

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.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021, 5:30 P.M.

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: GOOD EVENING I'M JESSE ARREQUIN, THE MAYOR OF BERKELEY AND THE CHAIR OF THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD. I'M GOING TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER AND ASK THAT STAFF PLAY THE COVID-19 MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT. THANK YOU. [RECORDED MEETING PROCEDURES 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 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 RAISE HAND FEATURE, OR DIAL STARNINE, 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 READ OUT LOUD. IF AUTHORS OF THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK, THEY ARE FREE

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1 TO DO SO. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR ALL ACTION ITEMS. PANELISTS
2 AND ATTENDEES SHOULD NOTE THAT THE CHAT FEATURE IS NOT ACTIVE.

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4 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** WILL THE ABAG CLERK OF THE BOARD PLEASE CONDUCT A
5 ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM WHETHER THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD IS PRESENT.

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7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES, SIR. SUSAN ADAMS? I SEE HER. HER VIDEO IS OFF.
8 SUSAN, I'LL MARK HER AS HERE. SUPERVISOR ANDERSEN?

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10 **CANDACE ANDERSON:** I AM HERE.

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

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14 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** PRESENT.

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16 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** BAS IS ABSENT. JAYNE BATTEY, NON-VOTING? IS ABSENT.
17 MAYOR BREED? IS ABSENT. MAYOR BUTT?

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19 **TOM BUTT:** HERE.

20

21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR CANEPA IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR
22 CHAVEZ IS ABSENT. MAYOR EKLUND?

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24 **PAT ECKLUND:** PRESENT.

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. COUNCILMEMBER ESPARZA.

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3 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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5 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FIFE IS ABSENT.

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7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** FLIGOR?

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9 **NEYSA FLIGOR:** HERE.

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11 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** GARCIA?

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13 **LEON GARCIA:** HERE.

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15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** GIBBONS?

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17 **SPEAKER:** HERE. VICE MAYOR HALE IS ABSENT.

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19 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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21 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** MAYOR HALLIDAY?

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23 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** HERE.

24

25 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** HILLIS ABSENT. HUDSON?

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2 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** HERE.

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4 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR LEE?

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6 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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

9 SUPERVISOR MAR IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR MILEY IS ABSENT. SOME MITCHOFF?

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11 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** HERE.

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13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MOULTON PETERS IS ABSENT.

14 COUNCILMEMBER PERALEZ?

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16 **RAUL PERALEZ:** HERE.

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18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUP RABBIT IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR RAMOS?

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20 **BELIA RAMOS:** HERE.

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

23

24 **SPEAKER:** PRESENT.

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** SUPERVISOR SPERING? I DO NOT SEE HIM. IS ABSENT.
2 COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR IS ABSENT. MAYOR WILSON IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR
3 HAUBERT?

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5 **DAVID HAUBERT:** HERE.

6

7 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU. QUORUM IS PRESENT.

8

9 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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11 **LORI WILSON:** YOU CAN MARK ME HERE.

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13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THANK YOU MAYOR.

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15 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** VICE MAYOR HALE NOTIFIED ME SHE IS ON THE CLOSED
16 SESSION LINK. IF YOU COULD FORWARD HER THE MEETING LINK? NEXT ITEM, PUBLIC
17 COMMENT. IS THERE ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT WISHES TO GIVE PUBLIC
18 COMMENT THAT'S ON THIS EVENING AGENDA. IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR
19 PRESS STAR NINE IF YOU ARE PHONE INTO OUR MEETING. MR. CASTRO ANY PUBLIC
20 COMMENTS SUBMITTED.

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22 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NONE RECEIVED -- SORRY -- THERE WAS ONE COMMENT THAT
23 WAS POSTED ON THE MTC LEGISTAR WEB SITE AND E-MAILED TO MEMBERS.

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IF THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT
2 ON AGENDA MATTERS THAT CONCLUDES ITEM TWO. WE'LL GO TO ITEM THREE,
3 EXECUTIVE BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS. I'LL ASK IF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
4 HAVE ANNOUNCEMENTS IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. SEEING NONE. PUBLIC
5 COMMENT ON THIS ITEM? I DON'T SEE ANY RAISED HANDS, MR. CASTRO.

6

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

9

10 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY. UNLESS THERE IS ANY ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
11 FROM MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, WE WILL GO NOW TO ITEM FOUR, THE
12 PRESIDENT'S REPORT. THIS IS MY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2021. THIS IS AN
13 INFORMATION ITEM. I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME MY COLLEAGUES BACK TO OUR FIRST
14 MEETING FROM A WELL-DESERVED SUMMER BREAK AND I HOPE YOU ALL ENJOYED YOUR
15 TIME OFF. TONIGHT, FOLLOWING THE SUPPORT AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
16 REPORT, WE WILL HAVE A CLOSED SESSION. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS ARE ASKED
17 TO LEAVE THIS ZOOM WEBINAR AND FOLLOW THE ZOOM LINK TO THE CLOSED SESSION
18 SENT TO YOU IN A SEPARATE E-MAIL FROM FRED CASTRO, ACTUALLY, THIS
19 AFTERNOON AT 3:56 P.M. AND AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CODES SESSION, WE WILL
20 COME BACK TO THIS ZOOM WEBINAR FOR OPEN SESSION. AND I WOULD ASK, IF
21 POSSIBLE, IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO RESEND THE LINKS TO MEMBERS OF THE
22 EXECUTIVE BOARD, SO WE HAVE THEM AT THE TOP OF OUR INBOX. ON THE CONSENT
23 CALENDAR IS APPROVAL OF THE ELECTION CALENDAR FOR THE ELECTION OF THE ABAG
24 PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT. AND PART OF THAT ACTION REQUIRES THAT I
25 APPOINT MEMBERS OF THE CANVASSING COMMITTEE. SO I HAVE ASKED A COUPLE OF

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1 MEMBERS TO SERVE, AND I AM LOOKING FOR A THIRD VOLUNTEER, BUT I HAVE ASKED
2 AND THEY HAVE GRACIOUSLY AGREED TO SERVE IF BALLOTING IS TO OCCUR.
3 SUPERVISOR MITCHOFF AND EKLUND, I'D ASK IF THERE IS ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD
4 INTERESTING AS SERVING AN A THIRD MEMBER, WITH THE CANVASSING WOULD ENTAIL
5 BALLOTING PROCESS AND STAFF MAY ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS AROUND BALLOTS.

6

7 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** I'LL DO IT AGAIN, JESSE IF NOBODY WANTS IT.

8

9 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DAVE. I OWE YOU A BOTTLE OF WINE.

10

11 **SUSAN ADAMS:** I AM HAPPY TO HELP IF YOU NEED SOMEBODY.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THERE WAS ANOTHER HAND UP.

14

15 **SUSAN ADAMS:** SUSAN ADAMS ROHNERT PARK.

16

17 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** SUSAN ADAMS IS INTERESTED, DAVE DO YOU WANT
18 ALTERNATE?

19

20 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** I'LL DO IT. IT DEPENDS -- WELL, WE'RE DOING IT BY ZOOM?

21

22 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** I BELIEVE THIS HAS TO BE IN PERSON.

23

24 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT. YEAH. WE HAVE TO COME DOWN TO THE
25 METRO BUILDING. I STILL HAVE MY CARD.

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2 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** COUNCILMEMBER ADAMS, I APPRECIATE YOU VOLUNTEERING.
3 SUPERVISOR HUDSON PRESENTED HIS INTEREST. SO I'M GOING TO GO TO HIM. THANK
4 YOU.

5

6 **SUSAN ADAMS:** ABSOLUTELY.

