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Meeting Transcript

JOINT MTC PLANNING COMMITTEE WITH THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, 9:40 A.M., MAY 14, 2021

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: THANK YOU. THIS WILL BE THE MTC PLANNING COMMITTEE AND ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE. COULD WE RUN THE COVID ANNOUNCEMENT, PLEASE? 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 MTC 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

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WILL NOT BE READ OUT LOUD. IF AUTHORS OF THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK, THEY ARE FREE TO DO SO. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR ALL ACTION ITEMS. PANELISTS AND ATTENDEES SHOULD NOTE THAT THE CHAT FEATURE IS NOT ACTIVE.

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: THANK YOU. JESS, IF YOU ARE OKAY WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS MTC ROLL CALL, THEN CONSENT CALENDAR, THEN TURN IT OVER TO YOU, THEN YOU CAN DO YOUR ROLL CALL, COMPENSATION, AND ROLL INTO 5A. IS THAT OKAY WITH YOU? WITH THAT CAN WE TAKE ROLL CALL FOR MTC COMMISSIONERS?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: SPERING?

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: AHN?

EDDIE AHN: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: CANEPA? CONNOLY?

DAMON CONNOLLY: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: DUTRA-VERNACI?

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CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: FLEMING?

VICTORIA FLEMING: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: GIACOPINI NON-VOTING?

DORENE M. GIACOPINI: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: SCHAFF?

LIBBY SCHAAF: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: WE HAVE A QUORUM.

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: THANK YOU. MTC COMMISSIONERS NEXT UP IS PLANNING CONSENT CALENDAR. MARTHA DO YOU HAVE ANY SPEAKERS OR CORRESPONDENCE ON CONSENT?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: I -- SORRY -- MY SCREEN FROZE. I DID NOT RECEIVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR, AND I CAN'T SEE IF ANYONE HAS THEIR -- NO ONE HAS THEIR HAND RAISED, AND COMMISSIONER CANEPA IS HERE.

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JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT, IF THERE IS NO COMMENT ON CONSENT, I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE.

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: MOVED BY DUTRA-VERNACI.

DAMON CONNOLLY: SECOND.

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: THAT'S CONNOLY. WE HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND. MARTHA TAKE THE ROLL, PLEASE?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: [ROLL CALL VOTE] IT PASSES.

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: JESS I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO YOU IF YOU CAN TAKE US ALL THE WAY THROUGH TO 5A THAT WILL GET US TO 5B.

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR: THANK YOU. BEFORE WE CALL THE ROLL, I WANT TO CALL TWO NEW MEMBERS SUPERVISOR OTTO LEE FROM THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA AND SUPERVISOR RAFAEL MANDELMAN JOINING US SAN FRANCISCO. ROLL CALL PLEASE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: ARREGUIN.

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR: PRESENT.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: EKLUND.

PAT ECKLUND: PRESENT.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: FLIGOR IS ABSENT. HUDSON?

DAVID E. HUDSON: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: LEE?

SPEAKER: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MANDELMAN?

SPEAKER: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: PERALEZ IS ABSENT. RABBIT IS ABSENT. RAMOS?

BELIA RAMOS: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: ROMERO? ROW.

SPEAKER: PRESENT.

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JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR: THANK YOU. PLEASE READ THE COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: ACCORDING TO STATE LAW I AM MAKING THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT, THE MEMBERS OF THE ABAG BOARD IN ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING ARE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE PER DIEM AN AMOUNT OF $100 AS A RESULT OF CONVENING A MEETING FOR WHICH EACH MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO COLLECT PER DIEM. THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVING TO ITEM THREE ABAG CONSENT CALENDAR APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 9TH, 2021 AND ITEM 3B DRAFT PLAN RELEASE ANNOUNCEMENT.

PAT ECKLUND: MOVED BY EKLUND.

DAVID E. HUDSON: SECOND.

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR: MOVED BY EKLUND SECOND BY HUDSON. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION FROM MEMBERS? SEEING NO RAISED HANDS. MARTHA OR FRED ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM.

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JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR: THANK YOU. SO WITH THAT, IF YOU COULD PLEASE CALL THE ROLL ON THE MOTION?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: [ROLL CALL VOTE] MOTION PASS UNANIMOUSLY

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR: ITEM 5A ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION APPEALS FRAMEWORK AND GILLIAN ADAMS WILL PRESENT.

GILLIAN ADAMS: GOOD MORNING GILLIAN ADAMS PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION OR RHNA PROCESS AND I WILL BE PROVIDING AN OVERVIEW OF THE RHNA APPEALS PROCESS TODAY. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. IN MY PRESENTATION TODAY I'M GOING TO COVER KEY MILESTONES AND TIMING FOR THE RHNA APPEALS PROCESS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING AN APPEAL AND THE PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERING APPEALS. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. FIRST A QUICK RECAP OF WHERE WE ARE IN THE RHNA PROCESS. IN JANUARY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ADOPTED THE DRAFT RHNA METHODOLOGY AND IT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR REVIEW IN FEBRUARY. IN APRIL, HCD CONFIRMED THAT THE METHODOLOGY FURTHERS THE RHNA OBJECTIVES. AT ITS MEETING ON MAY 20TH THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL CONSIDER APPROVING THE FINAL RHNA METHODOLOGY AND THE RELEASE OF THE DRAFT ALLOCATIONS. THE RELEASE OF DRAFT ALLOCATIONS INITIATES THE APPEALS PHASE OF RHNA, WHICH ABAG WILL CONDUCT

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1 OVER THE SUMMER AND FALL FOLLOWED BY APPROVAL OF THE FINAL
2 RHNA PLAN BY THE END OF THE YEAR. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. SO
3 TURNING TO WHAT THE APPEALS PROCESS WILL LOOK LIKE, HOUSING
4 ELEMENT LAW ALLOWS A JURISDICTION OR HCD TO APPEAL A
5 JURISDICTION'S DRAFT ALLOCATION. IN PAST RHNA CYCLES ANNE
6 APPEAL COULD ONLY BE BROUGHT BY A JURISDICTION FIDUCIARY ITS
7 OWN ALLOCATION HOWEVER HCD NOW HAS THE AUTHORITY TO BRING IN
8 AN APPEAL AND A JURISDICTION CAN ALSO APPEAL ANOTHER
9 JURISDICTION'S ALLOCATION. THE MAJOR STEPS IN THE APPEALS
10 PROCESS ARE THAT A JURISDICTION OR HCD HAS 45 DAYS FOLLOWS THE
11 RELEASE OF THE DRAFT ALLOCATION TO SUBMIT WRITTEN APPEAL TO
12 ABAG. FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER 45 DAY PERIOD WHERE A JURISDICTION
13 OR HCD CAN SUBMIT COMMENT ON ANY APPEALS FILED. ABAG MUST
14 CONSIDER A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPEALS AND FINAL
15 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION BEFORE FILING. IF ANOTHER
16 JURISDICTION IS SUBJECT TO THE APPEAL WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO
17 RESPOND TO THE APPEAL DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING. NEXT SLIDE
18 PLEASE. THIS SLIDE PROVIDES A DETAIL LOOK AT THE STEPS IN THE
19 PROCESS AND THE EXPECTED TIMING FOR EACH. FOLLOWING ACTION BY
20 THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD IN LATE MAY, ABAG WILL NOTIFY
21 JURISDICTIONS AND HCD ABOUT ADOPTION OF FINAL RHNA METHODOLOGY
22 AND THE DRAFT ALLOCATIONS. THE DEADLINE FOR JURISDICTIONS OR
23 HCD TO SUBMIT AN APPEAL TO ABAG WILL BE IN EARLY JULY BASED ON
24 THE DRAFT PROCEDURES THE DEADLINE WOULD BE JULY 9TH. ABAG WILL
25 NOTIFY ALL JURISDICTIONS IN THE REGION AND HCD ABOUT THE

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APPEALS SUBMITTED. AND I WANT TO MENTION HERE THAT WE TOOK THIS ITEM TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE YESTERDAY AND ONE OF THE COMMENTS THAT WE RECEIVED WAS A DESIRE FOR GREATER EMPHASIS ON PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS. AND SO WE WILL BE UPDATING OUR DRAFT PROCEDURES TO EMPHASIZE THAT WHEN WE TAKE IT TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. SO THEN FOLLOWING THAT, THE DEADLINE FOR JURISDICTIONS OR HCD TO COMMENT ON ANY OF THE APPEALS SUBMITTED WILL BE AT THE END OF AUGUST. ABAG WILL NOTIFY ALL JURISDICTIONS AND HCD ABOUT THE COMMENTS RECEIVED. AND, AGAIN, IN RESPONSE TO WHAT WE HEARD FROM THE RPC, WE WILL INCLUDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO COMMENT AS WELL. IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, ABAG WILL CONDUCT THE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPEALS AND ANY COMMENTS RECEIVED. ABAG MUST NOTIFY JURISDICTIONS AT LEAST 21 DAYS PRIOR TO THE APPEAL'S HEARING, AND IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER, ABAG WILL RATIFY THE WRITTEN FINAL DETERMINATION ON EACH APPEAL AND ISSUE FINAL RHNA ALLOCATIONS THAT INCLUDE ANY ADJUSTMENTS RESULTING FROM SUCCESSFUL APPEALS. IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER, THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE FINAL RHNA PLAN. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. SO TURNING NOW TO DETAILS ABOUT FILING APPEALS. AS I MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY ONLY A LOCAL JURISDICTION OR HCD CAN SUBMIT AN APPEAL. BUT APPLICANTS CAN FILE AN APPEAL FOR ANY JURISDICTION IN THE BAY AREA. HOUSING ELEMENT LAW IDENTIFIES A LIMITED AND NARROW SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE A JURISDICTION OR HCD CAN

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APPEAL A DRAFT ALLOCATION. THE THREE ELIGIBLE BASIS FOR AN APPEAL ARE THAT, ONE, ABAG FAIL TO ADEQUATELY CONSIDER INFORMATION SUBMITTED AS PART OF THE LOCAL JURISDICTION SURVEY. ABAG CONDUCTED THIS SURVEY IN EARLY 2020 AND AS REQUIRED BY LAW REQUESTED INFORMATION RELATED TO FACTORS IDENTIFIED IN HOUSING ELEMENT LAW THAT MUST BE CONSIDERED IN THE RHNA METHODOLOGY AND INFORMATION ABOUT AFFIRMATIVE FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING. SECOND, ABAG DID NOT DETERMINE THE JURISDICTION'S ALLOCATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS ADOPTED METHODOLOGY AND IN A MANNER THAT FURTHERS AND DOES NOT UNDERMINE THE RHNA OBJECTIFIES. AND THIRD A SIGNIFICANT AND UNFORESEEN CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES HAS OCCURRED IN THE LOCAL JURISDICTION OR JURISDICTIONS. THAT MERITS REVISION OF INFORMATION SUBMITTED AS PART OF THE LOCAL JURISDICTION SURVEY APPEALS ON THIS BASIS CAN ONLY BE BROUGHT BY THE JURISDICTIONS AFFECTED BY THE CHANGE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES. HOUSING ELEMENT LAW SPECIFIES CRITERIA THAT CANNOT BE USED AS A BASIS FOR REDUCING A JURISDICTION'S ALLOCATION THIS INCLUDES LOCAL ORDINANCE POLICY VOTER APPROVED MEASURE OR STANDARD LIMITED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT UNDER PRODUCTION OF HOUSING FROM THE LAST RHNA CYCLE AND STABLE POPULATION NUMBERS IN A JURISDICTION. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. HOUSING ELEMENT LAW ALSO REQUIRES THAT AN APPEAL BE BASED ON COMPARABLE DATA AVAILABLE FOR ALL AFFECTED JURISDICTIONS AND ACCEPTED PLANNING METHODOLOGY BE SUPPORTED BY ADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION INCLUDE A

