEPARATE. SO I BELIEVE BOARD MEMBER HALLIDAY, YOU HAD  
18 IDENTIFIED THE -- AND/OR PERHAPS IT WAS SOMEONE ELSE, BUT THE  
19 POINT IS, THE NEED TO INVEST SIGNIFICANTLY IN PROVIDING THE  
20 BANDWIDTH, THE INVESTMENT IN BROADBAND, THE NEED TO  
21 UNDERSCORE. SO INCREASING TELEWORKING ONLY WORKS IF THE  
22 INFRASTRUCTURE THAT ALLOWS PEOPLE EQUALLY TO PARTICIPATE  
23 EFFECTIVELY THERE IS ALSO DONE. SO I THINK WHAT WE TRIED TO DO  
24 WITH THESE STRATEGIES, TO THOUGHTFULLY THINK OF THE PACKAGE AS  
25 A COMPLIMENTARY ELEMENT THAT NEED TO WORK TOGETHER IN ORDER

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1 FOR THOSE TO HAPPEN IN PARTICULARLY OVER A LONGER PERIOD OF  
2 TIME. NOT NEXT YEAR, BUT, YOU KNOW, OVER A PERIOD OF 15, 20,  
3 25 YEARS.

4

5 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** WELL THANK YOU. AND I UNDERSTAND -- MY  
6 CONCERNS ABOUT THOSE TWO ITEMS WILL NOT PREVENT ME FROM  
7 SUPPORTING THIS BLUEPRINT BECAUSE I THINK IT'S REALLY GOOD  
8 WORK. AND I DO UNDERSTAND THAT PROBABLY BY MANY OF THESE ARE  
9 GOTTEN TO, I WON'T PERSONALLY BE CARRYING THAT MUCH BECAUSE I  
10 WILL BE AT A VERY ADVANCED AGE, BUT I BELIEVE THAT MANDATE IS  
11 AN OVERREACH AND COULD HURT US IN TERMS OF EMPLOYERS WANTING  
12 TO BE IN THE AREA. AND I DON'T BELIEVE IN SENDING EVERYBODY  
13 MONEY ALL THE TIME, ESPECIALLY TO PEOPLE WHO DON'T NEED IT.  
14 BUT THANK YOU FOR THE ANSWERS, AND I THINK I UNDERSTAND BETTER  
15 THE IMPLEMENTATION IS REALLY GOING TO BE THE KEY PART AND SOME  
16 OF THIS MIGHT NOT GET IMPLEMENTED.

17

18 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU. DIRECTOR CHAVEZ?

19

20 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, I REALLY FEEL FOR THE  
21 STAFF, BECAUSE AS MANY TIMES AS I HAVE HEARD THIS  
22 PRESENTATION, YOU HAVE GIVEN T AND IT'S BEEN EVERY TIME, THERE  
23 IS MORE TEXTURE AND MORE INTERESTING THINGS YOU'RE TALKING  
24 ABOUT. SO THANK YOU FOR THAT. ONE QUESTION I WANTED TO ASK IS,  
25 AROUND THE CONGESTION AND TRANSIT CROWDING ISSUE, I GOT A

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1 CHANCE TO OVERHEAR IN ONE OF THE OTHER MEETINGS AND LISTEN TO  
2 THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THROUGH THE MAYOR TALK ABOUT, YOU KNOW,  
3 THESE MEGA PROJECTS, AND ONE OF THE QUESTIONS, FOR ME, WAS  
4 WHETHER OR NOT THE MEGA PROJECTS IN THE SOUTH BAY WOULD BE  
5 INCLUSIVE OF THE ELECTRIFICATION OF NOT JUST CALTRAIN, BUT  
6 ALSO HIGH SPEED RAIL COMING IN JUST, FRANKLY, GIVEN WHAT A  
7 DRAMATIC CHANGE THAT'S GOING TO MAKE FOR SAN JOSE IN THE SOUTH  
8 BAY AS A WHOLE. >DAVE VAUTIN: SO WITH REGARDS TO THAT --