7

8 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO BE APPOINTING, PART OF
9 CONSENT ITEM SUPERVISOR KAREN MITCHOFF, PAT EKLUND, AND MAYOR DAVE HUDSON
10 AS THE CANVASSING BOARD FOR THE ABAG ELECTION. I'M GOING TO ANNOUNCE I
11 INTEND TO RUN FOR ONE MORE TERM OF ABAG PRESIDENT. AND IT'S MY PLEASURE TO
12 APPOINT MAYOR EKLUND TO THE BAY CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. WE
13 INTERVIEWED CANDIDATES AND CONSIDERED QUALIFICATIONS, MAYOR EKLUND BRINGS
14 A LOT OF EXPERIENCE TO THE POSITION. STAFF HAVE BEEN HARD AT WORK ON THE
15 PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 PROCESS AND WE'LL HEAR AN UPDATE ON THE PLANNED BAY
16 AREA OUTREACH AND FINDINGS OF THE OUTREACH. ALSO, SEPTEMBER 24TH THE ABAG
17 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE WILL BEGIN ITS WORK TO CONSIDER THE 28 APPEALS
18 FROM LOCAL JURISDICTIONS ON THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION PROCESS.
19 TONIGHT, WE'LL HEAR REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES THAT MET OVER THE SUMMER
20 INCLUDING A REPORT ON A.B. 361 AND I LEARNED THE GOVERNOR HAS SIGNED
21 ASSEMBLY BILL 361 THAT'S AN URGENCY BILL AND TAKES EFFECT IMMEDIATELY SO I
22 DON'T BELIEVE WE NEED TO ADOPT A SUPPORT POSITION AT THIS POINT AS IT'S
23 MOVED BUT STAFF WILL PRESENT BRIEFING ON THAT ITEM. IN ADDITION, WE'LL
24 RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM THE SF ESTUARY PROJECT ON THE ESTUARY
25 BLUEPRINT. THAT'S A HIGH-LEVEL SUMMARY OF WHAT'S ON OUR AGENDA WHAT WE

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1 WILL BE COVERING TONIGHT. AND THIS CONCLUDES MY REPORT AND I'LL ASK IF
2 COLLEAGUES HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. SEEING NO
3 RAISED HANDS. MR. CASTRO ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

4

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

7

8 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. SO, SEEING THAT THERE IS NO
9 PUBLIC COMMENT, AND UNLESS THERE ARE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS
10 FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, THAT CONCLUDES MY REPORT. I'LL GO NOW TO ITEM
11 FIFE, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT. THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM, AND
12 I'LL TURN THE FLOOR OVER TO THERESE MCMILLAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

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14 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE ONLY THING I WOULD ADD TO YOUR
15 EXCELLENT REPORT IS JUST NOTING THAT IN AUGUST, I MET WITH THE
16 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE CHAIRS FROM THE SENATE AND STATE ASSEMBLY, ALINA
17 GONZALEZ, AND LAURA FRIEDMAN FROM GLENDALE, WE HAD A THREE-DAY TOUR AT
18 ASSEMBLY MEMBER CHU'S REQUEST WHO HOSPITAL HOST SEVERAL OF THE EVENTS.
19 EXCELLENT ASSISTANCE FROM THE PARTNER AGENCIES, THE VARIOUS CHAIRS WERE
20 ABLE TO RIDE THE VARIOUS SYSTEMS, AND APROPOS OF ABAG'S INTEREST, GET AN
21 APPRECIATION OF HOW DIVERSE THE BAY AREA IS, AND, IMPORTANTLY, THAT, YOU
22 KNOW, THE SUCCESS OF TRANSIT OFTEN HINGES ON LAND USE. SO THAT WAS, I
23 THINK, VERY INSIGHTFUL FOR THEM. THEY WERE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF IT AND IT
24 WAS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM, AGAIN, TO GET A FIRSTHAND
25 EXPERIENCE OF THE NORTH, AS BOTH OF THEM ARE FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SO

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1 JUST WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THAT. AND, AS WELL, YOU KNOW, BAYREN AND ABAG
2 WERE FEATURED IN AN ARTICLE BY CALCOG, THAT WAS PUBLISHED ON SEPTEMBER
3 9TH, 2021, AND REALLY HIGHLIGHTING THE ROLE BAYREN FILLS IN SERVICE GAPS
4 WITH THE FINANCING AND REBATE INCENTIVES AND EDUCATION AND OTHER PROGRAMS
5 THAT THEY HAVE. AND THE COMMUNITY IMPACT THAT THEY BRING TO, YOU KNOW,
6 FAMILIES, AND SMALL BUSINESS ACROSS THE REGION. SO, WITH THAT, MR. CHAIR,
7 I WILL TURN IT BACK TO YOU.

8

9 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH MS. MCMILLAN. COLLEAGUES, ANY
10 QUESTIONS FOR MS. MCMILLAN ON OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT? IF SO PLEASE
11 RAISE YOUR HAND. I DO NOT SEE RAISED HAND FROM MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE
12 BOARD. I'LL ASK FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS TIME?

13

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

16

17 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** ONCE AGAIN I'LL ASK DO ANY MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE
18 BOARD HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON THE
19 REPORT? IF NOT, THAT COMPLETES THIS ITEM. WE'LL GO TO ITEM SIX. THIS IS
20 OUR CLOSED SESSION ITEM. AND SO I WANT TO PROVIDE SOME INSTRUCTIONS ON THE
21 CLOSED SESSION. WE DID RECEIVE A SEPARATE ZOOM INVITATION THAT WAS SENT TO
22 BOARD MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES WHO ARE ATTENDING FOR AN ABSENT
23 REPRESENTATIVE. AND MR. CASTRO JUST RESENT THAT AT 5:53 P.M., AND THE
24 SUBJECT OF THE E-MAIL IS ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING CLOSED SESSION ZOOM
25 SESSION SO IT SHOULD BE AT THE TOP OF YOUR INBOX AND THAT IS THE LINK TO

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1 GO TO THE SEPARATE CLOSED SESSION. THE BOARD MEMBERS ARE INSTRUCTED TO
2 LEAVE THIS ZOOM SESSION AND LOG INTO THE SEPARATE CLOSED SESSION ZOOM. AND
3 AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CLOSED SESSION, WE'LL GO BACK TO THIS ZOOM, AND
4 CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION. SO, WE'LL GO TO 6A, CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC
5 COMMENT. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY COMMENT ON ANY OF THE CLOSED SESSION
6 ITEMS AND OUR CLOSED SESSION CONSISTS OF TWO ITEMS. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL
7 COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL MEET IN CLOSED
8 SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(A) AND PARAGRAPH (1)
9 OF SUBDIVISION (D) OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 TO CONFER WITH
10 COUNSEL REGARDING NEW LIVABLE CALIFORNIA, ET AL. V. ASSOCIATION OF BAY
11 AREA GOVERNMENTS, COURT OF APPEAL CASE NO. A159235. SECOND MATTER IS
12 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE
13 TO LITIGATION: ONE CASE THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL MEET IN CLOSED
14 SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(A) AND PARAGRAPH (2)
15 OF SUBDIVISION (D) OF GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9 TO CONFER WITH
16 COUNSEL. ANY MEMBERS WHO WISH TO GIVE PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS TIME? MR.
17 CASTRO ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS?

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

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22 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** WITH THAT --

23
24 **KATHLEEN KANE:** THROUGH THE CHAIR, IF I COULD NOTE, DUE TO A CHANGE IN
25 CIRCUMSTANCES WE WILL NOT NEED TO CONSIDER THE SECOND ITEM TONIGHT SO JUST

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1 TO SET THAT RECORD AND THEN WE WILL ALSO REPORT-OUT THAT AS WELL. ON THE
2 BACK SIDE.

3

4 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO NOTED. SO THE -- WE'LL BE DISCUSSING
5 ONE ITEM, WHICH IS ITEM NUMBER ONE, REGARDING NEW LIVABLE CALIFORNIA
6 VERSUS ABAG. WE'LL GO TO CLOSED SESSION. GO TO THE SEPARATE LINK THAT WE
7 GOT SHOULD BE IN YOUR INBOX SENT AT 5:53 P.M. FROM FRED CASTRO. SEE YOU
8 ALL SHORTLY. [CLOSED SESSION] [CLOSED SESSION CONTINUES]

9

10 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** BACK IN SESSION. WE'LL REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED
11 SESSION I'LL ASK STAFF TO GIVE A REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION.

12

13 **KATHLEEN KANE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR FIRST, WE DIDN'T CONSIDER THE SECOND
14 ITEM PREVIOUSLY AGENDAS FOR CLOSED SESSION THAT'S BECAUSE CHANGING
15 CIRCUMSTANCES BEING INDEFINITELY DEFERRED. TO THE FIRST ITEM DIRECTED WAS
16 GIVEN BUT NO REPORTABLE ACTION WAS TAKEN TONIGHT.

17

18 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT COMPLETES ITEM SIX,
19 CLOSED SESSION MATTERS. WE'LL MOVE TO ITEM SEVEN EXECUTIVE BOARD CONSENT
20 CALENDAR. IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION OR COMMENT ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

21

22 **LORI WILSON:** MOVE.

23

24 **PAT ECKLUND:** SECOND.

25

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** MOTION AND SECOND. ANY DISCUSSION ON THE CONSENT
2 CALENDAR FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS? SEEING NONE. I'LL ASK FOR PUBLIC
3 COMMENT ON ITEM SEVEN, CONSENT CALENDAR.

4

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

7

8 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** NOTING WITH REGARD TO ITEM 7B I'M APPOINTING
9 SUPERVISOR MITCHOFF, MAYOR EKLUND, AND MAYOR HUDSON AS THE CANVASSING
10 BOARD. OKAY. COLLEAGUES, ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON THE
11 CONSENT CALENDAR? IF NOT, I'LL ASK FOR ROLL CALL.