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STATEMENT AS TO WHY THE REVISION IS NECESSARY TO FURTHER THE RHNA OBJECTIVES AND BE CONSISTENT AND NOT TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT PATTERN OF PLANNED BAY AREA 2050. MTC/ABAG STAFF HAS DEVELOPED A FORM FOR JURISDICTIONS TO USE TO SUBMIT AN APPEAL THAT HIGHLIGHTS SOME OF THESE KEY REQUIREMENTS. A SAMPLE OF THE FORM IS INCLUDED IN YOUR PACKET AS AN ATTACHMENT TO THE DRAFT APPEALS PROCEDURES. THIS SLIDE SUMMARIZES THE EXPERIENCES OTHER COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT HAVE HAD WITH THE APPEALS PROCESS FOR THIS RHNA CYCLE, AS WELL AS ABAG'S EXPERIENCE IN THE LAST RHNA CYCLE. YOU CAN SEE THERE WAS A LOT OF VARIATION IN THE NUMBER OF APPEALS RECEIVED AND AS A RESULT THE AMOUNT OF TIME NEEDED TO CONDUCT THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERING APPEALS. FOR HIGHLIGHTS, THE SACRAMENTO REGION, LISTED AS SACOG RECEIVED ZERO APPEALS, SANDAG WHICH IS THE SAN DIEGO REGION RECEIVED FOUR APPEALS AND PARTIALLY UPHELD ONE OF THEM. LOS ANGELES REGION, SCAG, HAD 48 APPEALS AND UPHELD, IN PART, TWO OF THOSE, AND THEN IN THE LAST CYCLE ABAG HAD EIGHT APPEALS AND UPHELD THREE OF THEM. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. HOUSING ELEMENT LAW IS PRESCRIPTIVE ABOUT THE STEPS IN THE APPEALS PROCESS AND THE TIMING FOR COMPLETING THEM. BUT THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT AREAS WHERE ABAG HAS DISCRETION. ONE OF THOSE AREAS IS DETERMINING WHAT BODY WILL CONDUCT THE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE APPEALS. STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD DELEGATE AUTHORITY FOR FINAL DECISIONS ABOUT THE APPEALS TO THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE. IN THE LAST RHNA CYCLE,

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APPEALS WERE HEARD BY AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS. HOWEVER USING THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE LEVERAGES ONE OF ABAG'S CENTRAL COMMITTEES WITH BROAD AUTHORITY AND AS AVOIDS THE NEED FOR ABAG BOARD MEMBERS TO IDENTIFY A SITE OF APPEALS AND BECAUSE THE COMMITTEE IS A MANAGEABLE SIDE WHILE ENSURING DIVERSITY. MOST COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE SERVED ON THE HOUSING METHODOLOGY COMMITTEE OR THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE AND ARE ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH THE WORK TO DATE. LASTLY ALL DECISIONS MADE ON APPEALS BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE WOULD BE FINAL AND NOT BE REVIEWED BY THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD. GRANTS AUTHORITY TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE FOR FINAL DECISIONS WOULD AVOID POTENTIAL LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO DUE PROCESS IF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD HAD FINAL AUTHORITY AND DECIDED TO CHANGE AN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. THE STATUTE SPECIFIES THAT THE APPEALS BE CONSIDERED IN A SINGLE PUBLIC HEARING. HOWEVER IT'S POSSIBLE THAT ABAG COULD RECEIVE ENOUGH APPEALS THAT THE HEARING WOULD NEED TO BE CONTINUED OVER SEVERAL DAYS OF THE FOR THIS REASON STAFF RECOMMEND THAT IS THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE CONSIDER THE APPEALS FOR EACH JURISDICTION SEQUENTIALLY AND ISSUE A PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION. THE COMMITTEE WOULD THEN HOLD A FINAL MEETING TO RATIFY ITS DECISIONS TO ENSURE THAT IT WAS UNIFORM IN ITS DECISION MAKING FOR ALL APPEALS. STAFF ALSO RECOMMENDS THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS BE REQUIRED TO RECUSE

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THEMSELVES FROM CONSIDERING AN APPEAL AFFECTING THE MEMBER'S JURISDICTION. LASTLY, CONSISTENT WITH HOUSING ELEMENT LAW, THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE COULD MAKE A DETERMINATION ON AN APPEAL THAT ADJUSTS THE ALLOCATION FOR A JURISDICTION THAT IS NOT THE SUBJECT OF THE APPEAL IF THE ADJUSTMENTS ARE SUPPORTED BY EVIDENCE AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MAKES SPECIFIC FINDINGS IN ITS DETERMINATION ON THE APPEAL. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. BUILDING ON THE EXPERIENCES OF THE OTHER REGIONS, ABAG AND MTC STAFF PROPOSE TO USE THE STRUCTURE SHOWN HERE FOR THE HEARING FOR EACH APPEAL. THE BASIC STRUCTURE OF THE APPEALS HEARING IS FOR THE APPLICANT TO MAKE AN INITIAL ARGUMENT TO WHICH ABAG MTC STAFF PROVIDES A RESPONSE FOLLOWED BY OPPORTUNITY FOR REBUTTAL BY THE APPLICANT. THIS STRUCTURE GETS MORE COMPLICATED IN THE EVENT OF A JURISDICTION OR HCD APPEALS ANOTHER JURISDICTION'S ALLOCATION. IN THIS CASE THE PROCEDURES HAVE TO ALLOW FOR THE SUBJECT OF THE APPEAL TO RESPOND TO THE INITIAL ARGUMENTS AND OFFER A REBUTTAL AFTER THE STAFF RESPONSE. FOLLOWING THE REBUTTAL THERE, IS TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT IN ADVANCE OF THE COMMITTEE'S DISCUSSIONS AND VOTE ON THE APPEAL. I MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY THIS WOULD BE A PRELIMINARY VOTE THAT WOULD THEN BE RATIFIED AT A COMMITTEE AT A MEETING FOLLOWING THE CLOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. IF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE DECIDE IN FAVOR OF AN APPLICANT THERE NEEDS TO BE A METHODOLOGY FOR REDISTRIBUTING THE APPEALED UNITS TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS IN

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THE REGION. HOUSING ELEMENT LAW STATES THAT IF THE ADJUSTMENTS TOTAL 7% OR LESS OF THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS DETERMINATION WHICH IS ABOUT 30,000 UNITS THEN ABAG WOULD DISTRIBUTE THE ADJUSTMENTS PROPORTIONATELY TO ALL JURISDICTIONS. IF THE TOTAL IS GREATER THAN 7% THE STATUTE ALLOWS ABAG TO DEVELOP ITS OWN METHODOLOGY TO DISTRIBUTE THE AMOUNT GREATER THAN 7% TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS STAFF RECOMMENDS USING THE SAME APPROACH FOR DISTRIBUTING UNITS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE TOTAL NUMBER OF UNITS IS LESS THAN OR MORE THAN 7% OF THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS DETERMINATION. ADDITIONALLY REQUIRING PROPORTIONAL DISTRIBUTION SHOULD BE BASED ON A JURISDICTION'S ALLOCATED SHARE OF THE REGION'S HOUSING NEEDS AND SIMILAR TO ABAG'S APPROACH IN A PREVIOUS RHNA CYCLE. APPLICANTS WHOSE APPEALS ARE UPHELD WOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED FROM THE REDISTRIBUTION OF UNITS. THIS ENSURES A JURISDICTION'S APPEAL OF RELATIVELY SMALLER NUMBER OF UNITS IS NOT EXEMPT FROM TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS SHARE OF UNITS FROM OTHER APPEALS THAT ARE UPHELD ALSO CONSISTENT TO THE STATUTORY LANGUAGE THAT APPEALED UNITS SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. LASTLY, IF THE FINAL DETERMINATION INCLUDED ADJUSTMENTS TO THE ALLOCATION OF A JURISDICTION THAT WAS NOT SUBJECT OF THE APPEAL, THESE ADJUSTMENTS MAY BE EXCLUDED FROM THE ACCUMULATIVE TOTAL TO BE REALLOCATED PROPORTIONATELY TO ALL JURISDICTIONS IN THE REGION. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. SO THAT

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CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION. AND I AM HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH GILLIAN. ANY QUESTIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON THIS ITEM? IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND AT THIS TIME. I DO NOT SEE ANY RAISED HANDS. DIRECTOR EKLUND, DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM?

PAT ECKLUND: NO. I WAS GOING TO MOVE IT BUT I WAS GOING TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER PUBLIC COMMENT.

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR: DIRECTOR ROMERO BEFORE WE GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

CARLOS ROMERO: QUICK QUESTION. IN TERMS OF THE REDISTRIBUTION OF UNITS THAT WOULD BE NINE COUNTY-WIDE NOT WITHIN THE COUNTY ENTITY THAT ASKED FOR THE APPEAL AND WAS SUCCESSFUL?

GILLIAN ADAMS: THAT'S CORRECT. WELL, IT WOULD BE A COUNTY'S BECAUSE SOLANO HAS ITS OWN REGION AND ARE DOING THEIR OWN PROCESS.

SPEAKER: OKAY.

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JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? SEEING NONE. I'LL ASK MR. CASTRO IF THERE IS ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED. I SEE A HAND RAISED IN THE ATTENDEES. TWO MINUTES?

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR: YES, THANK YOU.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: ROLAND LEBRUN. GO AHEAD, SIR.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU, CHAIR, I WILL BE BRIEF. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION IS THAT MANY OF THESE APPEALS MAY COME BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE PLANNING. I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE, IN CASE, IN GILROY, THE RHNA ALLOCATION, VTA IS USING THAT RIGHT NOW AS AN EXCUSE FOR APPROPRIATING THE ENTIRE CALTRAIN PARKING LOT, ALL OF IT, AND BUILDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON IT. AND THAT'S NOT GOING TO ACHIEVE ANYTHING EXCEPT TO CLOG HIGHWAY 101 MORE THAN IT IS NOW. EVERY DAY -- PRECOVID, RATHER, THERE WERE 15,000 SINGLE OCCUPANCY VEHICLES LEAVING GILROY EVERY MORNING AS 25% OF THE POPULATION. ALSO LIKE TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT YOU HAVE NO JURISDICTION -- YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON SOUTH OF GILROY IN THE TRI-COUNTY OUT THERE SAN BENITO SO LET ME WRAP UP HERE IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE WHAT YOU WANT TO DO IN GILROY IS TO HAVE MORE

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JOBS DOWN THERE SO PEOPLE DON'T HAVE TO GO NORTH AND IF YOU REALLY WANT TO HAVE ADDITIONAL HOUSING THAT NEEDS TO GO IN NORTH SAN JOSE BUT IN CLOSING, THE REAL ISSUE IS PLANNING. IF WE PLAN RIGHT, WON'T HAVE ALL THESE APPEALS. THANK YOU.

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR: THANK YOU SO MUCH. ANY OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT? IF SO PLEASE PRESS STAR NINE IF YOU ARE PHONING IN. I DO NOT SEE ANY COMMENTS MR. CASTRO.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: SEEING NONE.

PAT ECKLUND: I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE.

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR: MOTION BY EKLUND. IS THERE A SECOND?

DAVID E. HUDSON: SECOND.

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR: SECOND BY HUDSON.

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR: DIRECTOR MANDELMAN? ^

RAFAEL MANDELMAN: ^

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FARHAD MANSOURIAN: THANK YOU, PRESIDENT ARREGUIN. I THINK THAT THIS ITEM MAKES SENSE, AND THE FRAMEWORK MAKES SENSE. I JUST REITERATE, AND I THINK WE'LL PROBABLY TALK ABOUT THIS MORE AT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, THE CONCERN THAT I AND OTHER IN SAN FRANCISCAN'S HAVE, NOT ABOUT THE RHNA METHODOLOGY, BUT ABOUT THE PLANNED BAY AREA HOUSEHOLD DISTRIBUTION THAT CAME OUT OF -- CAME OUT IN DECEMBER AND THAT WE APPROVED IN JANUARY, WHICH TO REMIND FOLKS, SHIFTED SIGNIFICANT HOUSING INTO SAN FRANCISCO RELYING ON REDEVELOPMENT OF EXISTING RENT CONTROL. AND MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING IN THE SOUTHEASTERN PART OF SAN FRANCISCO AND SHIFTING HOUSEHOLD GROWTH AWAY FROM JOBS RICH AREAS ON THE PENINSULA AND IN NORTHERN SANTA CLARA COUNTY. I DO CONTINUE TO HAVE THOSE CONCERNS, THAT'S NOT FOR VOTING FOR THIS. THANKS VERY MUCH.