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10 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** GO AHEAD DAVE, I'LL FOLLOW UP IF NEED BE.  
11 >DAVE VAUTIN: SOUNDS GOOD. SO, THE SHORT ANSWER IS, WHAT WE  
12 BROUGHT FORWARD TO THE COMMITTEES EARLIER THIS MONTH INCLUDED  
13 THE VERY LARGE SCALE ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT THAT'S GOING ON  
14 BETWEEN SAN FRANCISCO AND TAMIEN STATION IN SAN JOSE BOTH USED  
15 BY CALTRAIN AND HIGH SPEED RAIL AND WE HAVE INCLUDED A NUMBER  
16 OF ROUGHLY \$4 BILLION IN REGIONAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING FOR  
17 ADDITIONAL GRADE SEPARATION PROJECTS, AGAIN, BOTH FOR USE BY  
18 CALTRAIN AND HIGH SPEED RAIL THROUGHOUT THE CORRIDOR ALL THE  
19 WAY DOWN TO GILROY AS WELL. MAYOR LICCARDO DID MAKE AN  
20 AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION AT THE COMMITTEE MEETING. AND WE'RE  
21 CONTINUING TO WORK WITH SAN JOSE STAFF, AND WE INTEND TO  
22 RETURN TO THIS BOARD TO RECONCILE THE ACTION THE COMMISSION  
23 WILL TAKE NEXT WEEK WHICH WILL HAVE SOME MODIFICATIONS TO ONE  
24 OR TWO OF THE TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THE



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1 QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS FROM SAN JOSE. WE'LL RETURN TO THE ABAG  
2 BOARD IN OCTOBER TO RECONCILE THOSE TWO STRATEGY.

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4 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** GREAT. AND THE THING I WANTED TO JUST POINT OUT  
5 IS THAT WHENEVER WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SAN JOSE, AND REALLY THE  
6 SOUTH BAY, WE REALLY -- WE WOULD LIKE NOT TO FORGET GILROY.  
7 AND IN PART, AS I WAS LISTENING TO THE DEBATE AND DISCUSSION  
8 ABOUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO MEET OUR RHNA NUMBERS, AND HOW WE'RE  
9 GOING TO BE ABLE TO DO THOSE BUILD-OUTS IS GOING TO BE A LOT  
10 OF INTENSIFICATION ALONG THE HIGH SPEED RAIL ALIGNMENT AND  
11 WHERE WE ALREADY HAVE CALTRAIN THAT BUILD-OUT IS CRITICAL TO  
12 US MEETING OUR RHNA NUMBERS. THAT'S WHY I WANT TO MAKE SURE  
13 THAT ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES, THAT THAT'S A HIGH PRIORITY FOR ME.  
14 AND THEN JUST TWO OTHER COMMENTS THAT I WANTED TO MAKE. AND  
15 I'M NOT SURE IF THE TIMING FOR THE BLUEPRINT REALLY REFLECTS  
16 THIS NEXT THOUGHT THAT I HAVE. AND THAT IS, I DO FEEL LIKE WE  
17 HAVE LEARNED AN AWFUL LOT IN COVID-19, AND I HAVE SEEN THAT  
18 YOU HAVE ALREADY GONE BACK AND STARTED TO TAKE A LOOK AT WHERE  
19 WE CAN MAKE SOME ADJUSTMENTS, I AM, IN PARTICULAR, WANT TO  
20 MAKE SURE THAT ONE OF THE BYPRODUCTS OF THIS STUDY IS AN  
21 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE SUPPORT EFFORT AND INTENT THAT  
22 DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE SYSTEM WE'LL NEED TO TAKE ON RELATIVE  
23 TO ACCOMPLISHING THESE GOALS. BECAUSE I THINK SOMEWHERE WE  
24 NEED TO SAY, OUT LOUD, WE'RE GOING TO BE COUNTING ON OUR  
25 PARTNERS AT MTC OR THE AIR QUALITY DISTRICT, AND TO FOLLOW UP