12

13 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** I'M SORRY. COULD YOU REPEAT THE MAKER OF THE MOTION
14 AND SECOND?

15

16 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** MADE BY MAYOR WILSON, SECOND BY MAYOR EKLUND.

17

18 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** ON THE MOTION. [ROLL CALL VOTE] PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY
19 ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

20

21 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** JESS, YOU CAN BE MADE A COHOST. AND IS 650509 -- IS
22 THAT NEYSA? IF THAT'S YOU, RAISE YOUR HAND. I THINK THAT'S FLIGOR. IS THAT
23 YOU?

24

25 **NEYSA FLIGOR:** IT IS.

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2 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY. I'M GOING TO OPEN YOUR LINE, AFTER YOU VOTE,
3 WHY DON'T YOU UNMUTE YOURSELF. DO YOU VOTE YES?

4

5 **NEYSA FLIGOR:** I DO. YES.

6

7 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY. SO THE MOTION CARRIES, I BELIEVE, MR. CASTRO?

8

9 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** YES, SIR.

10

11 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THAT COMPLETES ITEM SEVEN, THE CONSENT CALENDAR,
12 LET'S GO TO ITEM EIGHT, THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT. ITEM 8A
13 IS A REPORT FROM THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON JULY 9TH,
14 2021 AND SEPTEMBER 18TH TENT 21. AND I'M GOING RUN THROUGH THEM. THE ABAG
15 JOINT COMMITTEE MET WITH THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE WE MET JULY
16 9TH, 2021 AND APPROVED A NUMBER VARIOUS CONTRACTS, AND RECEIVED A REPORT
17 ON THE REGIONAL SEA LEVEL RISE AND INITIATIVES ACTIONS PRESENTATIONS
18 HIGHLIGHTED ONGOING REGIONAL SEA LEVEL RISE PLANNING EFFORTS AND SEA LEVEL
19 RISE FOR MTC/ABAG INCLUDING TWO PROPOSED ACTIONS OUR AGENCIES WILL DEVELOP
20 A SEA LEVEL RISE FUNDING STRATEGY, AND WE RECEIVED A PRESENTATION ON LOCAL
21 PARKING POLICY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WHICH PROVIDES LOCAL
22 JURISDICTIONS WITH PARKING POLICY DEVELOPMENT IMPLEMENT ASSISTANCE. THE
23 COMMITTEE MET JOINTLY SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2021 LAST FRIDAY AND RECEIVED A
24 REPORT ON PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN PARTNERSHIPS AND FINAL
25 STEPS AND ADOPTION A SUMMARY OF MAJOR FINDINGS AND CONSIDERATION ON

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1 PARTNERSHIP BASE OF IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AS WELL AS NEXT STEPS. THE ABAG
2 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE HAD A SESSION FOLLOWING THAT SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2021
3 IN WHICH WE RECEIVED AN ORIENTATION ON THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS
4 ALLOCATIONS APPEALS PROCESS, AND THAT CONCLUDES THIS REPORT. SO I'LL ASK
5 ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ON THE ABAG
6 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT? IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. SEEING NO
7 RAISED HANDS, I'LL ASK IF THERE IS PUBLIC COMMENT?

8

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

11

12 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUBPOENA ASSUMING THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL
13 COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. NO RAISED HANDS. WE'LL
14 MOVE TO 8B. THIS IS PLANNED BAY AREA, IMPLEMENTATION PLAN PARTNERSHIP
15 FINAL STEPS TO ADOPTION A PRESENTATION FROM OUR PLANNING TEAM THIS IS A
16 REPORT FROM CHIRAG AND DAVE VAUTIN.

17

18 **CHIRAG RABARI:** GOOD EVENING EVERYONE. IF STAFF COULD PULL UP THE SLIDES
19 PLEASE. MY NAME IS CHIRAG RABARI FOR THE REGIONAL PLANNING PROGRAM AND I
20 SERVE AS PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
21 AND I'LL BE JOINED BY MY COLLEAGUE DAVE VAUTIN. AS MENTIONED IN TODAY'S
22 PRESENTATION WE'RE GOING PROVIDE A RECAP OF FINDINGS FROM THE
23 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND PARTNERSHIP PHASE WHICH TOOK PLACE OVER THE SUMMER
24 AND REVIEW KEY PROVISIONS BEING PROPOSED AS PART OF THE FINAL
25 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN THEN PASS IT TO DAVE FOR FINAL STEPS TO ADOPTION. NEXT

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1 SLIDE. WE'RE GETTING CLOSE TO THE END OF WHAT WILL HAVE BEEN ROUGHLY A
2 YEAR-LONG PROCESS IN TERMS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN DEVELOPMENT THIS
3 WILL BE THE FOURTH AND FINAL IP SPECIFIC ITEM THAT WE HAVE BROUGHT TO MTC
4 AND ABAG COMMITTEES AND ADVISORY GROUPS SINCE LAST NOVEMBER. AND THESE
5 HAVE, YOU KNOW, GONE OVER A WHOLE HOST OF DIFFERENT BUSINESS IS INCLUDING
6 AN OVERVIEW OF THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND THE PROCESS, YOU KNOW, WHAT WE
7 HAVE HEARD DURING MULTIPLE ROUNDS OF OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT WITH THE
8 PUBLIC AS WELL AS PARTNERS AS WELL AS KEY IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS THAT HAVE
9 BEEN PROPOSED. NEXT SLIDE. SO, THE PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP PHASE WAS
10 TO EXPAND THE PLAN'S IMPLEMENTATION FOCUS FROM BEYOND MTC/ABAG AND
11 IDENTIFY THE PARTNERS THAT WE WILL NEED TO COLLABORATE WITH TO SUPPORT
12 STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION, AS WELL AS CAPTURE SOME OF THE ACTIVITY THAT IS
13 ALREADY HAPPENING ACROSS THE REGION WHY EXISTING PARTNER LED EFFORTS
14 COMPLEMENT THE PLANS GOALS AND STRATEGIES KEY ELEMENTS OF THE PHASE
15 INCLUDING A VIRTUAL WORKSHOP FROM 70 ATTENDEES FROM 50 ORGANIZATIONS
16 ACROSS A RANGE OF DIFFERENT SECTORS. A COMMENT PERIOD WHERE WE RECEIVED
17 NEARLY 40 COMMENT LETTERS WITH SPECIFIC FEEDBACK ON THE IMPLEMENTATION
18 PLAN. WE HAD DOZENS OF ONE-ON-ONES AND SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS. WE HELD A
19 WEBINAR ON WHAT WE HEARD, INCLUDING A Q&A, AND WE HAVE ALSO BEEN MEETING
20 INTERNALLY WITHIN OUR AGENCIES TO SUPPORT CROSS SECTOR COLLABORATION TO
21 TALK ABOUT RESOURCES, PRIORITIES, AS WELL AS ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
22 INTERNALLY, AS WE MOVE FORWARD SOME OF THE PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION
23 ACTIVITIES. NEXT SLIDE. OBVIOUSLY ALL OF THIS FEEDBACK WILL INFORM THE
24 FINAL PLAN TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ADOPTION IN OCTOBER. AND OVERALL WE
25 RECEIVED INPUT ON ALL OF THE PLAN'S STRATEGIES GENERAL SPEAKING THERE WERE