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS BEFORE WE GO TO THE MOTION? OKAY. SEEING NO RAISED HANDS. MR. CASTRO, ROLL CALL, PLEASE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MOTION BY EKLUND, SECOND BY HUDSON. [ROLL CALL VOTE] MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'LL TURN IT BACK OVER TO YOU, CHAIR SPERING.

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JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: THANK YOU MAYOR. WE'LL NOW MOVE TO ITEM 5B COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN, CONSIDERING OUR LANGUAGE, AND ANUP, ARE YOU READY TO GO? HELLO. YOU HAVE TO UNMUTE YOURSELF.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: UNMUTE YOUR PHONE.

ANUP TAPASE: CAN YOU HEAR ME?

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: YES WE CAN HEAR YOU.

ANUP TAPASE: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONER AND BOARD MEMBERS. HAPPY TO BE HERE AGAIN. MY NAME IS ANUP TAPASE PLANNER HERE. I AM HERE TODAY ON THE CONSIDERATION OF LANGUAGE WITH THE COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN FRAMEWORK. THIS IS AN ITEM THAT WE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH WITH THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL AND THE REGIONAL EQUITY WORKING GROUP, AND I BELIEVE WE HAVE COME UP WITH AN AFFIRMATIVE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE COMMITTEE AND THE BOARD TODAY. CAN I ASK STAFF TO BRING UP THE SLIDES, PLEASE, THANK YOU. SO LET ME BEGIN WITH SOME BACKGROUND. COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN IS A FRAMEWORK WE HAVE USED SINCE 2001. THESE ARE DESIGNATED GEOGRAPHIES, OR CENSUS TRACTS THAT HAVE HIGH CONCENTRATIONS OF HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS, DESTINATIONS OF CAULKED ON THRESHOLDS FOR EIGHT DEMOGRAPHIC

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FACTORS INCLUDING RACE AND INCOME. AND WE UPDATE THIS EVERY PLAN CYCLE WITH THE MOST RECENT DEMOGRAPHIC DATA, MOST RECENT BEING FROM 2020. ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE PAGE IS A MAP WE RELEASE EVERY TIME WE MAKE THIS UPDATE AND IT'S ON OUR WEB SITE TOO. NEXT PAGE PLEASE. I WANT TO USE SOME PICTURES HERE, NOT JUST SPECIFICALLY TO POINT TO A COMMUNITY BUT REALLY PAINT A PICTURE THAT COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN ARE NOT JUST SORT OF ONE TYPE OF COMMUNITIES. THESE COMMUNITIES ARE RICH DIVERSE VIBRANT RICH IN CULTURE, HISTORY, AND NOT SO GREAT A HISTORY OF DISINVESTMENT AND BEING UNDER PRIORITIZED. THESE COMMUNITIES ARE RACIALLY AND ETHNICALLY DIVERSE. SOME ARE URBAN, RICH IN TRANSIT, GREAT ACCESS TO JOBS, SOME ARE RURAL, AGRICULTURAL AND DEPENDENT. AT THE SAME TIME COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN GRAPPLE WITH RACE ISSUES, RISING RENT AND HOME PRICES LEAD TO DISPLACEMENT AND GENTRIFICATION OF MANY COMMUNITIES POLLUTION FROM AIRPORTS AND REFINERIES AND COMMUNITIES HAVE RISK OF FLOODING FROM RISING WATER LEVELS, INFRASTRUCTURE LIKE PARKS AND ROADS AND HISTORIC UNJUST POLICIES HAVE LEFT CONCENTRATION OF POVERTY HIGH CRIME CRATES AND INCIDENTS OF POLICE BRUTALITY. NEXT PAGE PLEASE. WE USE FRAMEWORK ACROSS OUR PLANNING EFFORTS FOR PROGRAMMING OF FUNDS AND USE IT TO ALIGN PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT RESOURCES BEYOND MTC AND ABAG THIS IS USED THROUGH THE COUNTIES AND CITIES IN THE BAY AREA. WITH PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN ARE INTERTWINED WITH THE PLAN STRATEGIES FOR EXAMPLE, THEY ARE THE FOCUS OF

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SOME PLAN STRATEGIES SUCH AS SUPPORTING COMMUNITY LED TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT AND COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN OR PROVIDING TARGETED RENTAL AND MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE OR HIGH SPEED INTERNET AND TOGETHER WITH THIS WE PRIORITIZE MULTIPLE STRATEGIES WITHIN COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN AS WELL SUCH AS SAFER STREETS, INCUBATOR PROGRAMS, COMMUNITY PARKS, [INDISCERNIBLE] INITIATIVES AND BUILDING RETROFIT SUBSIDIES. IN PLANNED BAY AREA PLANNED BAY AREA 2050, 70% OF POP-UP WORKSHOPS WERE IN COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN. MOST ORGANIZATIONS WE PARTNER WITH ARE IN COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN. WE MEASURE OUTCOMES AND DISPARITIES IN SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN COMPARING TO THE REST OF THE REGION MOST OF US TODAY WILL PROBABLY AGREE OUR TIME IS BETTER SPENT DISCUSSING THE DETAILS OF THESE STRATEGIES OR HOW BEST TO IMPLEMENT THEM IN COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN WHICH WE ABSOLUTELY DO BUT I WANT TO TAKE YOUR TIME TODAY TO DISCUSS THE NAME ITSELF AS WORDS CAN SHAPE OUR ACTIONS AND CURL. SO WHAT'S IN THE NAME? NEXT PAGE PLEASE. LAST YEAR WAS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR RECKONING IN OUR REGION AND BEYOND. MIDDLE OF LAST YEAR WE AS STAFF BEGAN CONSIDERING THE NOMENCLATURE COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN AS WE FELT DISCOMFORT USING THAT TERM. LOVER THE LAST MANY MONTHS WHAT WE BELIEVE WAS AN INCLUSIVE PROCESS WE CONSULTED WITH THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL, REGIONAL EQUITY WORKING GROUP, AND ALSO DIRECTLY ENGAGED WITH COMMUNITIES ON SEVEN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS DESIGNATED BY COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT WE PARTNER WITH. NEXT PAGE

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PLEASE. ACROSS THE BOARD WHEN WE ENGAGED THE COMMUNITIES WAS A RESOUNDING DESIRE TO USE A DIFFERENT NAME. THEY SAW THE NAME AS BEING PROBLEMATIC, FEAR MONGERING, IT SOUNDS DEMEANING, RELATES TO STIGMA FELT IT WAS NEGATIVE, AND THE TERM WAS VAGUE AND PASSIVE. IT DOESN'T SUFFICIENTLY ADDRESS THE STRUGGLES THEY ACTUALLY FACE. THAT I WANT THE TERM TO EMPOWERING FORWARD LOOKING COMMUNICATE ACTION AND PRIORITY. WE ALREADY KNOW COMMUNITIES ARE MARGINALIZED, THE TERM SHOULD SHOW WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT. AND ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT COMMUNITIES ARE CONSTANTLY CHANGING SO THE TERM COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN IS STAGNANT. ALSO, IN VARIOUS NOMENCLATURE, THEY REPORT THE TERM SHOULD NOT BE TOO LONG, IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD ACROSS VARIOUS AND ALL AUDIENCES. NEXT PAGE PLEASE. PROVIDING CONTEXT OF NOMENCLATURE OF OTHER AGENCIES USE, RANGING FROM ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AREAS AND COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN IN LA, OR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITIES IN SACRAMENTO, AREAS OF CONCENTRATED POVERTY IN TWIN CITY, PORTLAND AREA, HISTORICALLY MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES EQUITY FOCUS AREAS TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ZONES IN BOSTON AND EQUITY EMPHASIS AREAS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. NEXT PAGE PLEASE. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE POWER OF LANGUAGE. AND BASED ON EVERYTHING WE HAVE HEARD, WE ARE RECOMMENDING CHANGING THE NAME FROM COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN TO EQUITY PRIORITY COMMUNITIES. THIS RECOMMENDATION STEMS PRIMARILY FROM THE FEEDBACK WE RECEIVED FROM THE COMMUNITIES THEMSELVES, THE TERM PRIORITY, THE WORD PRIORITY WAS WELL

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LIKED ACROSS ALL DISCUSSION GROUPS WE HAD PROPOSE SAID A WIDE RANGE OF NAMES INCLUDING THOSE YOU SEE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE THE TERM EQUITY PRIORITY COMMUNITIES REFLECTED WHAT THEY TOLD US THAT I WANT TO SEE IN THE NAME WHICH IS A NAME THAT'S PERSONALIZATION, EMPOWERING, FORWARD LOOKING AND ACTION ORIENTED COMMUNICATES THAT WE WANT TO PRIORITIZE THESE COMMUNITIES AND SHORT AND EASILY UNDERSTOOD. RECEIVING STRONG SUPPORT FROM THE REGIONAL EQUITY WORKING GROUP AND POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL AND THE WORD PRIORITY SENDS A CLEAR MESSAGE THAT REGARDLESS OF THE REASON BEING LEFT BEHIND IN THE PLANNING PROCESS WE ARE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THEY ARE PRIORITY IN OUR PLANNING AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT. BEYOND THE NOMENCLATURE -- NEXT PAGE PLEASE -- BEYOND THE NOMENCLATURE WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT DEFINING AND MEASURE SUCCESS A CONTINUOUS ONGOING EFFORT AS WE ENVISIONED IN OUR EQUITY PLATFORM IN THE NEAR-TERM THAT IS WITHIN THE PLAN CYCLE, WE ARE PROPOSING TO REVISE THIS NOMENCLATURE, AND ARE ALSO AUGMENTING THIS METHODOLOGY BY LOOKING AT DISPARITIES FOR THE POPULATION FOR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES AT-LARGE RATHER THAN JUST FOCUSING ON GEOGRAPHIC COMMUNITIES. AND IN THE LONGER TERM BECAUSE WE DID NOT GET TO DO IT IN THIS PLAN CYCLE, WE WANT TO USE THE FRAMEWORK BECAUSE IT'S BEEN IN USE FOR ALMOST TWO DECADES NOW AND THERE ARE GAPS AND ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP BEFORE. WE HAVE SOME INITIAL THOUGHTS ON HOW WE MIGHT REEXAMINE THIS BUT OF COURSE THIS WOULD BE A PROCESS IN ITSELF

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THAT WE HOPE TO UNDERTAKE AS PART OF THE PLATFORM. PERHAPS WE CAN THINK ABOUT REALIZING THE OVERWHELM FRAMEWORK WHERE EQUITY PRIORITY COMMUNITIES MIGHT BE AN OVERARCHING GROUP BUT HAVING MORE ISSUE SPECIFIC DESIGNATIONS AS WELL TO RESPOND TO THE DEFINITION OF COMMUNITIES. THERE ARE GAPS IN CHANGING THE DEFINITION OF LOW INCOME, OR THINKING ABOUT HOW THERE MIGHT BE LOWER CONCENTRATIONS OF DISPLACED POPULATIONS IN COMMUNITIES THAT MAY NOT BE CAPTURED IN THE TECHNOLOGY AND AT A MORE MICRO LEVEL RECOGNIZING THAT THIS PLACE-BASED FRAMEWORK IS ONLY ONE DIMENSION OF EQUITY AND HOW DO WE TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT SENIORS OR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES OR LGBTQ COMMUNITIES ARE DISPERSED THROUGHOUT THE REGION AND SIGNIFICANT POPULATIONS OR PEOPLE OF COLOR MAY LIVE OUTSIDE THESE COMMUNITIES SO HOW DO WE CAPTURE THESE COMMUNITIES AT-LARGE RATHER THAN USING A PLACE-BASED FRAMEWORK. NEXT PAGE PLEASE. SO TODAY, WE ARE SEEKING YOUR APPROVAL TO RENAME COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN AS EQUITY PRIORITY COMMUNITIES FOR USE ACROSS OUR PRODUCTS AND PROJECTS. THIS IS A SMALL BUT MEANINGFUL CHANGE AND COMMUNICATE TO THE REGION AT-LARGE THAT MTC AND ABAG WILL TEND TO PRIORITIZE THESE HISTORICALLY UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES TO PRESENT POSITIVE OUTCOMES. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THERE IS MUCH WORK TO BE DONE IN THE YEARS AHEAD BEYOND SIMPLY CHANGING A NAME AND THERE MUST BE CONCERTED EFFORT ACROSS OUR AGENCIES TOWARDS TRULY ACHIEVING EQUITABLE OUTCOMES. WITH THAT I'LL TURN IT BACK TO YOU, CHAIR.