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1 ON THE POINT BARBARA RAISED I'M BULLISH ABOUT THE  
2 OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE TO RIDE THEIR BIKES OR WALK. NUMBER  
3 IS HIGH AND I UNDERSTAND I CONCUR AND UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE  
4 LEAVING IT IN THERE BECAUSE WE HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET  
5 TO YES THERE. I THINK ONE OF THE ISSUES WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO  
6 CONSIDER RELATIVELY QUICKLY IS WHAT KINDS OF OPTIONS CREATE  
7 THAT ENVIRONMENT. IS, FOR EXAMPLE, I DON'T THINK -- I  
8 APPRECIATE THE POINT THAT BARBARA RAISED, AND I WAS THINKING  
9 ABOUT THIS, THAT SOME OF THIS IS POTENTIALLY GOING TO BE  
10 STATEWIDE INITIATIVES WHO KNOWS WHAT THE NEXT ENVIRONMENTAL  
11 ACTIONS ARE GOING TO BE BUT SOME OF IT AT A LOCAL LEVEL WE'RE  
12 GOING TO BE RESPONDING TO TRANSPORTATION EXPAND MANAGEMENT AS  
13 WE'RE BUILDING AND GETTING NEW EMPLOYERS I UNDERSTAND AS WE  
14 UNDERSTAND THE TOOLBOX I WAS ALL EXCITED WHEN I HEARD SOMEONE  
15 TALK ABOUT THE BUILDING OUT BROADBAND AND I'M GOING TO SAY IT  
16 AGAIN I DON'T THINK THE PRIVATE SECTOR IS GOING TO DO IT. I  
17 THINK THAT'S GOING TO HAVE TO BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PUBLIC  
18 SECTOR PARTNERS TO DIG IN AND MAKE THAT HAPPEN. I HEARD  
19 THERESE SAY IT'S NOT MTC AND IT'S NOT ABAG. DISCUSSION ABOUT  
20 HOW THAT HAPPENS AGAIN IT NEEDS TO BE ALLUDED TO SO PEOPLE  
21 UNDERSTAND THAT WE'RE ALL GOING TO HAVE A ROLE IN EFFECTUATING  
22 THIS INCREDIBLY THOUGHTFUL PLAN. SO THANK YOU. AMAZING WORK.

23

24 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DIRECTOR MAR?

25

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1 **GORDON MAR:** THANK YOU CHAIR ARREGUIN. I DID WANT TO ECHO ALL  
2 OF THE PRAISE TO DAVE AND OTHERS ON THE REALLY EXCELLENT AND  
3 HONESTLY AMAZING WORK ON THIS. AND I APPRECIATE ALL OF THE NEW  
4 STRATEGIES THAT ARE BEING PROPOSED IN THE REVISED BLUEPRINT,  
5 BASED ON ALL THE INPUT, THE COMMUNITY INPUT THAT HAPPENED THIS  
6 SUMMER. AND I APPRECIATE THE BOLDNESS OF MANY OF THEM. I THINK  
7 COMMISSIONER HALLIDAY TOUCHED ON A COUPLE OF THEM, THAT THE  
8 UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME, AND THEN THE AGGRESSIVE TELECOMMUTING  
9 STRATEGY, YOU KNOW, THOSE ARE OBVIOUSLY VERY BOLD, ALTHOUGH MY  
10 REACTION TO THOSE WAS MORE POSITIVE, AND YOU KNOW, I REALLY DO  
11 SEE HOW, WITH A REAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN ON THOSE, YOU KNOW,  
12 THEY CAN HELP US ACHIEVE THE BIGGER GOALS AROUND EQUITY AND  
13 RESILIENCY HERE IN THE REGION. AND THEN ANOTHER STRATEGY THAT  
14 CAUGHT MY EYE WAS THE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN REVENUE FOR  
15 AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND PRESERVATION IT WAS AN INCREASE IN \$110  
16 BILLION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRODUCTION AND INCREASE IN \$120  
17 BILLION FOR HOUSING PRESERVATION. SO, YOU KNOW, I'M -- I THINK  
18 THAT'S GREAT, AND WE DO HAVE TO BE THINKING BIG LIKE THAT TO  
19 REALLY ADDRESS THE HOUSING AFFORDABILITY CRISIS HERE IN THE  
20 REGION. BUT I GUESS I HAVE A QUESTION, JUST AROUND THE  
21 FEASIBILITY, YOU KNOW, OF SUCH BIG NUMBERS GIVEN THEY'RE SO  
22 MANY TIMES LARGER THAN WHAT WE'RE EVEN CONSIDERING FOR THE  
23 ADDITIONAL REGIONAL HOUSING BOND THAT WE DIDN'T MOVE FORWARD  
24 WITH BECAUSE IT DIDN'T SEEM POLITICALLY FEASIBLE. >DAVE  
25 VAUTIN: THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION. I'LL START OFF BY SAYING ONE