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1 MORE REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATIONS REGARDING THE TRANSPORTATION AND
2 ENVIRONMENT ELEMENTS VERSUS HOUSING AND ECONOMY ELEMENTS. TO LOOK AT HOW
3 PARTNERSHIP PHASE WILL INFORM THE FINAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN WE HAVE SHARED
4 REVISED VERSIONS OF THE DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN BRIEFS FOR YOUR REVIEW
5 AND CONSIDERATION. IN THE HAND OUT, WHICH WAS SHARED AND DISTRIBUTED YOU
6 WILL BE ABLE TO SEE PROPOSED ACTION REVISIONS, ADDITIONAL IMPLEMENTATION
7 CONSIDERATIONS, AS WELL AS STRATEGY-SPECIFIC PARTNERSHIP DETAILS INCLUDING
8 SELECT HIGHLIGHTS OF PARTNER-LED INITIATIVES. FOR CLARITY AND READABILITY
9 PURPOSES ALL OF THE NEW TEXT CHANGED TEXT HAS BEEN HIGHLIGHTED IN RED, AND
10 IT'S A LOT OF MATERIAL SO THIS PRESENTATION IS GOING TO FOCUS ON FIVE
11 SELECT TOPIC AREAS. INCLUDING SEA LEVEL RISE ADAPTATION, INCORPORATION OF
12 THE WORK OF THE BLUE RIBBON TRANSIT RECOVERY TASK FORCE, WORKFORCE
13 DEVELOPMENT NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES, HOUSING AND ANTI-DISPLACEMENT, AS
14 WELL AS TRACKING PROGRESS AND IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN. NEXT SLIDE. IN
15 RESPONSE TO FEEDBACK THAT WE HEARD FROM PARTNER AGENCIES, ENVIRONMENTAL
16 STAKEHOLDERS AS WELL AS REGIONAL POLICY MAKERS FOR THE FINAL
17 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN WE ARE PROPOSING TO CHANGE THE MTC/ABAG IMPLEMENTATION
18 ROLE TO, FROM LEAD TO PARTNER, FOR SEA LEVEL RISE ADAPTATION. THIS IS AN
19 AREA WHERE QUITE A LOT OF WORK HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE OR IS IN THE PROCESS
20 OF BEING DONE AND WE THINK THIS WILL BETTER REFLECT THE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY
21 NATURE OF THIS WORK AS WELL AS THE BROAD RANGE OF PARTNER-LED EFFORTS THAT
22 ARE ONGOING ACROSS DIFFERENT SECTORS. THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN IS
23 CONSISTENT WITH THE SUPPORTIVE OF THE BAY ADAPT JOINT PLATFORM WHICH IS A
24 BCDC LED VOLUNTARY COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE SOUGHT TO ESTABLISH REGIONAL
25 AGREEMENT TO ACTIONS TO PROTECT THE BAY AREA'S NATURAL BUILT ENVIRONMENTS

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1 FROM SEA LEVEL RISE AND THE FINAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN HIGHLIGHTS NEEDED
2 KEY WORK WITH INTERNAL PARTNERS INCLUDING BAY AREA REGIONAL COLLABORATIVE,
3 AND SAN FRANCISCO ESTIMATE AREA PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIZING NATURAL NATURE
4 BASED SOLUTIONS, AND HIGHLIGHTED KEY EFFORTS LED BY ENTITIES SUCH AS
5 CALTRANS ADAPTATION PRIORITIES REPORT ONE SHORELINE EFFORT LED BY SAN
6 MATEO COUNTY FLOOD SEA LEVEL RISE RESILIENCY DISTRICT AS WELL ASTHMA
7 RIDDEN COUNTY'S BAY WAVE INITIATIVES. IN THE TRANSPORTATION REALM THE NEED
8 WAS HEARD TO IDENTIFY MORE CLEARLY THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PLANNED
9 BAY AREA 2050 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND THE WORK OF THE BLUE RIBBON TRANSIT
10 RECOVERY TASK FORCE. IN JULY THE TASK FORCE RELEASED THEIR TRANSFORMATION
11 ACTION PLAN WHICH CONTAINED 27 RECOMMENDATIONS IN MANY DIFFERENT AREAS
12 INCLUDING FARE INTEGRATION POLICY, CUSTOMER INFORMATION, TRANSIT NETWORK
13 MANAGEMENT REFORMS, ACCESSIBILITY AND FUNDING AMONG OTHERS. OUR GOAL WITH
14 THE FINAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN IS TO WEAVE THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS MORE
15 DEEPLY INTO THE PLAN WHAT WE FOUND IS MUCH OF THE BLUE RIBBON TRANSIT
16 RECOVERY TASK FORCE WORK FITS QUITE SEAMLESSLY INTO THE SCOPE OF THE
17 PLAN'S STRATEGIES AS WELL AS THE IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH HAD
18 HEARD BEEN PROPOSED. AT A HIGH LEVEL THESE GENERALLY NEST UNDER MANY OF
19 THE EXISTING TRANSPORTATION THEMES OF MAINTAINING AND OPTIMIZING THE
20 EXISTING SYSTEM AS WELL AS BUILDING A NEXT GENERATION TRANSIT NETWORK.
21 NEXT SLIDE. FOR THE PLAN'S ECONOMY ELEMENT WE HEARD FROM A RANGE OF
22 STAKEHOLDERS ON CONCERNS RELATED TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. FROM OUR LABOR
23 PARTNERS IN PARTICULAR WE HEARD ABOUT THE NEED TO ENSURE AN ADEQUATELY
24 SKILLED AND SIZED CONSTRUCTION WORKFORCE TO SUPPORT THE PLAN'S AMBITIOUS
25 HOUSING TRANSPORTATION AND RESILIENCE INFRASTRUCTURE GOALS FROM BUSINESS

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1 PARTNERS WE HEARD ABOUT STAFFING SHORTAGES, SKILLS GAPS, AND IN GENERAL,
2 THE CHALLENGING LABOR MARKET CONDITIONS THAT HAVE CONTINUED AS THE
3 PANDEMIC REMAINS WITH US TO ADDRESS THESE REVISIONS UNDER STRATEGY EC TWO
4 EXPAND JOB TRAINING AND INCUBATOR PROGRAMS EXPAND THE EMPHASIZING
5 IMPORTANCE OF APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND HIGH ROAD CAREER
6 OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION THROUGH REGIONAL ADVOCACY EFFORTS AS
7 WELL AS PARTNERS WITH REGIONAL STAKEHOLDERS INCLUDING LABOR BUSINESS
8 EDUCATION PARTNERS AND AMONG OTHERS RESEARCH AND MODELING OF WORKFORCE
9 SUPPLY CHALLENGES IN THE REGION. NEXT SLIDE. THE HOUSING FRONT WE HEARD
10 FROM HOUSING AND EQUITY ADVOCATES AS WELL AS FROM LOCAL JURISDICTIONS
11 REGARDING ANTI-DISPLACEMENT EFFORTS. RECENTLY ADOPTED CALIFORNIA STATE
12 BUDGET THERE WAS A \$20 MILLION ALLOCATION TO HELP STAND UP THE BAY AREA
13 HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY BAHFA AND THAT ALLOCATION WILL HELP ACCELERATE
14 AND DELIVER SEVERAL PILOT PROJECTS WHICH HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE DRAFT
15 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN DEFINING CLARITY ABOUT ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
16 ABOUT BAHFA, MTC AND ABAG AS WELL AS PROPOSED TIMELINES FOR DELIVERING
17 THESE PILOTS. ALSO INCLUDES A SPECIFIC BAHFA LED ACTION TO LAUNCH A PILOT
18 PROJECT TO DEVELOP STANDARDIZED BEST PRACTICES FOR TENANT PROTECTION
19 PROGRAMS AS WELL AS SCOPE POTENTIAL REGIONAL SCALE ANTI-DISPLACEMENT
20 PROGRAMS. NEXT SLIDE. FINALLY WE HEARD FROM MANY PARTNERS ABOUT THE NEED
21 TO TACK PROGRESS AND SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY ONCE WE TRANSITION TO THE POST
22 ADOPTION LATER THIS YEAR AND THIS IS ALSO IMPORTANT BECAUSE THE CALIFORNIA
23 AIR RESOURCES BOARD WILL BE PROVIDING OVERSIGHT OF OUR PROGRESS IN
24 ACHIEVING THE PLAN'S AGGRESSIVE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION TARGET.
25 TO THAT END WE'RE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTINGS

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1 STARTING IN 2022 TO MTC/ABAG COMMITTEES ADVISORY BODIES AND PROPOSING TO
2 BUILD ON VITAL SIGNS REGIONAL PERFORMANCE MONITORING INITIATIVES AND MEANS
3 TO SUPPORT PERFORMANCE TRACKING AND ENGAGE OUR PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING
4 THE PLAN. OVERALL ACROSS THE MANY DIFFERENT PARTNERSHIP PHASE ELEMENTS. WE
5 SAW 45 DISTINCT PARTNERS OFFERING POTENTIAL COMMITMENTS OR STATEMENTS OF
6 SUPPORT TO ADVANCE IMPLEMENTATION OVER THE NEXT 1 TO 5 YEARS ACROSS ALL OF
7 THE PLAN'S STRATEGIES. WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE HOW GRATEFUL WE ARE
8 FOR THE DEDICATION, PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS AND PUBLIC HAVE SHOWN ACROSS
9 THE FOUR YEARS OF THE PLANNING PROCESS WE FULLY EXPECT TO CONTINUE WITH
10 THE SPIRIT OF PARTNERSHIP COLLABORATION AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THE
11 TANGIBLE AND SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES THAT WILL HELP US REALIZE OUR VISION AND
12 GOALS OF THE PLAN WHETHER THROUGH SHARED ADVOCACY PLANNING INITIATIVES OR
13 SPECIFIC PROJECTS. NEXT SLIDE. AND WITH THAT, I'M GOING HAND OVER TO MY
14 COLLEAGUE DAVE VAUTIN WHO IS GOING TO RUN THROUGH THE FINAL STEPS UNTIL
15 PLAN ADOPTION. THANK YOU. >DAVE VAUTIN: THANKS CHIRAG, AND GOOD MORNING
16 BOARD MEMBERS. BEFORE WE WRAP UP TODAY I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A BRIEF
17 PREVIEW OF THE REMAINING STEPS IN THE PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 PROCESS AHEAD
18 OF YOUR JOINT MEETING WITH THE COMMISSION SLATED FOR NEXT MONTH. WE'RE
19 EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE SET A DATE FOR THAT JOINT MEETING WITH YOUR
20 REGULARLY SCHEDULED ABAG BOARD TIME SLOT OCTOBER 21ST STARTING AT 5:00
21 P.M. THIS PREVIEW OF THE FINAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN PROVIDING EARLY
22 OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW PUBLIC FEEDBACK INTEGRATION INTO THE FINAL PRODUCT
23 WE SHARE THIS COMPONENT OF THE OCTOBER FINAL PLAN BECAUSE MANY OF THE MOST
24 SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES BETWEEN THE MAY 2021 DRAFT PLAN AND NEXT MONTH'S FINAL
25 PLAN ARE SITUATED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN CHAPTER ITSELF. NEXT SLIDE.