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JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: THANK YOU. GOOD PRESENTATION. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION, AND THE EVOLUTION OF HOW YOU HAVE COME TO THIS CHANGE. AND IT WAS VERY HELPFUL, SO THANK YOU. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS? EDDIE? START OFF.

EDDIE AHN: THANKS CHAIR SPERING. AS I COMMENTED BEFORE IF WE CARE ABOUT EQUITY WE SHOULD GET THE DEFINITION RIGHT IF WE COULDN'T GET THE DEFINITION RIGHT COMMUNITIES WE CARE ABOUT IN THE NAME OF EQUITY WILL NEVER GET ACCESS TO RESOURCES. THE ONE THING I WANT TO PUSH STAFF ON A LITTLE IS MAKING SURE THAT WE'RE UTILIZING THIS TOOL TO ITS MAXIMUM POTENTIAL. SO, YOU KNOW, AT THE STATE LEVEL, FOR INSTANCE, THERE IS A TERM DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES MAPPED BY CALENVIROSCREEN WHICH I AM SURE YOU'RE WELL AWARE AND OF COURSE WE COULD TALK ABOUT HOW ANECDOTALLY THE NAME ITSELF HAS NOT POLLED WELL BUT IT DOES HAVE CONSIDERATION ON STATE FUNDING ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND RANGING TRANSPORTATION, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND MTC IS AWARE OF THE ISSUE AND ARE MAKING MAXIMAL EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THAT DEFINITION AND IF IT REQUIRES REPLACING CALENVIROSCREEN WITH OUR EQUITY PRIORITIES COMMUNITY DEFINITION I'M OPEN TO THAT AS WELL. JUST HOPE THOUGH CONVERSATIONS ARE ONGOING WITH THE STATE AND REFERENCE FOR HOW POORLY THE STATE DEFINITION ON DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES IS DOING RIGHT NOW AND WHO THAT

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MISSED OUT, IN THE PRESENTATION, THE MISSION DISTRICT IS MISSING, CHINATOWN, TENDER LOIN, SOUTH OF MARKET, NEIGHBORHOODS ARE ALL MISSING FROM THE STATE DEFINITION OF WHAT A DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY OF CONCERN IS. BUT OVERALL, I'M SUPPORTIVE OF THIS NAME CHANGE.

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: THANK YOU FOR THOSE COMMENTS. CARLOS? ^

CARLOS ROMERO: ^

CARLOS CASTELLANOS: ANUP, THANK YOU FOR THIS GREAT WORK. YOU WERE ONCE A STUDENT OF MINE AND YOU CONTINUE TO DO FABULOUS WORK. SO I, TOO, AM IN SUPPORT OF THIS CHANGE. WHEN I WAS ON THE MTC ADVISORY BODIES FROM 2006 TO 2008, THE NAME ITSELF DID STRIKE ME AS A LITTLE STRANGE. I THINK THIS IS MUCH MORE APPROPRIATE IN KEEPING WITH WHAT, CERTAINLY OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MS. MCMILLAN STATED WELL OVER A YEAR AND A HALF AGO IN ONE OF OUR IN-PERSON MEETINGS LATE IN THE EVENING THAT EQUITY SHOULD PLAY A MUCH MORE CENTRAL ROLE IN ALL THE WORK THAT MTC AND ABAG IS DOING. AND I THINK THIS BEGINS TO GET US THERE. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, THOUGH, IT IS THE LONG-TERM REEXAMINING OF THE FRAMEWORK THAT I THINK IS GOING TO BE THE MOST VITAL HERE. AND I WOULD LOVE TO SEE WHAT THE WORK PLAN MIGHT BE TO ACTUALLY GET THERE, IF THEY HAVE THE APPROPRIATE

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DISCUSSION IN COMMUNITIES, IN LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES. IN THESE EQUITY PRIORITY COMMUNITIES. SO THAT WE CAN ADDRESS SOME OF THE CONCERNS THAT COMMISSIONER AHN HAS MENTIONED ABOUT CALENVIROSCREEN WHICH WE ALL KNOW IS SMALL EXCLUSIONARY. SO THIS LONG-TERM WORK EXAMINING THE FRAMEWORK I THINK WOULD BE VITAL AND WOULD LOVE TO HAVE SOME SORT OF UPDATE IN THE FUTURE ABOUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO GO ABOUT DOING IT. BUT, AGAIN, THANKS FOR BRINGING THIS ON THE AGENDA. AND I -- AS I SAID, I DO SUPPORT THE NAME CHANGE.

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: THANK YOU. AMY.

AMY R. WORTH: THANK YOU MR. CHAIR AND APPRECIATE ON TO BE ABLE TO MAKE A COMMENT TODAY AT THE COMMITTEE MEETING. I REFER THE RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF AND REALLY AGREE WITH COMMISSIONER AHN'S COMMENTS ABOUT OUR BAY AREA CHALLENGE IN TERMS OF REALLY ADDRESSING EQUITY ISSUES IN OUR -- YOU KNOW, IN TERMS OF GETTING THE STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING THAT OUR COMMUNITIES NEED AND DESERVE, THAT ARE IDENTIFIED IN THIS POLICY. I'M ALSO MINDFUL -- AND I APPRECIATE THE BREADTH OF THE STAFF REPORT, AND THE STAFF LOOKING AT FUTURE PRIORITIES. BECAUSE I'M VERY MINDFUL OF THE BROOKING'S INSTITUTE, THAT REPORT FROM 2017, WHICH IS REALLY FOR READING -- YOU KNOW, FOR LOOKING REPORT ON THE CHANGING GEOGRAPHY OF U.S. POVERTY. WE'RE PARTICULARLY FAMILIAR WITH IT IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, BECAUSE EAST CONTRA

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COSTA COUNTY WAS ONE OF THE AREAS THAT THE INSTITUTE STUDIED THEM IN PREPARING FOR AND IT HIGHLIGHTS A LOT OF ISSUES THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH IN THE BAY AREA RELATIVE TO DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES, AND SO I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT, NOT ONLY DO WE -- I THINK THE NAME CHANGE IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, BUT ALSO THIS BROADER LOOK AT HOW DO WE MAKE SURE THAT ALL THE COMMUNITIES WHO ARE IN NEED OF, YOU KNOW, PROVIDING, WE NEED TO PLACE A PRIORITY ON MAKING SURE THAT THOSE TRANSIT INVESTMENTS AND THE KIND OF PROGRAMS THAT ARE IDENTIFIED THROUGH THIS EFFORT WILL BE INCLUDED. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR WORK. AND FOR THE STAFF PRESENTATION.

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: THANK YOU AMY. MAYOR LICCARDO?

SAM LICCARDO: THANKS. I JUST WANT TO BUILD ON THE COMMENTS OF COMMISSIONER AHN AND ROMERO, WITH A QUESTION OF SORTS. AND VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE PROPOSED CHANGES. ANUP, ALSO CONGRATULATIONS ON OVERCOMING WHATEVER HINDRANCE WAS BURDENED UPON YOU WITH HAVING MAYOR ROMERO AS YOUR TEACHER. I AM SURE YOU HAVE DONE GREAT AND OVERCOME ALL OF THAT. WHAT I REALLY WANT TO KNOW IS, WHAT IS OUR STRATEGY FOR REALLY TRYING TO ADDRESS THIS ENVIROSCREEN CHALLENGE THAT WE'RE TRYING TO GET.

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: WHO WANTS TO ADDRESS THAT?

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THERESE MCMILLAN: TO SAY THAT WE HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY AFTER ISSUE FOR SOMETIME, AND THERE IS SOME WORK THAT'S GOING ON RIGHT NOW IN TERMS OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE STATE. SO REBECCA DO YOU WANT TO LET FOLKS KNOW WHERE WE ARE IN THAT CURRENT PROCESS IF YOU'RE ON?

REBECCA LONG: THANK YOU THERESE.

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: GO AHEAD.

REBECCA LONG: HAPPY TO JUMP ON. THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION COMMISSIONER LICCARDO. THE STATE IS PROPOSING AN UPDATE TO CALENVIROSCREEN VERSION 4.0 WE SUBMITTED A LETTER LAST NIGHT TO THE AIR DISTRICT PROVIDING COMMENTS IT'S NOT A SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE TO THE METHODOLOGY WHERE WE HAVE LANDED RIGHT NOW IS TINKERING WITH THE METHODOLOGY OF CALENVIROSCREEN IS NOT GOING TO GET US TO WHERE WE NEED TO BE MORE THE STRATEGY IS COMMUNICATING WITH THE RESOURCES AGENCY WHO USES THIS TOOL ON HOW THEY DEFINE DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES, BECAUSE THEY ACTUALLY HAVE QUITE A BIT MORE DISCRETION. THERE IS NOTHING IN THE LAW THAT SAYS, YOU KNOW, FOR EXAMPLE, THEY HAVE TO USE THE TOP 75TH PERCENTILE AS THE COMPOSITE SCORE OF CALENVIROSCREEN THEY CAN BE MORE [INDISCERNIBLE] THEY NEED TO LOOK AT THE CENSUS TRACTS THAT ARE VERY DISADVANTAGED FROM THE SOCIO-

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ECONOMIC STANDPOINT EVEN IF THEY FALL BLOT THRESHOLD FROM THE POLLUTION VARIABLES AND ARE NOT AS DISADVANTAGED AND WE MET WITH ASSEMBLYMEMBER CHU LAST WEEK TO TALK ABOUT THE CAUSE OF ACTION US HE INVITED US TO A WORK WITH THE DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES AND USING A DEFINITION THAT WORKS WITH US SO I THINK THAT IS A LONG-TERM FIX. THERE IS NO BILL THIS YEAR TO DO THAT BUT WE'RE VERY MUCH ENGAGED ON THIS. THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO UPDATE YOU ON ALL ON THAT.

SAM LICCARDO: THANK YOU FOR DOING THAT. I APPRECIATE -- AND YOU KNOW YOU'RE MUCH MORE A TUNED TO THE DETAILS ON THIS THAN I AM. BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE WE BELIEVE THAT A SIMPLE LEGISLATIVE FIX ISN'T VERY LIKELY. IS THAT WHY WE'RE GOING THE ROUTE THAT WE'RE GOING?

REBECCA LONG: I DO THINK A LEGISLATIVE FIX WILL BE VERY CHALLENGING BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, IT OBVIOUSLY DOES BRING UP KIND OF GEOGRAPHIC TENSION THERE IS UNDER THE CURRENT DEFINITION, RIGHT? THE BAY AREA DOESN'T DO AS WELL IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING THAT IS SORT OF A LIMIT THE NUMBER THEN SOMEBODY ELSE IS LOSING THEIR PROPORTION AT SHARE. BUT I THINK, YOU KNOW, WHAT HAS STARTED TO HAPPEN IN LEGISLATION, FOR EXAMPLE, ONE OF THE BILLS THAT WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THIS MORNING IS THE DEFINITION THAT BILLS REFER TO IS INCREASINGLY NOT JUST THE CAL ENTIRE ROW SCREEN SO TO THE EXTENT THAT WE CAN BE

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ADDITIVE AND ENCOMPASS MORE LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES, NOT JUST, AGAIN, CAL ENTIRE ROW SCREEN THAT'S PROBABLY THE ROUTE THAT WILL HAVE MOST SUCCESS.