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1 OF THE KEY PIECES OF FEEDBACK WE GOT FROM NOT JUST THE PUBLIC  
2 BUT ALSO FROM STAKEHOLDERS ACROSS THE REGION AS WE WENT OUT  
3 THIS SUMMER, WAS THAT WE PLANNED TO FAIL IN TERMS OF NOT  
4 GETTING TO OUR HOUSING GOALS THEN WE'RE NEVER GOING TO  
5 SUCCEED. RIGHT. AND AS WE SAW HOUSING SHOWING UP IN POLLING  
6 ALL OF OUR SURVEYS EVERYONE AGREED HOUSING REMAINS PRIORITY  
7 ONE FOR THE REGION. AND SO WHAT WE DID IS WE INTEGRATED MORE  
8 FUNDING ASSUMPTIONS. IT WOULD NEED TO COME FROM A WIDE VARIETY  
9 OF SOURCES SOME OF THEM MIGHT BE LOCAL AND REGIONAL OTHERS  
10 MIGHT BE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MATCHING FUNDS AT THE STATE AND  
11 FEDERAL LEVEL IN THE FUTURE. NUMBERS ARE BIG THAT'S WHAT WE  
12 THINK IT WOULD TAKE TO GET TO A PLACE IN THIS REGION WHERE  
13 EVERY PERSON HAS THE RIGHT TO HOUSING. YOU KNOW THAT WE DEAL  
14 WITH OUR HOMELESS CRISIS, THAT IS AFFECTING SO MANY OF US SO  
15 DEEPLY IN THIS REGION. AND I THINK IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN,  
16 WE NEED TO PIVOT TO THINKING ABOUT HOW DO WE GET STARTED? HOW  
17 DO WE START THINKING ABOUT WHAT SOURCES MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE,  
18 HOW DO WE START GENERATING THIS MONEY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
19 TO GET TO THESE REALLY, REALLY AGGRESSIVE GOALS.

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21 **GORDON MAR:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU. YEAH, THAT WAS AN ISSUE  
24 THAT CAME UP AT THE JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE. AND CERTAINLY  
25 SOMETHING THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ADDRESS AS PART OF THE

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1 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, THESE ARE PRETTY  
2 SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS. AND IN ORDER FOR US TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS  
3 OUTLINED IN THE PLAN WE NEED TO NOT ONLY LOOK AT REGIONAL  
4 SOURCES PRIVATE SECTOR SOURCES STATEWIDE SOURCES, THAT'S KIND  
5 OF A NEXT STEP LOOKING -- THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF WORK DONE  
6 OBVIOUSLY BY THE CASA PROCESS, LOCAL ELECTED LEADERS,  
7 COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, SO THAT WILL BE KIND OF A NEXT  
8 IMPLEMENTATION STEP. DIRECTOR EKLUND?

9

10 **PAT ECKLUND:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH PRESIDENT ARREGUIN. I HAVE --  
11 50 OF -- FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO TELL STAFF THE WHOLE TEAM HAS  
12 BEEN WORKING ON THIS. THIS IS A LOT OF WORK AND I REALLY  
13 APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR EFFORTS PUTTING INTO IT. WE MAY AGREE  
14 TO DISAGREE ON CERTAIN ASPECTS OF IT, BUT I ABSOLUTELY AGREE  
15 THAT YOU HAVE PUT 150 PERCENT OF YOUR EFFORT INTO THIS THING  
16 AND IT'S A REALLY COMPLEX ISSUE, AND IT'S GREAT HOW YOU HAVE  
17 BEEN ABLE TO PUT IT ALL TOGETHER. QUESTIONS I HAVE, JUST A  
18 COUPLE OF CLARIFYING QUESTIONS IS, ARE WE SENDING OUT THIS  
19 FINAL BLUEPRINT FOR COMMENT? ARE WE GOING TO BE SENDING IT OUT  
20 TO THE CITIES AND COUNTIES AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS FOR FINAL  
21 COMMENT? >DAVE VAUTIN: SO WHEN WE RELEASE THE FINAL BLUEPRINT  
22 ANALYSIS IN DECEMBER, WE CAN CERTAINLY SHARE THAT WITH ALL THE  
23 JURISDICTION IN THE REGION THAT WILL BE A CRITICAL JUNCTURE  
24 FOR RHNA AS WELL.