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1 NOW THAT BEING SAID OTHER COMPONENTS OF FINAL PLANNED BAY AREA 2050
2 INCLUDING THE PLAN DOCUMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT WILL SEE
3 SMALLER SCALE UPDATES BASED ON FEEDBACK RECEIVED DURING THE OFFICIAL
4 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IN JUNE AND JULY. OUR TEAM HAS BEEN FOCUSED
5 THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER ON REVIEWING THOSE COMMENTS IN CONSIDERING REVISIONS
6 WHEN APPROPRIATE TO THE PLAN DOCUMENT SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS AND EIR. IN
7 COMPLIANCE WITH CEQA, EIR COMMENTS WILL BE RESPONDED TO IN THE FINAL EIR
8 AND NON-EIR COMMENTS ARE GOING TO BE RESPONDED TO ON A ROLLING BASIS. NEXT
9 SLIDE. STAFF ANTICIPATES THAT FINAL PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 CONSTITUTING THE
10 COMPONENTS I JUST MENTIONED WILL BE RELEASED PUBLICLY NO LATER THAN THE
11 WEEK OF OCTOBER 4TH. STAFF WILL THEN CONDUCT A FINAL ROUND OF STAKEHOLDER
12 AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS TO THE REGIONAL ADVISORY WORKING GROUP, MTC
13 POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL ABAG REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE AND FOCUS ON
14 CHANGES MADE BETWEEN THE DRAFT AND FINAL PLAN AS WELL AS NEAR-TERM NEXT
15 STEPS AS WE PIVOT FROM PLANNING TO IMPLEMENTATION. CLOSING THE BOOK ON
16 2021, AND PREPARING TO HIT THE GROUND RUNNING IN EARLY 2022. AFTER THOSE
17 INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS, STAFF WILL BRING FORWARD FINAL PLANNED BAY
18 AREA 2050 TO THE JOINT PLANNING AND ADMIN COMMITTEE AND REQUEST THAT THE
19 PLAN BE FORWARDED TO THE JOINT COMMISSION AND ABAG BOARD MEETING ON
20 OCTOBER 21ST. SHOULD FINAL PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 BE ADOPTED BY MTC AND
21 ABAG IN OCTOBER, STAFF WOULD THEN WORK WITH FEDERAL AND STATE PARTNERS AT
22 THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION,
23 CALTRANS, AND THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD TO SECURE ALL THE
24 NECESSARY FEDERAL AND STATE APPROVALS IN FALL OF 2021 AND WINTER OF 2022.
25 NEXT SLIDE. SUFFICE TO SAY THAT OCTOBER WILL BE A BUSY MONTH, AS WE MOVE

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1 FORWARD TOWARDS THE COMPLETION OF THIS NEARLY FOUR-YEAR LONG REGIONAL
2 PLANNING PROCESS FOR TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, THE ECONOMY, AND THE
3 ENVIRONMENT. AND OF COURSE, WE ALSO BE DOING THE RHNA APPEALS PROCESS
4 THAT MONTH, AS WELL. I WANT TO ECHO CHIRAG'S THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS FOR
5 ALL OF THEIR INPUT IN THE PAST YEAR ON THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND YOUR
6 ONGOING ENGAGEMENT OF THE COURSE OF THIS FOUR-YEAR LONG PLANNING PROCESS
7 WE'LL BE BACK NEXT MONTH WITH AN ACTION ITEM AT THE COMMITTEE AND BOARD
8 LEVELS BUT FOR NOW WE'RE HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.

9

10 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH DAVE FOR ALL OF THE WORK YOU
11 HAVE ENGAGED IN OVER SEVERAL YEARS NOW AND IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT WE'RE
12 ALMOST AT THE END OF THE FOUR YEAR PROCESS ABOUT PLANNED BAY AREA AND
13 WE'LL BE MEETING NEXT MONTH AT THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
14 TO TAKE PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND TAKE FINAL VOTE ON THE FINAL PLAN THIS WAS
15 INTENDED TO BE A PREVIEW FOR DISCUSSION WE'LL BE HAVING NEXT MONTH. DAVE,
16 BEFORE I GO TO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS, WHEN WILL THE REVISED PLAN, EIR
17 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN WHEN WILL ALL THAT BE RELEASED FOR PUBLIC REVIEW.

18 >DAVE VAUTIN: NO LATER THAN THE WEEK OF IRKED FOURTH SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE
19 THE JOINT BOARD AND COMMISSION MEETING.

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21 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** DAVE?

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23 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** ONE THING REALLY CAUGHT MY EYE, DAVE, I THINK I BROUGHT
24 IT UP ONCE BEFORE, JUST TOO MANY MEETINGS, TOO MANY THINGS BROUGHT UP, AND
25 IT HAS TO DO WITH ADVOCACY AND LEGISLATION, IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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1 ITSELF, AND I HAVE THE BRIEF IN FRONT OF ME. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY
2 REVISIONS THERE ARE, SO IT'S ON PAGE THREE, ACTUALLY, IF YOU WANT TO SEE
3 IT. "ADVOCATE THE REFORMS TO SENATE BILL 375." THERE'S MORE TO IT. HAVE
4 YOU GOT ANY IDEA WHERE WE'RE GOING WITH THIS? BECAUSE I MEAN, BASICALLY,
5 THE LAST PLAN WAS BUILT AROUND 375. WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT DOING HERE?
6 BECAUSE IT SAYS YOU'RE 1 AND 2. SO SOMETHING'S GOT TO BE BREWING. >DAVE
7 VAUTIN: YEAH. I'M HAPPY TO PROVIDE A BRIEF RESPONSE, AND REBECCA LONG FROM
8 LEGISLATION IS HERE AS WELL. WE THERE ARE SEVERAL BILLS IN THE LEGISLATURE
9 FOCUSED ON REFORMING 375, AND WHILE THEY DIDN'T PROCEED THIS YEAR WE
10 EXPECT THEY WILL COME BACK IN THE 2022 LEGISLATION. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING
11 UNDER SB 375 SINCE 2008, 13 YEARS NOW. THE FOCUS ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND
12 POLICY ISSUES, THERE ARE ALSO WEAKNESSES OF SB 375, BLIND SPOTS WHERE IT'S
13 NOT CAPTURING ALL OF THE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS. IT'S NARROW
14 FOCUS ON TRANSPORTATION WHEN THERE ARE WAYS WE CAN LOOK AT BROADER WAYS TO
15 REDUCE CLIMATE EMISSIONS. AND, REALLY, AN APPROACH THAT SILOS REGIONS,
16 LOCALS, AND STATES, INTO BUCKETS AS OPPOSED TO LOOKING FOR WAYS TO ADVANCE
17 PROGRAMS TOGETHER IN PARTNERSHIP AND TREATING THAT AS A WIN. SO THERE IS
18 MUCH MORE TO SAY ABOUT THE TOPIC OF 375 REFORM, BUT IT'S SNAG WE'RE
19 ACTIVELY ENGAGING WITH, WITH THE LEGISLATURE, AND THESE VARIOUS BILLS TO
20 TRY TO UNDERSTAND, YOU KNOW, WHAT THE BEST PATH FORWARD IS TO, TO REFORM
21 THIS AND SET THIS UP FOR SUCCESS WITH FUTURE PLANNING WORK.