SAM LICCARDO: OKAY. THANK YOU. I SHOULD ADD, BY THE WAY, I HAVE GREAT RESPECT FOR MAYOR ROMERO AND HOPE EVERYONE UNDERSTOOD THAT COMMENT WAS MERELY IN JEST. I DID WANT TO SUGGEST THOUGH TERMINOLOGY ALWAYS TAKES TIME FOR ALL OF US TO ADOPT SO I HOPE WE'LL ALL BE PATIENT WITH ONE ANOTHER WHEN ONE OR ANOTHER OF US USES OLD TERMS REFERRING TO PRIORITIES EQUITY COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: THANK YOU. CAL ENTIRE ROW SCREEN IS SOMETHING THAT'S A PROBLEM FOR A LOT OF US AND SORT OF ON THE BACK BURNER AND KIND OF WE FORGET ABOUT IT. NICK?

COM. NICK JOSEFOWITZ: I WANT TO LIFT UP COMMISSIONER AHN'S WORK ON THIS WITH HIS NON-COMMISSIONER HAT AS THE CEO OF BRIGHT LINE HE HAS BEEN LEADING A COALITION AROUND THE BAY AREA TRYING TO KIND OF SORT OUT THIS CALENVIROSCREEN PROBLEM. I WANT TO -- REBECCA KIND OF SAID ONE OF MY MAIN POINTS IS WHICH I THINK IF WE HAVE A ROBUST DEFINITION OF EQUITY PRIORITY COMMUNITIES WE DON'T HAVE TO REPLACE CALENVIROSCREEN BUT WE CAN IDENTIFY EACH REGION'S HIGHEST EQUITY PRIORITY AREAS AND DEVELOP THE FRAMEWORK THAT GOES AROUND IT. I WANT TO

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JUST SORT OF -- IT'S -- THERE -- CALENVIROSCREEN IS ONE OF THE STATES FOR DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES, SIGNIFICANT AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS USE FAIR HOUSING SCREENS AND IT'S JUST REALLY COMPLICATED AND IF WE'RE GOING TO BE OVERLAYING ANOTHER MULTIPLE, MORE SCREENS ON THIS, I THINK WE REALLY NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE DOING KIND OF THE OUTREACH WORK TO COUNTIES AND TO CITIES TO KIND OF HELP THEM UNDERSTAND THE KIND OF THE VARIETY OF DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS OF DISADVANTAGE AND EQUITY PRIORITY, THE KIND OF THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND EVERYBODY ELSE USES AND KIND OF HELP -- CREATE -- SORT OF DO THE ASSISTANCE WORK TO HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THIS. BECAUSE IT GETS COMPLICATED SO QUICKLY AND THIS HAS SUCH AN IMPACT IN HOW PEOPLE CAN ACCESS THE FUNDS THAT THEY NEED TO SUPPORT THEIR COMMUNITIES.

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: OKAY. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO MARTHA AND IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU JESS, TO TAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR BOTH ABAG AND MTC RIGHT NOW, AND THEN WE'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION. MARTHA DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: WE HAVE RECEIVED WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE FROM MTC'S POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL AND THE CHAIR HAS HER HAND RAISED. HOW MUCH TIME WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE?

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: TWO MINUTES.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: OKAY. RANDI KINMAN, YOU ARE UP FIRST. GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.

RANDI KINMAN: THANK YOU. TAKES A SECOND FOR THE UNMUTE BUTTON TO SHOW UP. RANDI KINMAN CHAIRING THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL AND WE WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS. WE HAVE HAD ONGOING MEETINGS WITH THE EQUITY AND ACCESS SUBCOMMITTEE FOR MORE THAN A YEAR AND THE FULL-BLOWN POLICY COUNCIL FOR OVER A YEAR. THE RECOMMENDATION COMES WITH A LOT OF WORK BEHIND IT. CHANGING THE NAME DOESN'T SOLVE THE PROBLEMS BUT IT PRESENTS A BETTER SPACE WHEN REACHING OUT OF AND ALLOWS US TO DO MINOR REBRANDING AS WE DO REACH OUT CHANGING THE NAME DOESN'T ALTER ABILITY TO TARGET GEOGRAPHIC AREAS AS WELL AS BROAD BASED EQUITY ISSUES. THE FRAMEWORK NEEDS TO BE RUN THROUGH AN APPOINTED BODY SUCH AS HOURS TO OVERSEE THAT AND TO COLLECT THE DATA. AND SINCE YOU ALREADY HAVE A BODY THAT MAKES THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, I WOULD STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT WE LOOK AT ORGANIZING UNDER THAT KIND OF UMBRELLA. GOING BACK TO EQUITY ISSUES THAT WE FACE, ADA IS NOT THE FLOOR BUT THE SEALING IN EQUITY ISSUES IN OUR TRANSIT GROUPS THIS WOULD ALLOW US TO EXPAND AND CONTINUE THE WORK THAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING. THE -- THIS NAME CHANGE AND CREATING A NEW FRAMEWORK ALLOWS US TO CONTINUE TO OVERLAP OUR MAPPING AND ANALYSIS TO SEE WHERE THINGS LIKE THE CALENVIROSCREEN OR BAAQMD OVERLAP. IT WOULD BE

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PREFERABLE TO DEVELOPMENT A MUCH BETTER FRAMEWORK FOR US TO USE. WE HAVE FEDERAL STANDARDS FOR EMISSIONS AND CALIFORNIA HAS GREATER STANDARDS THAN THOSE THAT WE'RE ALLOWED TO USE AND THIS IS TIME FOR DISCUSSION ABOUT STANDARDS AND FRAMEWORK THAT WORK FOR US. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE NAME CHANGE. I LOOK FORWARD TO STUMBLING OVER IT AND MORE IMPORTANTLY LOOK FORWARD TO CREATING A FRAMEWORK THAT ALLOWS US TO DO A BETTER JOB WE HAVE BEEN DOING A GOOD JOB WE CAN ALWAYS DO BETTER. THE NAME CHANGE IS LONG OVERDUE. I SAT WITH MAYOR ROMERO ON THOSE COMMITTEES YEARS AGO SO IT'S GREAT TO SEE TO BE PART OF THE TRANSITION OF THIS. THANK YOU.

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: THANK YOU. MARTHA?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NEXT UP IS RICH HEDGES. RICH? GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK. I TOO HAVE GREAT RESPECT FOR MAYOR ROMERO. I SERVED ON THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL COMMITTEE WITH HIM JUST AS AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MAYOR. I WANT TO SPEAK TO THE EQUITY PRIORITY COMMUNITIES NAME UPDATE. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT CHANGE. OUR EQUITY AND ACCESS COMMITTEE, AND I AM HAPPY THEY SECOND THE MOTION SENT IT FORWARD TO THE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL AND IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY SENT BY OUR ADVISERS, UNANIMOUSLY SENT TO YOU LAST WEDNESDAY.

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I BELIEVE THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT STEP. AND ACTUALLY, I FEEL A LITTLE BIT REMISS IN THE FACT THAT I HAVE NEVER REALLY THOUGHT THIS NAME AND USED COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN AND THINKING ABOUT IT REALIZED HOW HURTFUL IT COULD BE FOR SOME PEOPLE LIVING IN COMMUNITIES THAT IS TO CONCERN OF OTHER COMMUNITIES THE CHANGE IS OVERDUE AND I THINK MTC STAFF HAS DONE A GREAT JOB OF FINDING AN APPROPRIATE NAME FOR OUR MISSION TO MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR SOME COMMUNITIES. AND I WOULD ADVISE PERSONALLY THAT WE ADOPT THIS, AND JUST A SIDE, WE REALLY NEED TO GET THIS INFORMATION OUT TO COMMUNITIES THAT ARE APPLYING FOR GRANTS. I SERVE ON A COMMITTEE THAT SCORES LIFELINE MONEY FOR SAN MATEO COUNTY AND ALL OF THESE AGENCIES USE, IN THEIR REQUEST, COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN. SO WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THEY ALL UNDERSTAND THAT THIS LANGUAGE IS CHANGING FOR THEIR GRANT APPLICATIONS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LETTING ME SPEAK. AND EVEN MORE I'M THANKFUL WE'RE MAKING THE CHANGE. THANK YOU.

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: THANK YOU. MARTHA, ANY OTHERS?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: LAST UP IS ALETA DUPREE. GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU CHAIR SPERING. ALETA DUPREE FOR THE RECORD. SHE AND HER. THIS IS IMPORTANT TO SUPPORT. I AM IN SUPPORT.

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IT'S OVERDUE AND WHEN I HEARD THE PREVIOUS LANGUAGE, I WAS ALWAYS UNSETTLED BY IT AND AT A LOSS OF THINKING WHAT SHOULD BE SAID INSTEAD. AND NOW WE FOUND SOMETHING NEW TO SAY. AND I SPEAK TO YOU, SIMPLY AS AN ORDINARY USER OF TRANSPORTATION. REPRESENTING ONLY MYSELF. I HAVE SAID MANY TIMES EQUITY NEEDS TO HAVE A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE IT SHOULD NEVER BE AN US VERSUS THEM. EQUITY SHOULD BE ABOUT INCLUDING EVERYBODY IN THE IMPROVEMENTS THE FUTURE HAS TO OFFER, AND NEVER TO FORCE THE HANGING OF THINGS ON TO THE PAST. AND SOMETIMES I HAVE SEEN VARIOUS PUBLIC BODIES ENACT POLICIES THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, HAVE THE BACKFIRING EFFECT OF HOLDING PEOPLE IN THESE EQUITY PRIORITY COMMUNITIES BACK. AND THAT SHOULD NOT BE SO. EVERYBODY SHOULD BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD AND RIDE THE SAME TRAIN TOGETHER. SO I WELCOME THIS CHANGE, BECAUSE I LIVE THIS. I AM IN THAT BOAT. AND I WANT EVERYBODY TO BE ABLE TO ADVANCE THE CONVERSATION TOGETHER. NO ONE SHOULD BE LEFT BEHIND IN THE STATION OR PUSHED TO THE TRACKS. I ASK FOR YOUR YES VOTE. THANK YOU.

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: THANK YOU ALETA. IS THAT THE LAST SPEAKER MARTHA?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THAT WAS OUR LAST PUBLIC SPEAKER. AND IT LOOKS LIKE MEMBER ROMERO HAS HIS HAND RAISED.

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JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: CARLOS, BRIEFLY?

CARLOS ROMERO: MR. CHAIR, I WAS GOING TO MUST ISSUE BUT I'LL WAIT FOR YOU TO GO AHEAD.

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: GO AHEAD CARLOS. ABAG, JESS, I'LL HAND IT OVER TO YOU SO YOU'LL DEAL WITH THE ABAG MOTION FIRST.

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR: SO MAYOR ROMERO, YOU MOVE ADOPTION?

CARLOS ROMERO: YES I DO AND PRIOR TO THAT I WANT TO THANK MAYOR SAM FOR YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS IN JEST AND I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU ONE OF THESE DAYS AS A GUEST LECTURE.

SAM LICCARDO: I CAN'T IMAGINE HAVING BE MADE TO SUFFER MORE.

CARLOS ROMERO: I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE APPROVE THE RENAMING OF COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN AS EQUITY PRIORITY COMMUNITIES FOR USE ACROSS ALL ABAG WORK PRODUCTS AND PROJECTS.

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JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR: IS THERE A SECOND FROM ABAG MEMBERS? I'LL SECOND THE MOTION. THANK YOU. CHAIR SPERING?

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: TAKE YOUR ROLL, JESS, IF YOU ARE READY?

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR: OKAY. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION FROM THE ABAG MEMBERS? OKAY SEEING NO RAISED HANDS MS. CASTRO, IF YOU COULD PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MOTION BY ROMERO SECOND BY ARREGUIN. [ROLL CALL VOTE] MOTION BASSES UNANIMOUSLY

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR: BACK TO YOU CHAIR SPERING.

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: MTC I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE.

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: SO MOVED; DUTRA-VERNACI.

EDDIE AHN: SECOND.

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JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: I HAVE GOT EDDIE AND MY SECOND. ROLL CALL, MARTHA PLEASE?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: [ROLL CALL VOTE] IT PASS UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS.