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1 **PAT ECKLUND:** SO WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE SENDING THIS FINAL  
2 BLUEPRINT OUT FOR COMMENT WOULD YOU CONSIDER THIS FINAL  
3 BLUEPRINT TO BE THE PREFERRED OPTION FOR PLANNED BAY AREA?  
4 >DAVE VAUTIN: WELL THAT WILL BE YOUR DETERMINATION TO MAKE AS  
5 A BOARD, IN DECEMBER. WE WILL BRING FORWARD THE ANALYSIS ON  
6 THE STRATEGIES YOU ALL APPROVE, AND YOU ALL GET A CHANCE TO  
7 TAKE A LOOK AT THE OUTCOMES, WHAT THOSE MEAN FOR RHNA AND  
8 OTHER TOPICS AND HOW TO DECIDE TO PROCEED.

9

10 **PAT ECKLUND:** OKAY GREAT. YOU CAN GO BACK TO SLIDE FIVE --  
11 SLIDE FIVE IF IT'S OKAY, THROUGH THE CHAIR OR THE PRESIDENT.  
12 BECAUSE I WANTED TO GET SOME CLARIFICATIONS. TRANSIT-RICH  
13 AREAS HAS BEEN SLIT INTO TWO SEPARATE CATEGORIES. AND ONE IS  
14 ASTERISKS WITH IT. TRA'S, APPLIES TO ALL JURISDICTION EXCEPT  
15 THOSE HAVE ALREADY NOMINATED MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF THE PDA  
16 ELIGIBLE AREAS. SO IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THAT. RA  
17 CATEGORIES, SAYS ALL OTHER, IS BASED ON A 30 MINUTE HEADWAY  
18 VERSUS THE TRA'S FOR FREQUENT RAIL IS A 15 MINUTE HEADWAY, IF  
19 YOU COULD CLARIFY THAT, AND CLARIFY THAT AT THE TRA'S ALL  
20 OTHERS, CITIES AND COUNTIES THAT ARE NOT MORE THAN 50 PERCENT  
21 PDA ELIGIBLE. AND HIGH RESOURCE AREAS WHICH I THINK SHOULD NOT  
22 BE IN THIS PLANNED BAY AREA, YOU HAVE AN ASTERISK THERE TOO.  
23 SO WHAT IS THE TRANSIT ASSUMPTION ON THAT? IS THAT ALSO 30  
24 MINUTES? IF YOU CAN CLARIFY THOSE? >DAVE VAUTIN: SURE. THAT'S  
25 A GOOD QUESTION. SO WITH REGARDS TO THE TRANSIT-RICH AREAS

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1 FREQUENT REGIONAL RAIL CATEGORY, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THERE  
2 BASICALLY BART AND CALTRAIN STATION AREAS. TRA'S ALL OTHER  
3 THAT INCLUDES 15 MINUTE BUS SERVICE THAT MEETS THE STATE  
4 TRANSIT-RICH DEFINITION. AND THEN THE HIGH RESOURCE AREAS,  
5 THOSE ARE AREAS THAT MEET THAT HIGH RESOURCE DEFINITION  
6 DEVELOPED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND IMPORTANT CAVEAT  
7 HERE, AND HAVE THAT 30 MINUTE BASIC TRANSIT SERVICE AT PEAK  
8 HOURS.