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23 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** A LOT OF THE PLANNING AROUND HOUSING WAS WHAT SB 375 WAS
24 ABOUT. AND I HAVEN'T BEEN ON THE TRANSPORTATION PART OF THE LEAGUE OF
25 CALIFORNIA CITIES FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS, BUT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BE

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1 CAUTIOUS IS ALL I'M SAYING. THEY WOULD LOVE TO SCRAP THAT THING. AND I
2 DON'T WANT TO START OVER AGAIN THESE THINGS ARE LONG ENOUGH AS THEY ARE.
3 I'LL LEAVE IT AT THAT.

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5 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** MAYOR EKLUND.

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7 **PAT ECKLUND:** AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, I MENTIONED, AND I
8 HAVE MENTIONED IT A COUPLE OF TIMES IS THAT ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT CITIES
9 AND COUNTIES ARE HAVING SOME ISSUES WITH IS TRYING TO GET MORE
10 AFFORDABILITY IN THE HOUSING. AND AN IDEA THAT HAS BEEN PROMOTED WITHIN
11 THE MARIN COUNTY PLANNERS IS, IS THERE A WAY THAT ABAG MTC CAN TRY TO HELP
12 BUY DOWN THE LEVEL OF AFFORDABILITY? A LOT OF THIS -- AND A LOT OF THE
13 CITIES ARE CHANGING THEIR 20% INCLUSIONARY BECAUSE BUILDERS DON'T WANT TO
14 DO IT. AND SO THAT'S REDUCING THE NUMBER OF AFFORDABLE UNITS. I'M VERY
15 STRONG. I'M GOING TO KEEP 20% AS LONG AS I CAN KEEP THE MAJORITY ON THE
16 COUNCIL. I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY CHANGES IN THIS LAST IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, WHAT
17 CITIZEN BEST VENUE FOR US TO GET IT INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN SO THAT
18 WE CAN AT LEAST SAY THAT THAT IDEA IS AT LEAST CONSISTENT WITH PLANNED BAY
19 AREA 2050? WHERE CAN WE MAKE SURE THAT WE GET IT IN THERE? OR IS IT IN
20 THERE ALREADY AND THEN I'LL JUST STOP ASKING THE QUESTION. BUT IS THAT
21 SOMETHING -- THE COST OF HOUSING IS JUST TOO MUCH. AND THIS IS, I THINK
22 IT'S A GOOD WAY OF TRYING TO BRING IT DOWN. SO, I DON'T KNOW. DO YOU KNOW
23 OF WHERE IT MIGHT BE? OR, CAN WE PUT IT IN THERE? >DAVE VAUTIN: FIRST OF
24 ALL, THANKS FOR THAT, SINCE I KNOW YOU BROUGHT THAT UP AT THE COMMITTEE
25 LEVEL OF COURSE THIS IS JUST OUR SEPTEMBER ITERATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION

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1 PLAN. I CAN START, AND CHIRAG, IF YOU HAVE MORE TO ADD HERE, I THINK WE
2 HAVE LAID OUT A PRETTY LONG LIST OF DIFFERENT IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS
3 RELATED TO HOUSING AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. OF
4 COURSE, WE DO HAVE A STRATEGY FOCUSED ON THE INCLUSIONARY ZONING POLICY,
5 SO I SEE THE NEXUS THERE WITH WHAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO. WE CAN CERTAINLY
6 REFLECT ON THAT SUGGESTION AND SEE IF THERE IS ANY WAY THAT THAT CAN BE
7 CONSIDERED FOR THE FINAL IN OCTOBER. BUT, I'LL TURN IT OVER TO THERESE. I
8 SEE SHE HAS HAND RAISED.

9

10 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** THANK YOU DAVE. AND THANK YOU MAYOR EKLUND FOR BRINGING
11 IT UP AND REMINDING US OF JUST ONE OF THE KEY OBJECTIVES WE HAVE. A
12 COUPLE OF THINGS, THOUGH, TO UNDERSCORE, IS TWO THINGS. I THINK WE ALL,
13 ALSO VIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN ELEMENT, IN PARTICULAR, AS A BIT OF A
14 LIVING DOCUMENT, FOCUSING ON THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD WHERE THERE COULD BE
15 LEGISLATION THERE COULD BE NEW REGULATORY A NUMBER OF THINGS THAT WE WANT
16 TO CARRY OUT IN WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE IN THE LONG-TERM. AND THE OTHER
17 THING I WOULD POINT OUT TO PRESIDENT ARREGUIN'S WORK SETTING THIS UP, YOU
18 HAVE A NEW ABAG HOUSING COMMITTEE. [LAUGHTER] AND THAT COMMITTEE, WORKING
19 HAND IN GLOVE, WITH THE BAY AREA HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY, YOU KNOW,
20 OVERSIGHT MEET THAT WAS SETUP, YOU KNOW, BY BAHFA, WORKING IN TANDEM, IS
21 THE FOCUS, I THINK, FOR CONTINUED DIALOGUE. AND PLANNING OF WHAT WE CAN DO
22 IN THIS SPACE. AND, SO, YOU KNOW, JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT THAT, AS
23 COMPREHENSIVE AND, I THINK, EXTRAORDINARILY INSIGHTFUL AS PLANNED BAY AREA
24 2050 IS, AND THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, IN PARTICULAR, WITH ITS FOCUS ON
25 REALLY TRYING TO GET IMPACTFUL ACTION IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, IT IS NOT

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1 THE ONLY THING, AND SERVES AS A GUIDE TO HELP US IN A NUMBER OF OTHER
2 AVENUES. SO JUST WANTED TO MAKE THAT POINT, AND PARTICULARLY POINT OUT THE
3 FORMULA OF THE ABAG HOUSING COMMITTEE AND WORK AHEAD, AND I DON'T KNOW IF
4 PRESIDENT ARREGUIN WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON THAT AS WELL.

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6 **PRESIDENT, JESSE ARREGUIN:** I THINK YOU SUMMED IT UP VERY WELL, AND THIS IS
7 SOMETHING THAT I THINK WE CAN CONTINUE TO DISCUSS AT THE HOUSING
8 COMMITTEE. MAYOR ECKLUND, YOU'RE ON THAT COMMITTEE. THE IMPLEMENTATION
9 PLAN IS GOING TO BE AN ITERATIVE DOCUMENT BECAUSE WE'RE SETTING HIGH LEVEL
10 GOALS. IT'S GOING TO HAVE TO EVOLVE OVER TIME. I THINK SETTING THOSE HIGH
11 LEVEL PRIORITIES NOW IS GOING TO BE CRITICAL.

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13 **PAT ECKLUND:** AS LONG AS WE DON'T GET TO THE POINT WHERE WE SAY, YEAH
14 THAT'S A GOOD IDEA OF THE HOUSING COMMITTEE BUT WE HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL WE
15 AMENDED THE PLAN TO MAKE IT, YOU KNOW, IN COMPATIBLE WITH IT. BUT I WILL
16 KEEP ASKING IN THE HOUSING COMMITTEE.

17

18 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME
19 FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS ON THE PRESENTATION? MAYOR HALLIDAY?

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21 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** THANKS. YOU KNOW, ALONG THE LINES OF THE HOUSING -- AND
22 I DID GO THROUGH THIS AGAIN, HOW MANY TIMES HAVE WE READ THROUGH IT ALL --
23 BUT I KNOW WE HAD TALKED EARLIER ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF SOME KIND OF
24 HOME OWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE TO PROMOTE OWNERSHIP, AND, YOU KNOW, GIVE PEOPLE
25 -- AND I REALIZE THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT MONEY DOESN'T STRETCH THAT FAR, AND

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1 I JUST WONDERED, THERE ARE SPECIFIC PLANS, RIGHT NOW, FOR THE \$20 MILLION
2 THAT HAS BEEN -- IT WAS 20 MILLION, RIGHT? FROM THE LEGISLATURE, FOR
3 BAHFA? >DAVE VAUTIN: I CAN CERTAINLY -- OH GO AHEAD CHIRAG.