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: OKAY. MOVE ON TO ITEM 5C FOR THE MTC COMMITTEE MEMBERS. AND THIS IS THE ONE BAY AREA GRANT PROGRAM SECOND ROUND OBAG TWO PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROGRAMMING AND POLICY. AND I BELIEVE WE HAVE DANIEL SAVER. DANIEL, ARE YOU PRESENTING THIS ITEM?

DANIEL SAVER: YES. I AM. THANK YOU CHAIR. I WILL STAND IN FOR MY COLLEAGUE TODAY. IF THE TECH TEAM CAN PULL UP THE PRESENTATION. HELLO COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD MEMBERS MY NAME IS DANIEL SAVER ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR HOUSING AND LOCAL PLANNING PLEASE TO GIVE YOU THIS PRESENTATION TODAY IN NOVEMBER 2020 WE PRESENTED TO YOU PROPOSED APPROACH FOR LOCAL JURISDICTIONS FOR PDA PLANNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS WHICH WE PLAN TO RELEASE TOGETHER WITH THE LETTERS OF INTEREST ON THE REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANT REAP GRANT. WE'RE ASKING FOR YOUR APPROVAL RECOMMENDATION AWARDS FOR THE PDA PLANNING GRANT. BACKGROUND ON THE PDA PROGRAM, THE PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT AREAS OR PDAS ARE NOMINATED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THAT ARE AT THE CENTERPIECE OF THE REGION'S GROWTH FRAMEWORK WHICH CONSISTS OF

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HOUSING AND JOBS IN COMMUNITIES NEAR TRANSIT AND PDA PLAYS A ROLE IN THE GROWTH FRAMEWORK OF THE PROGRAM. THE PBA ARE THE PRIMARY TOOLS FOR LINKING REGIONAL LOCAL PLANNING AND INTEGRATING LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION. IF YOU RECALL THE CRITERIA, 2019 FOR PDA WERE UPDATED AND LOCAL JURISDICTIONS SIGNIFICANTLY EXPANDED THE NUMBER OF PDAS AND IN ADDITION INFUSING EQUITY AND EMPHASIZING MOBILITY UPDATED CRITERIA REQUIRED PDA NOMINATED PRIOR TO 2019 THEY MUST NOW ESTABLISH A PLAN SUPPORTED BY UPDATED BY 2025. [INDISCERNIBLE] NEWER PLANS BEGIN UPDATED BY 2025 THIS IS CONTEXT FOR THE PRESENTATION. NEXT SLIDE. FOCUS HERE IS THE ALLOCATION OF APPROXIMATELY 7.8 MILLION IN PDA GRANTS BY MTC BUT I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THE CONTEXT WHICH IS AT THE SAME TIME ABAG IS ALLOCATING STATE FUNDING DUE TO THE REGIONAL ACTION EARLY PLANNING PROGRAM REAP. OVERLAPPING AND COMPLIMENTING PDA FUNDING BY SUPPORTING LOCAL PLANNING PLANS IN ALL NINE BAY AREA JURISDICTIONS. ONE OF THE INTERESTING THINGS WE'RE ABLE TO DO IS WITH OUR SHARED REGIONAL STAFFING BOTH AT MTC AND ABAG WE WERE ABLE TO COORDINATE THE PROGRAMS INTO ONE APPLICATION PROCESS. SO IF WE JUMP TO THE NEXT SLIDE. I'LL SAY MORE ABOUT THE PROCESS THAT GOT US HERE. SO WE WERE ABLE TO PROMOTE BOTH PROGRAMS THROUGH A SINGLE OUTREACH PROCESS AND A SINGLE APPLICATION PROCESS TO MAKE THIS MUCH EASIER FOR LOCAL STAFF TRYING TO ACT AS RESOURCES. THIS INCLUDED MULTIPLE NOTIFICATIONS TO LOCAL STAFF INCLUDING CITY AND COUNTY MANAGERS, PLANNING DIRECTORS,

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HOUSING DIRECTORS, ET CETERA, HAD FOUR STEP-BY-STEP WEBINARS WHERE WE WALKED STAFF THROUGH THE ACTUAL ONLINE APPLICATION ITSELF. ALSO PRESENTATIONS IN ALL COUNTIES TO LOCAL PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORS AND ALSO WE'RE AVAILABLE FOR ONE-ON-ONE ASSISTANCE WITH ANY LOCAL STAFF THAT HAD QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW TO APPLY FOR THE FUNDS. THIS ROUND, WE INNOVATED A NEW SIMPLE WEB-BASED APPLICATION FOR BOTH PROGRAMS. SO IT WAS ONE APPLICATION TO ACCESS ALL OF THE FUNDING AVAILABLE THROUGH BOTH OF THESE PROGRAMS AND WE HAD INCREDIBLY POSITIVE RESPONSE IN FEEDBACK ABOUT THAT PROCESS FROM LOCAL STAFF. WE COMBINED THESE TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR LOCAL STAFF. WE KNOW YOUR STAFF ARE ALREADY HARD PRESSED TO HAVE FREE TIME TO GET THIS KIND OF THING DONE AND ALSO BY COMBINING PROGRAMS WE WERE ENCOURAGING JURISDICTIONS TO LOOK AT THE FULL PORTFOLIO OF PLANNING NEEDS TO SHAPE THE APPLICATION. ON PARTICIPATION SIDE OF THE LEDGER ABAG AND ALL SECTIONS UNDER WERE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FUNDING AND HAD TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS. ONLY JURISDICTIONS THAT HAD NOMINATED PDAS WERE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR GRANTS. MOVE TO THE NEXT SLIDE. SO THIS SHOWS YOU WE MADE THE PROCESS SIMPLE, AND THERE WAS A LOT ELSE GOING ON, BUT ONE OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF THAT WAS WE HAD A TRULY UNPRECEDENTED NUMBER OF REQUESTS LEADING TO THE MOST OVERSUBSCRIBED FUNDING ROUND IN THE HISTORY OF THE PROGRAM. YOU WILL SEE WE RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY $30 MILLION IN REQUESTS FOR ONLY $7.8 MILLION OF AVAILABLE

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FUNDING. SO YOU SEE THERE WERE 38 PLANNING GRANT REQUESTS, 53 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS REQUESTS, THIS IS JUST A REALLY OVERWHELMING RESPONSE, FAR BEYOND WHAT WE HAVE SEEN HISTORICALLY FOR THE PROGRAM. ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE IN THE CHART DOWN AT THE BOTTOM, YOU WILL SEE THE PDA PLANNING GRANTS ARE BROKEN DOWN INTO THREE CATEGORIES KIND OF EXPLAINING WHAT I SAID AT THE BEGINNING FIRST ARE THE PLANS THAT HAVE BEEN ADOPTED PRIOR TO 2019 THAT NOW HAVE A 2025 DEADLINE TO MOVE THE SPECIFIC PLAN. NEXT LINE NEWER PDAS WHICH MUST INITIATE THEIR PLAN BY 2025 AND THE THIRD CATEGORY ARE OLDER PLANS IN NEED OF AN UPDATE OR POTENTIAL EXTENSION OF THE PLAN. ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE YOU SEE A DISPLAY OF THE INTEREST WE GOT FOR THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT MANY APPLICATIONS ARE IN AREAS WE HAVE SEEN TRADITIONALLY COMPLETE STREETS, BUT EMERGING AT THE TOP ENGAGEMENT AND GROWING NEED TO SUPPORT THE ADOPTION OF LOCAL VMT POLICY CONSISTENT WITH SB743. SO, WE CAN MOVE -- THE TAKE AWAY FROM THIS IS THAT THERE WERE WAY MORE PHENOMENAL PROJECTS THAT CAME IN THROUGH THE APPLICATION THAN WE'RE ACTUALLY ABLE TO FUND. IF WE MOVE TO THE NEXT SLIDE, THE -- SO HOW DO WE PRIORITIZE THE APPLICATIONS? THE CRITERIA THAT WAS USED IS CONSISTENT WITH WHAT WAS PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE BACK IN NOVEMBER 2020. FOR BOTH PLANNING GRANTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THE PRIMARY CRITERIA FOCUSED ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PLANNED BAY AREA 2050. ESPECIALLY TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING STRATEGIES AS WELL AS SUPPORTING HOUSING PRODUCTION AT ALL

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INCOMES AND PROTECTING AGAINST DISPLACEMENT IN THE PDAS. THAT'S GIVEN HOW DRAMATICALLY OVERSUBSCRIBED WE ARE IN THE FUNDING AND WERE ALSO RECOMMENDING SEVERAL OTHER CRITERIA PRIORITIZED FOR THE PROJECT YOU SEE PROPOSE THE STAFF FOR PLANNING GRANTS, PLANNING GRANTS ARE LARGER OF THE TWO UP TO $800,000 LISTED IN ORDER BY STAFF'S RECOMMENDED PRIORITIES FIRSTLY THOSE THAT HAVE THE 2025 DEADLINE TRYING TO HELP THE JURISDICTIONS THAT HAVE NOMINATED PDAS THAT NEED TO MEET THE DEADLINE BASED ON THE CRITERIA SECOND CATEGORY ARE NEW PDAS THOSE THAT WERE RECENTLY ADOPTED AND THIRD CATEGORY LOOKING AT PLANS THAT NEED TO BE UPDATED ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE, YOU SEE SEVERAL OF THE CRITERIA THAT ARE PROPOSED FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS WHICH ARE TO FUND THOSE PRIORITIES -- EXCUSE ME -- THE PROJECTS THAT ARE INCREDIBLY INNOVATIVE, THOSE THAT REDUCE VMT AND ALSO OVERCOME SPECIFIC BARRIERS TO IMPLEMENTATION. NEXT SLIDE. SO BEFORE -- THIS SLIDE IS SHOWING YOU THE PROPOSED AWARD FOR THE PDA PLANNING GRANT. OF THE FACTS ONE WE'LL GET INTO THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT BEFORE WE TALK ABOUT TECHNICAL FUNDING I WANT TO UNDERSCORE THERE WASN'T ENOUGH IN THIS ROUND TO SUPPORT MANY DESERVING PROPOSALS AND IN THE PRIOR ROUND MANY OF THESE PROPOSALS WOULD HAVE BEEN LIKELY TO BE FUNDED WE'RE JUST OVERSUBSCRIBED IN A VERY DIFFERENT WAY KEY DIFFERENCES IS MENTIONED THE OVERSUBSCRIPTION ALSO THE CRITERIA FOR THE 2020 DEADLINE FOR OLDER PDAS. SO THAT WAS ONE OF THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES THAT

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STAFF PUT FORWARD IN THESE RECOMMENDATIONS. THE OUTCOME OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD BE TO FUND ALL OF THE PROPOSALS THAT CAME IN FOR OLDER PDAS THAT MUST MEET THE 2025 DEADLINE FOR ALL PROPOSALS THAT CAME IN WE WANT TO HELP THOSE MEET THE 2025 DEADLINE. THAT WOULD BE PLAN FOR ZONING FOR 13 UNPLANNED PDA WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF REGIONAL TRANSIT AND ADDING CAPACITY FOR 75,000 HOMES AT ALL INCOME LEVELS AND ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THREE NEWER PDAS THAT ROSE TO THE TOP AND KEY TO THESE PROPOSALS WERE THEY WERE PROPOSALS THAT INCLUDED ALL OF THE PDA PLANNING REQUIREMENTS SO THERE IS KIND OF START TO FINISH PLAN. THEIR PLANNING EFFORT, THEY WOULD RESULT IN A SPECIFIC PLAN AS WELL AS ZONING IN A PROGRAMMATIC EIR AT THIS STAGE FOR IMPLEMENTATION. SO YOU CAN SEE HERE, THERE IS A NUMBER OF THOSE. AND I'LL FLAG THAT FOR THE OAKLAND PROPOSALS, THEY PROPOSED PLANNING FOR MULTIPLE PDAS WITHIN THE CITY. SO THAT'S WHY THE NUMBERS ARE -- THEY ADD UP. SO THAT'S WHAT'S GOING THERE. WE CAN MOVE TO THE -- AND YOU WILL SEE ALL OF THIS INFORMATION ALSO LISTED IN THE ATTACHMENT. IN THE MATERIALS. SO HERE ON THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SIDE BASED ON THE CRITERIA THEY JUST DISCUSSED STAFF RECOMMENDS FUNDING FIVE INNOVATIVE REPLICABLE PROJECTS SHOWN ON THE MAP INCLUDING INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING SAN LEANDRO, MICRO MOBILITY IN HAYWARD ORDINANCE IN SAN MATEO ET CETERA. ANOTHER KEY THING TO TAKE AWAY HERE IS STAFF IS PROPOSING A NEW REGION-WIDE VMT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. AND SO THIS WOULD FUND NEW