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10 **PAT ECKLUND:** AND SO I GUESS THAT'S -- COUPLE OF THINGS, THE  
11 HIGH RESOURCE AREAS, THAT REALLY IS HOW, WHAT THE INCOME LEVEL  
12 IS, AND WHAT THE EDUCATION LEVEL IS, OR THE LEVEL OF QUALITY  
13 OF THE EDUCATION AND IT'S REALLY NOT INTENDED TO NECESSARILY  
14 DIRECT GROWTH. AND 30 MINUTE HEADWAYS, I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW IF  
15 ANYBODY WHO IS GOING TO BE COMMUTING TO A JOB THAT'S GOING TO  
16 WAIT 30 MINUTE FOR A BUS AND THAT'S WHY I THOUGHT THAT MTC AND  
17 ABAG HAD ALWAYS SUPPORTED THE 15 MINUTE HEADWAY. BUT I THINK  
18 THAT, INCLUDING THE HOAS, HIGH OPPORTUNITY AREAS, YOUR HIGH  
19 RESOURCE AREAS, YOU'RE GOING TO BE -- AND IT'S -- I THINK IT'S  
20 SHOWING ALSO IN THE HOUSING METHODOLOGY. IT'S ACTUALLY PUTTING  
21 HOUSING IN AREAS WHERE THERE IS NOT THE TRANSIT, SO I BELIEVE  
22 IT'S GOING TO EXASPERATE THE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. BECAUSE  
23 PEOPLE ARE NOT GOING TO WAIT FOR 30 MINUTES. THEY'RE GOING TO  
24 TAKE THEIR CAR TO COMMUTE, IF THEY'RE GOING TO BE WORKING.  
25 MOST PEOPLE WOULD BE. SO I STILL HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT HIGH

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1 RESOURCE AREAS BEING IN THE PLANNED BAY AREA, ESPECIALLY WITH  
2 THE 30 MINUTE HEADWAY, IF THERE WAS -- IF IT WAS CHANGED TO A  
3 15 MINUTE HEADWAY, I COULD UNDERSTAND THAT, BECAUSE THEN THERE  
4 IS A HIGHER PROPENSITY FOR PEOPLE TO TAKE TRANSIT. BUT ANYWAY.  
5 THIS'S ONE OF MANY OTHER COMMENTS. BUT I WANTED TO MAKE SURE  
6 THEY STATED THAT. BECAUSE I CAN'T SUPPORT THIS FINAL BLUEPRINT  
7 WITH THE HIGH RESOURCE AREAS WITH THE 30 MINUTE HEADWAYS. I  
8 FEEL VERY STRONGLY ABOUT THAT. SO. THAT'S IT. THANK YOU.

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10 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU. DIRECTOR SINKS IN.

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12 **DIR. ROD SINKS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I GUESS MY COMMENTS ARE  
13 SOMEWHAT ALIGNED WITH CINDY'S. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE  
14 TRANSIT POSSIBILITIES IN THE SOUTH BAY, AND I HONESTLY COULD  
15 AGREE WITH SOME OF THE LETTERS THAT WE RECEIVED, SAYING, HEY,  
16 YOU SHOULD PUT MORE HOUSING NEAR JOB CENTERS, SO I HOPE THE  
17 MAN, AND THE COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW MORNING WILL SET THE  
18 PARAMETERS TO BUILD A LOT MORE HOUSING NEAR JOBS, AS CHAIR OF  
19 THE AIR DISTRICT, YOU KNOW, IT'S THE BEST THING WE CAN DO,  
20 DOING TWO THINGS, RIGHT? PUTTING A LOT OF NEW HOUSING NEAR  
21 JOBS IN CITIES LIKE MINE, AND DELIVERING THE TRANSIT RESOURCES  
22 TO ENSURE THAT WE ALL HAVE EFFECTIVE MOBILITY, ARE THE THING  
23 THAT ARE GOING TO MAKE THIS BAY AREA A MORE LIVABLE PLACE.  
24 THANK YOU.

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY. I DON'T  
2 SEE ANY OTHER HAND RAISED FROM DIRECTORS. OR QUESTIONS OR  
3 COMMENTS ON THE MOTION. SO, I WILL NOW GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT ON  
4 THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 16-2020 APPROVAL OF PLANNED BAY  
5 AREA 2050'S FINAL BLUEPRINT. IF THERE IS ANY PUBLIC COMMENT  
6 PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE. TWO RAISED HANDS  
7 MR. CASTRO.

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9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FIRST SPEAKER IS KEN BUKOWSKI. GO AHEAD.  
10 UNMUTE YOURSELF PLEASE. KEN BUKOWSKI, YOU'RE STILL MUTED.