4

5 **CHIRAG RABARI:** I WAS GOING TO QUICKLY SAY THE MOMENTUM FOR LASTING
6 SOLUTIONS REPORT THAT WAS PUT OUT EARLY IN THE YEAR DID IDENTIFY, SORT OF,
7 FIVE PRIORITY PILOT PROJECTS WHICH WERE THEN IDENTIFIED IN THE
8 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, AND I BELIEVE OUR, YOU KNOW, THE KEY PROJECTS WHICH
9 ARE GOING TO BE LOOKED TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THAT \$20 MILLION ALLOCATION,
10 AND THOSE PROGRAMS, YOU KNOW, PRIMARILY, WE'RE LOOKING AT, SORT OF, A
11 DOORWAY, AND HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS, AS WELL AS, YOU KNOW ANTI-
12 DISPLACEMENT TENANT PROTECTION, EXPANDING ON EXISTING PRESERVATION
13 PROGRAMS. SO, YOU KNOW, I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS A SPECIFIC HOME
14 OWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IDENTIFIED AMONGST THOSE FIVE PILOT PROJECTS.
15 BUT, YOU KNOW, I WOULD DEFER TO, MAYBE, MY OTHER COLLEAGUES. I DON'T
16 BELIEVE THAT THOSE FIVE PILOT PROJECTS SPEAK FOR THE ENTIRE \$20 MILLION
17 ALLOCATION. >DAVE VAUTIN: I GUESS WHAT I WOULD ADD TO WHAT CHIRAG SAID
18 IS, THE \$20 MILLION THAT IS REALLY STARTING THESE BAHFA MISH INITIATIVES
19 THAT IS WHERE WE ARE AT TODAY. PLANNED BAY AREA LAYS OUT A LONG RANGE 30
20 YEAR VISION OF HUNDREDS OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
21 WHEN I LOOK AT THE HOUSING ELEMENT OF OUR LONG RANGE PLAN IS WE'RE TAKING
22 INITIAL ACTIONS ON SPECIFIC STRATEGIES WITH FUNDING AVAILABLE BUT THERE IS
23 A LONG RUNWAY IN TERMS OF YEARS AHEAD TO BUILD UP THE PROGRAMS INTO THINGS
24 THAT COULD SUPPORT THESE LARGER SCALE STRATEGIES WORKING CLOSELY WITH
25 LOCAL PARTNERS WE HAVE IDENTIFIED IMPLEMENTATION STARTING FROM THE \$20

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1 MILLION POINT A WHOLE SUITE OF EFFORTS THAT WILL BEGIN UPSCALING EXPLORING
2 THROUGH INITIATIVES IN THE HOUSING SPACE MOVING US CLOSER TO THE LONG
3 RANGE VISION THAT'S ESTABLISHED FOR 2050 AND I THINK STRATEGY IS ONE OF
4 THOSE EXAMPLES WHERE THERE IS A BOLD STRATEGY ON HOME OWNERSHIP INCLUDED
5 IN THE LONG RANGE PLAN AND WE'RE SETTING THE TABLE FOR FUTURE WORK IN THAT
6 WORKSPACE.

7

8 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** I JUST HAVE A QUESTION. MAYOR EKLUND'S COMMENT
9 RAISED A QUESTION FOR ME. WE'RE GOING TO BE ADOPTING THIS IMPLEMENTATION
10 PLAN IN OCTOBER, THERE'S GOING TO BE REPORTS ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF
11 IMPLEMENTING VERY SPECIFIC STRATEGIES AND ACTIONS. YOU KNOW, IF WE DECIDE
12 THAT WE WANT TO SET NEW PRIORITIES, OR REPRIORITIZE THINGS, OR THROUGH
13 THIS NEW INFORMATION OR RESOURCES AVAILABLE, CAN WE GO BACK AMEND THE
14 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE? >DAVE VAUTIN:
15 ABSOLUTELY. THE IDEA IS THAT THIS CAN BE A LIVING DOCUMENT. WE DO EXPECT
16 THAT OUR COLLEAGUES AT THE STATE LEVEL, ESPECIALLY AT THE CALIFORNIA AIR
17 RESOURCES BOARD WILL BE LOOKING CLOSELY TO MAKE SURE WE'RE MAKING PROGRESS
18 ON OUR STRATEGIES BUT RECOGNIZE THE EXACT MEANS TO MAKE THOSE PROGRESS
19 THROUGH NEAR-TERM PROJECTS COULD HAVE EVOLVED OVER TIME THAT OPTION IS
20 GOING TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU IF WE WANT TO MAKE TWEAKS TO THE
21 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AS NEW PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES AND FUNDING EMERGE.

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23 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS
24 ON THE PRESENTATION OF PLANNED BAY AREA? IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND TO
25 JUMP INTO THE DISCUSSION. I DON'T SEE ANY RAISED HANDS. WE'LL GO TO PUBLIC

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1 COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. DOES ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WISH TO SPEAK ON ITEM
2 8B, THE PRESENTATION ON THE PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
3 PARTNERSHIP AND FINAL STEPS TO ADOPTION. IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. I
4 SEE NO RAISED HANDS MR. CASTRO.

5

6 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO RAISED HANDS AND WE RECEIVED ONE PUBLIC COMMENT
7 THAT WAS POSTED ON MTC'S LEGISTAR AND E-MAILED TO EXECUTIVE BOARD
8 COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

9

10 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THAT COMPLETES PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM 8B. I'LL ASK
11 MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IF THERE IS COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON THIS
12 ITEM?

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14 **JAMES P. SPERING:** I WANT TO THANK STAFF FOR INCORPORATING THE BLUE RIBBON
15 ACTION PLAN INTO THE PLAN. IT'S GOING TO HELP FACILITATE SOME OF THE
16 SHORT-TERM IMPROVEMENTS THAT ARE IN THE ACTION PLAN SUCH AS WAYFINDING,
17 FARE INTEGRATION, AND WITH THE NETWORK MANAGEMENT. HAVING THIS PLAN WILL
18 HELP ACCELERATE THOSE STRATEGIES I WANT TO THANK STAFF AND EVERYBODY
19 INVOLVED IN INCORPORATING THAT IN. BLUE RIBBON RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOT
20 JUST STANDALONE THEY'RE PART OF OUR REGIONAL PLAN. I WANT TO THANK
21 EVERYONE FOR PUTTING THAT IN THE PLAN.

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23 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU TO YOU AND YOUR LEADERSHIP IN CHAIRING
24 THE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE. AND IF THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD HASN'T SEEN
25 THE, THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN RELEASED, I THINK THEY'RE GOING TO

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1 THE COMMISSION NEXT WEEK. SO, OBVIOUSLY WE'RE FOCUSED ON REGIONAL PLANNING
2 AND HOUSING, BUT THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE VERY THOUGHTFUL. AND I THINK
3 DEFINITELY HAVE A NEXUS TO THE HOUSING AND PLANNING WORK THAT WE DO.
4 DIRECTOR BEATTY?

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6 **JAYNE BATTEY:** YES. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE STAFF FOR THE CHANGES
7 AND ADDITIONS, AND EDITS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SECTION. I CAN TELL THAT
8 THERE WAS GOOD ENGAGEMENT DURING THE PARTNER CONVERSATIONS, AND THE SHIFTS
9 IN THAT PART OF THE DOCUMENT ARE REALLY GREAT TO SEE. I'LL TAKE THAT BACK
10 TO THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD AT OUR NEXT MEETING, AND JUST
11 APPRECIATE, IT'S ALL GOING TO TAKE A PARTNERSHIP. THANK YOU FOR THOSE
12 CHANGES.

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14 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? WE'LL CLOSE THAT
15 ITEM. WE'LL GO TO OUR NEXT ITEM THE REPORT FROM THE JOINT MTC/ABAG
16 LEGISLATION COMMITTEE. THE JOINT MTC/ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MET JULY
17 9TH, 2021 RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING REPORTS REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE HISTORY
18 DETAILED LIST OF BILLS AGENCIES TRACKING TAKING POSITIONS ON CONSENT WE
19 RECEIVED UPDATE ON FISCAL YEAR '21, '22 STATE BUDGET WITH FOCUS ON
20 TRANSPORTATION HOUSING AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLANNING ALSO RECEIVED
21 UPDATE ON THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION BILL INCLUDING UPDATE
22 ON THE INTERPLAY BETWEEN THE REAUTHORIZATION AND FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE
23 PACKAGE AND RECEIVED REPORT FROM OUR STRATEGIES LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY IN
24 WASHINGTON DC COMMITTEE ALSO MET SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2021 RECEIVED THE
25 FOLLOWING REPORTS RECEIVED AN UPDATED LEGISLATIVE HISTORY HAD DISCUSSION

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1 REGARDING ASSEMBLY BILL 361 AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE MADE A RECOMMENDATION
2 TO MTC/ABAG TO ADOPT A SUPPORT POSITION AND ALTHOUGH THAT POINT IT MOOT
3 BECAUSE THE GOVERNOR SIGNED THE BILL WE'LL ADDRESS THAT BRIEFLY SHORTLY.
4 WE RECEIVED AN UPDATE ON PRIORITY BILLS THAT MTC/ABAG IS TAKING A POSITION
5 ON AND WHETHER OR NOT THOSE BILLS MOVE FORWARD THIS SESSION. WE ALSO
6 RECEIVED AN UPDATE ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2021, 2022 STATE BUDGET PARTICULARLY
7 RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION FUNDING, FUNDING FOR HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS
8 INITIATIVES AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE. STAFF PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON THE
9 INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT JOBS ACT AND WE ALSO RECEIVED A REPORT FROM
10 SUMMIT STRATEGIES LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THIS CONCLUDES
11 THE COMMITTEE REPORT AND I'LL ASK IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS FROM THE MEMBERS
12 OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ON THE COMMITTEE REPORT? SEEING NO RAISED HANDS.
13 I'LL ASK FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, THE REPORT FROM THE ABAG MTC
14 JOINT LEGISLATION COMMITTEE? MR. CASTRO IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS?