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WORKING GROUPS TO HELP ALL OF THE 70 PLUS JURISDICTIONS IN THE BAY AREA THAT HAVE YET TO ADOPT LOCAL VMT POLICIES AS REQUIRED BY SB743. SO IN PART THIS IS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF VMT RELATED PROPOSALS WE HAVE RECEIVED BOTH FOR THE GRANT PLANNING PROGRAM AS WELL AS REAP IT'S JUST NOT ABLE TO FUND ALL OF THOSE PROGRAMS GIVEN OUR RESOURCES AND WE BELIEVE THAT WE CAN DELIVER ASSISTANCE MORE COST EFFECTIVELY IN DOING SO WITH PARTNERSHIP WITH THE OPERATING SCALE. WE ARE WORKING TO COMPROMISE NORTH BAY JURISDICTIONS RELATED TO CTAS AS WELL AS APPLICANTS TO SPECIFICALLY REQUEST TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT BUILDING OFF OF THAT EXPERIENCE WITH A SUCCESSFUL MULTI-JURISDICTION AT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FROM LAST ROUND OF FUNDING AND I WILL HIGHLIGHT WHAT WE CAN DO BY LOOKING AT THESE PROGRAMS TOGETHER FUNDING IN PART WITH PDA PLANNING DOLLARS BUT ALSO IN PART WITH THE PDA DOLLARS FROM ABAG AND JUST YESTERDAY THE ABAG HOUSING COMMITTEE APPROVED AN ALLOCATION OF REAP FUNDING THAT WOULD SUPPORT THIS WORK AND IMPORTANTLY THE WORK WOULD SUPPORT PROJECTS ACROSS THE ENTIRE BAY AREA. MOVE TO THE NEXT SLIDE. SO, AGAIN, JUST LISTING UP REAP ON THE ABAG SIDE IMPORTANT TO COMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM BACKGROUND FOR YOU TRACKING MOSTLY PROVIDING FORMULA RESPONDING TO JURISDICTION IN THE 109 BAY AREA RANGING FROM $20,000 FOR SMALLER CITIES TO OVER $600,000 IN FORMULA FUNDING FOR SAN FRANCISCO IT REALLY ZEROS IN ON HOUSING ELEMENT COMPETITION AND REZONING FOR THE COMPETITIVE GRANT SIDE YOU

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SEE HERE THE TABS FOR THE AWARD ON THE REAP COMPETITIVE GRANTS THOSE ARE WITH THE GREEN MARKERS AND TECHNICAL CAPACITY TO SOLVE OUR COLLECTIVE CHALLENGES YOU CAN SEE A GREATER BREADTH OF GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE ALL ACROSS THE BAY AREA. MOVING TO THE NEXT SLIDE. DRAWING UPON THAT POINT WHEN YOU COMBINE THE TWO PROGRAMS WHERE STAFF IS RECOMMENDING SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE BAY AREA AT EVERY SINGLE COUNTY THOUGH AS WE HAVE HIGHLIGHTED THERE IS A LOT OF GREAT PROPOSALS THAT WE'RE NOT ABLE TO FUND DUE TO LIMITED RESOURCES. SO TO AMPLIFY THE IMPACT OF BOTH OF THESE PROGRAMS WE ARE EXPECTING TO ENGAGE WITH LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO EVALUATE POTENTIAL SHARED SOLUTIONS THAT LEVERAGE PDA AND REFUNDING OR BOTH TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES IDENTIFIED IN MULTIPLE FUNDED REQUESTS. SO ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE, YOU SEE THE VMT WORKING GROUP THAT WE'RE BRINGING FORWARD TODAY AND THE BOX REPRESENTS POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION AND DELIVERING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE LEVERAGE OTHER ECONOMIES OF SCALE THAT COULD BE SEA LEVEL RISE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT HOUSING FEASIBILITY ET CETERA. SO KIND OF COMING BACK SPECIFICALLY TO THE PDA PROGRAM LOOKING AHEAD WE ANTICIPATE ONGOING HIGH LEVELS OF DEMAND FOR THIS PROGRAM WE WANT TO FLAG TO MEET THE DEMAND IN THE FUTURE THE COMMISSION MAY NEED TO IDENTIFY INCREASED FUNDING BEYOND HISTORIC LEVELS IF WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT ALL PDAS ACROSS THE REGION. NEXT SLIDE. THIS SHOWS YOU THE REQUESTED ACTION AND AGAIN THERE IS MUCH GREATER

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DETAIL PROVIDED IN YOUR PACKET BUT WE'RE ASKING TO YOU REFER RESOLUTION 4202 REVISED TO APPROVE THE PROGRAMMING OF ROUGHLY 7.86 MILLION IN PLANNING GRANTS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORTIVE STUDIES. AND I AM AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS. NEXT SLIDE IS JUST A --

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: THANK YOU, DANIEL. YOU KNOW, THIS PROGRAM BEING OVERSUBSCRIBED, THE BRIGHT SIDE OF THAT IS THE ACCEPTANCE THROUGHOUT THE REGION FOR ALL THE WORK THAT ABAG AND MTC HAS BEEN DOING TO PROMOTE THE PDA PROGRAM. IT'S A CONFIRMATION. AND I HOPE THERESE IS ON HERE HOPEFULLY WE'RE LOOKING AT DIGITAL FUNDING SO WE HELP WITH SOME OF THESE GREAT PROJECTS. IT'S A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS FOR ABAG AND MTC A PROGRAM THAT IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN MANY OF THE COMMUNITIES AND FACILITATING INVESTMENT IN TRANSPORTATION IN MANY COMMUNITIES. STAFF THANK YOU FOR THE GREAT WORK AND NOW I'LL TAKE COMMENTS FROM MY COMMITTEE MEMBERS. FIRST RAFAEL MANDELMAN? ^

RAFAEL MANDELMAN: ^

FARHAD MANSOURIAN: HERE. THANK YOU. SO I -- THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. I WOULD LIKE TO UNDERSTAND A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT WHY SAN FRANCISCO DID SO RELATIVELY POORLY IN THIS ALLOCATION. SAN FRANCISCO HAD, I THINK, CREATED FOUR NEW PDAS. IT IS ANTICIPATED TO BE MAKING A SIGNIFICANT -- WHATEVER COMES

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OUT OF OUR DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE DECEMBER AND JANUARY HOUSEHOLD DISTRIBUTION, EITHER WAY, SAN FRANCISCO IS GOING TO BE NEEDING TO ACCOMMODATE SIGNIFICANT GROWTH AND WE HAVE LARGELY ANTICIPATE DOING THAT AT LEAST PARTLY THROUGH NEW PDAS ON THE WEST SIDE AND THE WESTERN ADDITION AND WEST SIDE OFFERS SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY IF WE CAN GET IT RIGHT AND FILLMORE WESTERN ADDITION OF FILLMORE IS OF COURSE ONE OF THE LAST SIGNIFICANT REMAINING CONCENTRATIONS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN FOLKS IN SAN FRANCISCO AND PROBABLY NEEDS SIGNIFICANT PLANNING WORK. SO JUST CURIOUS, GIVEN ALL OF THAT, IF YOU COULD TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HOW SAN FRANCISCO ENDED UP WITH, I THINK, ONE% OF THESE -- OF THIS FUNDING?

DANIEL SAVER: YEAH. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO TAKE A CRACK AT THAT, SUPERVISOR, AND THEN MY COLLEAGUE WILL PROVIDE MORE DETAILS IF NECESSARY. KEY AS YOU NOTED SUPERVISOR, SAN FRANCISCO HAS DONE A TREMENDOUS JOB IN NOMINATING NEW PDAS AND IDENTIFY AREAS FOR NEW OPPORTUNITY GIVEN THE CHANGE IN CRITERIA THOUGH WHERE OLDER PDAS ACTUALLY HAVE TO NOT JUST INITIATE PLANS BUT ADOPT THEM BY 2025 STAFF IS FOCUSING ATTENTION ON THOSE PDAS SO IT KIND OF PUTS SOME OF THE NEW WORK THAT'S ON THE DOCKET IN SAN FRANCISCO DOWN TO KICKING IT DOWN TO A LATER DATE ESSENTIALLY BECAUSE THERE IS A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME SO THAT'S ONE OF THE KEY PIECES THAT IS INFLUENCING THE WAY THAT THIS SHOOK OUT. AT LEAST BASED ON STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION. NOT TO DIMINISH

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WHATSOEVER ANY OF THE IMPORTANT WORK AND THE KIND OF CRITICAL EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS THAT YOU MENTIONED.

RAFAEL MANDELMAN: MY IMPRESSION IS THAT SAN FRANCISCO HAS DONE PRIOR SIGNIFICANT WORK ON PDAS AS WELL?

DANIEL SAVER: THAT IS TRUE, AND IF YOU ACTUALLY LOOK AT TABLE FIVE IN ATTACHMENT B, THERE IS A LIST OF ALL OF THE PRIOR AWARDS THROUGH THE HISTORY OF THE PROGRAM. AND SO IF YOU LOOK THROUGH THERE, YOU WILL ALSO NOTICE THAT THERE IS MANY PARTS OF THE BAY AREA THAT HAVE REALLY EMBRACED THE PDA FRAMEWORK AS COMMISSIONER SPERING MENTIONED, AND I THINK YOU WILL SEE THERE THAT SAN FRANCISCO HAS HISTORICALLY DONE QUITE WELL IN THE PROGRAM AND HAS KIND OF GOTTEN A LEG UP ON A LOT OF ITS OLDER PDAS.

RAFAEL MANDELMAN: ONE CONCERN I WOULD LOVE TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS NOW IF NOT NOW AT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE I THINK THERE'S A FEELING BY THE PLANNING STAFF THAT THERE'S A SCORING CRITERIA THE SEEMINGLY KIND OF FRAMEWORK FOR HOW THE APPLICATIONS WORK GOING TO BE EVALUATED OR CHANGED MID-STREAM OR WAS NOT CLEAR AT THE BEGIN AND THAT SAN FRANCISCO MAY HAVE STRUCTURED ITS APPLICATION IN A WAY THAT DID NOT END UP BEING TO ITS BENEFIT AND COULD HAVE SUBMITTED IN A DIFFERENT WAY IF IT UNDERSTOOD THE RELATIVE PRIORITIZE OF THE PDAS?

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DANIEL SAVER: I APPRECIATE THAT AND WOULD BE GLAD TO FOLLOW UP WITH YOU OFFLINE WE DIDN'T KNOW WE WERE GOING TO BE SO OVERSUBSCRIBED ONE OF THE CHALLENGES WE FACED AT STAFF WAS LOOKING AT SO MANY STRONG PROPOSALS AND OBJECTIVELY IDENTIFYING SOME CRITERIA THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN VERY STRONG PROPOSALS AND AGAIN JUST GIVEN THAT LINE THAT SEEMED TO BE KIND OF ONE OF THE WAYS THAT WE COULD REALLY SUPPORT JURISDICTIONS THAT NEEDED IT MOST IN THE NEAR-TERM, WITH THE HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO WORK WITH ALL OF YOU IN THE FUTURE TO IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES.

RAFAEL MANDELMAN: THANK YOU.

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: COMMISSIONER JOSEFOWITZ?