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12 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** I'M SORRY. FRED, GO AHEAD. I'M ON A PHONE  
13 CALL. DID YOU ASK ME SOMETHING?

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15 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** NO. WE'RE CALLING ON KEN BUKOWSKI.  
16 PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF. KEN, ARE YOU THERE?

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18 **SPEAKER:** --

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20 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** KEN? WE COULDN'T HEAR YOU.

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22 **SPEAKER:** [ SILENCE ]

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24 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** FRED WHY DON'T WE MOVE ON TO  
25 NEWELL.

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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS.

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4 **NEWELL ARNERICH:** FROM DANVILLE I COMPLIMENT STAFF ON THE  
5 BLUEPRINT. REALLY JUST A COUPLE OF REALLY IMPORTANT ITEMS. I  
6 THINK, IF YOU LOOK AT THE HRAS, THE HIGH RESOURCE AREAS, AND  
7 IF WE LOOKED AT IT IN A HIGH LEVEL OBJECTIVE VIEW IT REALLY  
8 SHOULDN'T BE PART OF THIS PLAN. IN FACT IT IS WHAT'S GOING TO  
9 BE GETTING US BACK TO WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING FOR THE PAST 20  
10 YEARS. IT'S GOING TO FORCE HOUSING ON THE HOUSING METHODOLOGY  
11 ALLOCATION IT WILL DRIVE TO PUT HOUSING IN SUBURBS. WE CAN'T  
12 DO THAT. WE'RE TAKING OUR SUBURBS JOB CENTERS TEARING THEM  
13 DOWN. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE NOT CREATE A DESTINY TO FAILURE.  
14 I GET THE IDEA OF EQUITY AND RESILIENCY AND THE ONLY CONCERNS  
15 I HAVE IN THIS BLUEPRINT IS BY THE WAITING OF EQUITY AND  
16 RESILIENCY WHICH ARE VAGUE. THEY ARE NOT TRANSPORTATION  
17 ORIENTED. WE HAVE SPENT NEARLY A TRILLION DOLLAR OVER THE PAST  
18 20 YEARS TRYING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM. AND WE KNOW WE HAVE NO  
19 MORE WIDTH IN ROADWAYS. WE DON'T HAVE ANYMORE SOLUTIONS.  
20 JOBS/HOUSING BALANCE AS WE JUST SAID IS THE MOST CRITICAL  
21 THING TO BUILD A FUTURE. IT'S MORE COST EFFECTIVE TO BUILD  
22 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN DENSE URBAN CENTERS PERIOD. I URGE YOU  
23 TO RELOOK AT THAT OR UNWAIVE IT LET'S MAKE SURE WE LOOK AT  
24 HIGH RESOURCE AREAS AND WHAT CAN WE DO DIFFERENTLY AND DON'T

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1 START DOING WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING FOR THE PAST 20 YEAR OR  
2 ELSE WE'RE DESTINED TO FAILURE. THANK YOU.

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4 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU. LET'S TRY TO GO BACK TO  
5 KEN.

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7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** KEN BUKOWSKI, GO AHEAD. UNMUTE YOURSELF,  
8 PLEASE.

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10 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** KEN, TALKING IS PERMITTED. PLEASE  
11 UNMUTE YOURSELF. KEN? KEN, IF YOU'RE UNABLE TO MUTE YOURSELF,  
12 PLEASE SUBMIT A WRITTEN COMMENT, AND FRED WILL DISTRIBUTE IT  
13 TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. SO LET'S MOVE ON. ARE THERE ANY OTHER  
14 RAISED HANDS? I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER RAISED HANDS. MR. CASTRO,  
15 ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM?

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17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NONE ON THIS ITEM.

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19 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** OKAY THANK YOU. BRINGING IT BACK TO  
20 THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. WE HAVE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 16-  
21 2020 APPROVAL OF THE PLAN 2050 FINAL BLUEPRINT AND THIS IS FOR  
22 FURTHER ANALYSIS TO COME BACK TO US LATER ON IN THE YEAR. ANY  
23 FURTHER COMMENTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD BEFORE WE VOTE? IF  
24 SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. OKAY. SEEING NONE, LET'S CALL THE  
25 ROLL ON THE MOTION.