COM. NICK JOSEFOWITZ: THANK YOU. I WANT TO FOLLOW UP ON WHAT COMMISSIONER SPERING SAID. YOU KNOW, THE OVERWHELMING -- THIS IS VERY -- THESE GRANTS ARE JUST REALLY HIGH IMPACT. AND THEY ARE SO IMPORTANT FOR DELIVERING OUR REGIONAL PLANS. AND, YOU KNOW, WE'RE BASICALLY ENABLE, WITH THE SMALL AMOUNT OF PLANNING MONEY, WE'RE ENABLING LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO KIND OF DELIVER ON OUR REGIONAL GOALS. AND STAFF MENTIONED THIS, COMMISSIONER -- CHAIR SPERING MENTIONED THIS, BUT I WANT TO REEMPHASIZE I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IF THERE IS AN OPTION TO COME

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BACK WITH WHETHER THERE ARE ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES THAT WE CAN FIND IN THE SHORT-TERM TO SUPPORT JURISDICTION WHO IS WANT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PDA PLANNING AND WHO DIDN'T GET THESE GRANTS. BECAUSE IT'S JUST HEARTBREAKING THAT WE SPENT SO MUCH TIME KIND OF IDENTIFYING THESE PDAS AND THEN JURISDICTIONS ARE LIKE, I WANT TO DO THIS AND WE'RE LIKE, WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY. I'M SORRY.

MATT MALONEY: COMMISSIONER, MATT MALONEY, DIRECTOR REGIONAL PLANNING. I WANT TO SAY IN RESPONSE TO YOUR COMMENT IS THAT WE'RE FEELING THE MOMENTUM ON THIS FRONT AT THE STATE LEVEL THERE IS A LOT OF INTEREST AT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND LEGISLATURE IN DOING MORE TO IMPLEMENT SB 375 AND I WOULD JUST SAY THE STATE AGENCIES HAVE BEEN GETTING TOGETHER WITH THE REGIONS ON THIS QUESTION AS WELL. IF WE HAD A LITTLE MORE GRANT MONEY, WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS WOULD WE DO WITH IT. AND I THINK FROM OUR LENS, OBVIOUSLY, WE WOULD DO MORE WITH ENABLING MORE INFILL INFRASTRUCTURE TO HAPPEN. AND SO I'M HOPING THAT THERE IS, ON THE HORIZON, MAYBE IN THIS BUDGET REVISE PROCESS, MAYBE WE SEE A LITTLE MORE RESOURCES THAT WE CAN PUT TO THAT. SO WE'RE DEFINITELY FOLLOWING WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE STATE LEVEL PRETTY CLOSELY.

THERESE MCMILLAN: THIS IS THERESE MCMILLAN, WHAT I AM SPECIFICALLY HEARING IS THAT RATHER THAN HAVE ANOTHER CALL FOR

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PROJECTS, SHOULD SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING COME, CONSIDER THIS LIST, WHERE WE MOVE THE LINE DOWN, OR, YOU KNOW, CERTAINLY LOOK AT WHAT'S ALREADY THERE IN TERMS OF MERITORIOUS PROJECTS AND APPLY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING TO THIS SET THAT WE'RE SEEING HERE.

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: YEAH THAT'S WHERE I WOULD BE AT THERESE, IS THAT APPROACH, EXACTLY. JESS?

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR: THANK YOU. THAT WAS ONE OF MY QUESTIONS, WHEN IS THE NEXT ROUND OF PDA GRANT PLANNING FUNDING. I'M NOT ON THE MTC COMMISSION, BUT THERE IS A HUGE DEMAND. THERE WILL BE EVEN BURG DEMAND IN THE FUTURE AS MANY CITIES AND COUNTIES ARE GOING HAVE TO IMPLEMENT THEIR RHNA NUMBERS. SO I JUST WANTED TO MAKE THE CONNECTION BETWEEN RHNA AND THIS PROGRAM. THIS IS REALLY WHERE WE'RE ABLE TO HELP LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MEET THEIR TARGETS AND CREATE A SUSTAINABLE GROWTH THROUGHOUT THE REGION. AND I WANT TO JUST TALK ABOUT THE NEED TO LOOK BEYOND PDAS. AND TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE CAN PROVIDE FUNDING FOR TRANSIT-RICH COMMUNITIES THAT MAY NOT BE A DESIGNATED PDA IN HIGH-RESOURCE AREAS. BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE EXPANDED THE GROWTH GEOGRAPHIES BEYOND JUST THE PDAS LAST RHNA IT WAS REALLY JUST FOCUSED ON PRINCIPALLY THE PDAS AND NOW WE ARE INCLUDING A WHOLE LOT OF OTHER PARTS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA FOR OUR NEW HOUSING GROWTH. SO YOU KNOW,

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WHAT ARE THE TRANSPORTATION OR INFRASTRUCTURE DOLLARS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE COMMUNITIES TO SUPPORT THEIR WORK, IS JUST SOMETHING I WANTED TO LIFT UP, AND THAT'S OBVIOUSLY SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT, BUT YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT'S GOING RELATIONSHIP HELP US ACHIEVE OUR TARGETS AND MAKE IT EASIER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO COMPLY WITH THESE NEW REQUIREMENTS. SO THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: THANK YOU JESS. AND YOU ARE AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION, JESS.

JESSE ARREGUIN, ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIR: THANK YOU. [LAUGHTER]

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: EDDIE AHN?

EDDIE AHN: I APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR MANDELMAN'S COMMENTS AS WELL AS JOSEFOWITZ'S CLARIFICATIONS AND I WOULD ASK STAFF TO FOLLOW UP ON WHAT DIRECTOR MCMILLAN MENTIONED WHICH IS THAT LIST AND HOW, IF, AND WHEN FUNDING INCREASES WHAT OUR OPTIONS ARE BEFORE US.

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: ALFREDO PEDROZA?

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ALFREDO PEDROZA: I WANT TO ECHO COMMENTS THAT MAYOR ARREGUIN SAID PREVIOUSLY WE WERE HEARING ABOUT THE APPEAL PROCESS FOR RHNA AND HERE IS A TOOL THAT COULD ACTUALLY DELIVER OUTCOMES. THE CONVERSATION IS TIMELY. WE HAVE TO TELL THE STORY OF HOW WE ARE OVERSUBSCRIBED THIS IS LOCAL COMMUNITY WE WANT TO DO OUR FAIR SHARE TO ADDRESS HOUSING CRISIS BUT THEY NEED THE TOOLS AND RESOURCES TO DO SO. HERE IS AN EXAMPLE. I DON'T WANT TO BYPASS THIS BUOY -- BUT WE NEED TO BE A RESOURCE TO MEET THE OBJECTIVES.

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: THANK YOU ALFREDO. BEFORE I TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION AND SECOND TO FORWARD THIS ITEM. MTC COMMITTEE?

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: DUTRA-VERNACI MAKES THE MOTION.

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: THANK YOU CAROL.

LIBBY SCHAAF: SCHAFF SECONDS.

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: THANK YOU LIBBY. WITH THAT, DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THERE WAS NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM AND THERE IS ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

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WITH THEIR HAND RAISED. OH, MORE THAN ONE NOW. OKAY. ROLAND, GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU'RE FIRST UP. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR, I CANNOT TELL YOU HOW GRATEFUL I AM FOR THIS VMT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO GILROY. BUT I WANT TO CAUTION YOU ON ONE ASPECT AND THEN LATER MAKE A RECOMMENDATION ON FUNDING. THE FIRST CONCERN I HAVE, IT'S A VERY SMALL CITY WITH VERY LIMITED RESOURCES. YOU HAVE TO BE REALISTIC THAT FUNDING IS GOING LAND RIGHT BACK UP IN VTA'S LAP FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING THE PROBLEM IN THE FIRST PLACE. MY SUGGESTION IS MAKE SURE THAT GRANT GOES TO GILROY, NOWHERE ELSE. BUT THEN I'M ALSO REQUESTING THAT THAT GRANT BE ISSUED AS A CONDITION OF THE VTA MATCHING THIS GRANT 100% WITH FUNDING FOR A MEASURE THAT THE SANTA CLARA -- THE VOTERS OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY PASSED BACK IN 2007 TO ADDRESS SPECIFICALLY THIS PROBLEM WHICH IS A CONGESTION BETWEEN SAN JOSE AND GILROY. SO I HOPE THAT YOU WILL TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION. MONEY GOES TO GILROY. DOESN'T GO TO VTA AND THE VTA TO MATCH IT 100%.

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: THANK YOU.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: NEXT UP IS TERENCE. TERENCE, GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES. NEXT UP IS AVALON. YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

SPEAKER: HELLO I'M FROM THE CITY OF SAN LEANDRO I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO STAFF AS A NOTE IN THE PRESENTATION THEY DID AN EXCELLENT JOB SPREADING THE WORD ABOUT THE PROGRAM'S MAKING APPLICATION PROCESS SIMPLE AND TAKING TIME TO ANSWER QUESTIONS THIS IS A GREAT MODEL FOR LOW BARRIER ENTRY WHICH IS APPRECIATED WITH ALL THE HARD WORK EVERYONE'S DOING RIGHT NOW AND WE'RE PLEASED TO SEE THE ENGINEERING STUDY ON THE RECOMMENDED LIST. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT'S IT FOR ME. OKAY. TERENCE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE IT ANOTHER GO. GO AHEAD AND UNMUTE YOURSELF. PRESS STAR SIX

SPEAKER: CAN YOU HEAR ME.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: YES I CAN. GO AHEAD.

SPEAKER: MY NAME IS TERENCE I REPRESENT BRENTWOOD CALIFORNIA ONE OF THE KEY HOUSING PROVIDERS IN THE REGION THUS HELPED DEAL WITH THE REGION'S HOUSING SHORTAGE CAUSED BY SOME JURISDICTIONS ALLOWING MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF EMPLOYMENT GENERATIONAL USE WITHOUT PROVIDING ADEQUATE HOUSING WE HAVE BECOME A BEDROOM COMMUNITY MANY RESIDENTS LEAVE THE CITY FOR

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WORK MOST SPENDING AN HOUR OR MORE COMMUTING EACH WAY THIS CREATES SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS ON THEIR LIVES AND ON OUR COMMUNITY. THE PLANNED BAY AREA DOES NOT EXCEPT LIP SERVICE TO THE NEEDS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR UNEMPLOYMENT GENERATING COMMUNITIES LIKE BRENTWOOD TO ADDRESS THE JOBS/HOUSING IMBALANCE THE RESULT REALLOCATION FOR BRENTWOOD HAS DOUBLED WE HOPED THE REGION COULD PROVIDE GRANTS TO HELP US PLAN FOR THIS HIGH RHNA ALLOCATION BUT COMPLETING PLANS FOR OUR THREE NEW PDAS ISN'T FUNDING HOWEVER STAFF HAS NOT RECOMMENDED ANY OF OUR PLANNING EFFORTS FOR FUNDING, WITH NOT ONE DIME OF COMPETITIVE REAP OR PDA RECOMMENDS FOR OUR COMMUNITY. INSTEAD MUCH OF THE FUNDING GOES TO THE JURISDICTIONS THAT CREATED THIS CRISIS IN THE FIRST PLACE BY NOT ALLOWING ADEQUATE HOUSING. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL DIRECT STAFF TO RECONSIDER AND PROVIDE HELP TO COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE BEEN PART OF THE SOLUTION AND ARE WORKING TO FURTHER ADDRESS THE HOUSING CRISIS. THANK YOU.

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: THANK YOU, SIR. MARTHA ARE THERE ANY OTHER SPEAKERS

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED.

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: MARTHA TAKE THE ROLL PLEASE.

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CLERK OF THE BOARD: WILL DO. AND THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SCHAFF. [ROLL CALL VOTE] PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS.

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: DANIEL, THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. GOOD INFORMATION. THANK YOU. WE'LL NOW MOVE TO PUBLIC COMMENT, OTHER BUSINESS. MARTHA DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM.

JIM SPERING, MTC PLANNING CHAIR: OKAY. ANY COMMITTEE OR BOARD MEMBERS CLOSING COMMENTS? OKAY. THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE. THIS IS GOOD WORK TODAY. WITH THAT, THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED. [ADJOURNED]

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