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2 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES, SIR. [ROLL CALL VOTE] MOTION PASSES  
3 ONE NO AND ONE ABSTENTION.

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5 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANKS TO  
6 STAFF FOR INCREDIBLE WORK. COLLEAGUES WE HAVE ONE ITEM BEFORE  
7 ADJOURNMENT WHICH IS A CLOSED SESSION ITEM. WE SHOULD HAVE  
8 RECEIVED ON MONDAY AT 2:25 P.M. THE LINK FOR THE CLOSED  
9 SESSION. BUT I WOULD ASK IF MR. CASTRO OR THE IT STAFF COULD  
10 RESEND THE LINK. BECAUSE THERE IS A SEPARATE LINK FOR THE  
11 CLOSED SESSION. SO WE HAVE TO -- I HAVE TO ANNOUNCE THE CLOSED  
12 SESSION THEN WE GO TO THE SEPARATE LINK. WE'RE IN THE SEPARATE  
13 LINK AND THEN I WILL COME BACK AND ANNOUNCE ANY ACTION.

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15 **PAT ECKLUND:** WHAT DATE?

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17 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH AT 2:25 P.M.

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19 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** THIS IS THERESE MCMILLAN, I BELIEVE FRED  
20 SAYS HE COULD RESEND IT NOW. IS THAT CORRECT FRED?

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22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I CAN DO THAT.

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24 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** AND HE SENT THIS MORNING A REMINDER AT 9:21  
25 FROM FRED IF ANYONE WANTS TO LOOK IN THEIR E-MAIL.

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2 **PAT ECKLUND:** GOT IT.

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4 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** HIT THE LINK IT'S A SEPARATE LINK  
5 WE NEED TO GO TO WE'LL DO CLOSED SESSION IS THEN I'LL COME  
6 BACK AND REPORT ANY ACTION. I WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THE  
7 EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL GO TO CLOSED SESSION. 12 A CLOSED SESSION  
8 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION  
9 MEETING IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION  
10 54956.9(A) AND PARAGRAPH (1) OF SUBDIVISION (D) OF GOVERNMENT  
11 CODE SECTION 54956.9 TO CONFER WITH COUNSEL REGARDING NEW  
12 LIVABLE CALIFORNIA VERSUS ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS  
13 COURT APPEAL CASE A159235. AT THIS POINT DO WE HAVE TO TAKE  
14 PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM BEFORE WE GO TO CLOSED SESSION?

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16 **ADRIENNE WEIL, COUNSEL:** NO BUT YOU CAN IF YOU WOULD LIKE,  
17 AHEAD OF TIME.

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19 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** OKAY. I DO NOT SEE ANY RAISED  
20 HANDS. SO WE WILL, AT THIS POINT, THE BOARD IS ASKED TO GO TO  
21 THAT LINK IS ENTER THE CLOSED SESSION. AND AT THE CONCLUSION  
22 OF CLOSED SESSION, I WILL REJOIN IF ANY OTHER BOARD MEMBERS  
23 WOULD LIKE TO REJOIN, AND I WILL MAKE ANY OPEN SESSION  
24 ANNOUNCEMENT.

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1 **ADRIENNE WEIL, COUNSEL:** TO START IT DO I NEED A CODE?

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3 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YOU CAN LOG IN. IT WILL JUST START  
4 AUTOMATICALLY.

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6 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** AND IT WAS ASKED IF WE COULD TYPE  
7 INTO CHAT, BUT THE ATTENDEES WOULD BE ABLE TO ACCESS IT WHICH  
8 THEY'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO ACCESS IT BECAUSE IT'S A CLOSED  
9 SESSION. SEE YOU ALL SHORTLY. [ CLOSED SESSION HELD ] [ CLOSED  
10 SESSION CONTINUES ]

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12 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IS BACK IN  
13 SESSION. HAVING MET IN CLOSED SESSION INDICATED ON THE AGENDA  
14 FOR THIS MEETING. THERE WAS NO REPORTABLE ACTION OUT OF CLOSED  
15 SESSION. SO THAT COMPLETES THIS ITEM. WE'LL GO TO ITEM 13  
16 ADJOURNMENT. NEXT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IS ON  
17 OCTOBER 15TH, 2020. THANK YOU EVERYBODY. [ADJOURNED]



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