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

18

19 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. THAT BRINGS US NOW TO ITEM 9B
20 ASSEMBLY BILL 361 OPEN MEETINGS AND TELECONFERENCE AND THIS WAS INTENDED
21 TO BE AN ACTION ITEM BUT NEW DEVELOPMENTS HAVE CERTAINLY CHANGED
22 CIRCUMSTANCES. I'LL ASK REBECCA LONG TO BRIEFLY PRESENT ON THIS ITEM.

23

24 **REBECCA LONG:** THANK YOU PRESIDENT ARREGUIN. GOOD EVENING HAVE BEEN REBECCA
25 LONG GOVERNMENT RELATIONS 361 IS NOW LAW THAT TOOK EFFECT RIGHT BEFORE

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1 YOUR MEETING THIS EVENING YOU'RE PROBABLY FAMILIAR WITH IT SINCE IT AFFECT
2 YOURS OWN LOCAL BODIES. BUT THE GIST OF IT, IT'S A TWO YEAR LAW THAT'S
3 GOING TO ALLOW FOR REMOTE MEETINGS TO CONTINUE DURING PERIODS OF A
4 PROCLAIMED STATE OF EMERGENCY. THERE ARE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES FOR
5 RENEWING THAT AUTHORIZATION. SO, AFTER AN INITIAL PERIOD OF 30 DAYS, A
6 LOCAL AGENCY WOULD NEED TO ADOPT FINDINGS EVERY 30 DAYS TO RENEW THE
7 ABILITY TO CONTINUE MEETING REMOTELY, AND THAT'S EITHER DURING A CONTINUED
8 PERIOD OF STATE OF EMERGENCY OR WHEN STATE OR LOCAL OFFICIALS HAVE ADOPTED
9 MEASURES TO PROMOTE SOCIAL DISTANCING. SO THAT IS THE BASIC STRUCTURE. SO
10 YOU'RE GOING TO BE SEEING OUR BODIES AND ALL OF YOUR BODIES ADOPTING THOSE
11 FINDINGS IN THE FUTURE. THE CURRENT EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTEND THROUGH THE
12 REST OF THIS MONTH. JUST, ALSO OF NOTE, THERE IS ANOTHER BILL THAT YOU'RE
13 PROBABLY AWARE OF, 88339 BY ASSEMBLY MEMBER LEE THAT IS RELEVANT FOR
14 COUNTIES OVER 200,000 AND CITIES OVER 250,000 THAT REQUIRE REMOTE OPTION
15 FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THAT WOULD NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL JANUARY
16 1ST. IT'S STILL PENDING SIGNATURE AS FAR AS I KNOW. BUT THAT'S KIND OF A
17 DIFFERENT APPROACH THAT IS NOT JUST DURING EMERGENCIES. THAT IS ALSO A
18 TWO-YEAR BILL. SO THERE IS A LOT OF INTEREST AMONG -- YOU KNOW, WE HAVE
19 TALKED ABOUT IT AT THIS BODY ABOUT HAVING BROADER AUTHORIZATION TO HAVE
20 REMOTE MEETINGS, LONG-TERM, OUTSIDE OF EMERGENCIES, THIS MAY HAPPEN TO
21 SOME EXTENT THROUGH A.B. 339, AND WITH THAT, I WILL CLOSE AND SEE IF THERE
22 ARE ANY QUESTIONS.
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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO I HAVE A QUESTION FOR GENERAL
2 COUNSEL. IS IT YOUR -- TO THIS ITEM TO IMPLEMENT HOW WE TALK ABOUT 361 AS
3 AN AGENCY. BECAUSE I DO WANT TO GIVE AN UPDATE ABOUT THAT.

4

5 **KATHLEEN KANE:** SURE. I THINK IT'S WITHIN THE SCOPE.

6

7 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** COLLEAGUES IN THE PAST MONTHS, LEADERSHIP OF
8 MTC/ABAG BOARDS, CHAIR CHAVEZ IS A MEMBER OF OUR BOARD, AND BCDC HAVE MET
9 AROUND NOT ONLY PLANNING FOR STAFF TO RETURN TO WORK AND THE SAFETY
10 PROTOCOLS, AND, SORT OF, THE PLANNING INVOLVED, BUT ALSO AROUND CONDUCTING
11 PUBLIC MEETINGS, AND THE AGENCIES HAVE ALIGNED IN STRATEGY WE ALL USE THE
12 SAME BUILDINGS, AND ENSURING COORDINATION AROUND THE STRATEGY AND
13 SCHEDULING FACILITIES. THERE WAS A STRONG DESIRE ON THE PARTNERSHIP OF
14 LEADERSHIP AND THEIR RESPECTIVE AGENCIES AND I'LL GIVE SUPERVISOR CHAVEZ
15 OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AS WELL, IF WE WERE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO MEET
16 VIRTUALLY THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCE OR TELECONFERENCE, TO BE ABLE TO
17 CONTINUE TO DO SO, AND I THINK THE CURRENT SITUATION WITH THE DELTA
18 VARIANT FRANKLY NECESSITATES IT FROM A PUBLIC HEALTH STANDPOINT. SO I'M --
19 I'LL JUST SAY AS PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD I'M VERY INTERESTED IN
20 SEEING OUR EXECUTIVE BOARD TAKE AN ACTION, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE BEFORE THE
21 END OF THIS MONTH -- MS. MCMILLAN -- TO INVOKE THE AUTHORITY THAT'S NOW
22 BEEN PROVIDED UNDER ASSEMBLY BILL 361. THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT WITH
23 REGARD TO THE RHNA APPEALS THAT WE HAVE TO DO OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND
24 THERE IS A LACK OF CLARITY NOW WHETHER THOSE HEARINGS ARE GOING TO BE IN
25 PERSON OR VIRTUAL. SO WE MIGHT HAVE TO CALL A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE

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1 EXECUTIVE BOARD TO VOTE, OR THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, IF THE
2 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE HAS AN AUTHORIZATION, TO ENSURE AFTER OCTOBER 1ST
3 THERE IS NOT A CLACK OF CLARITY THAT WE'RE OPERATING UNDER AND THAT WE
4 HAVE A SEAMLESS TRANSITION. AND I WANT TO PROVIDE THAT UP TO THE EXECUTIVE
5 BOARD. AND I'LL GO TO COMMISSIONER HALE.

6

7 **GISELLE HALE:** I THOUGHT THIS WAS AN APPROVAL ITEM?

8

9 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** IT'S INFORMATIONAL. THE GOVERNOR SIGNED THE BILL IT
10 WAS ASKING FOR SUPPORT TO ADOPT.

11

12 **GISELLE HALE:** I AM GLAD THE EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP HAD THOSE MEETINGS I
13 COULDN'T AGREE MORE I THINK IT'S AN IMPORTANT TO LED BY EXAMPLE NOW BY NOT
14 GATHERING WHEN THERE IS SUCH A GREAT ALTERNATIVE. WHAT SPECIFICALLY ARE
15 THE FINDINGS THAT WE'LL NEED TO BE ABLE TO MAKE? BECAUSE WE DO -- AND THE
16 REASON I ASK THIS IS BECAUSE, OFTEN THINGS WERE BASED ON YOUR COUNTY, AND
17 OBVIOUSLY THIS BEING A REGIONAL GROUP, IT, SORT OF, MAKES IT MORE COMPLEX,
18 AND THEN THE FACT THAT PEOPLE HAVE TO TRAVEL TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS
19 OUTSIDE OF THEIR COUNTY. I MEAN, TO ME, THIS SHOULD BE ONE OF THE LAST
20 GROUPS TO ASSEMBLE IN PERSON, SO I WAS JUST CURIOUS TO SEE WHAT THE
21 THRESHOLD IS. THANK YOU.

22

23 **REBECCA LONG:** ABSOLUTELY. THANK YOU, DIRECTOR HALE. SO, BASICALLY, IT'S
24 REALLY SIMPLE. IT'S SET FORTH DIRECTLY IN THE BILL. AND THAT BASICALLY
25 YOUR SAYING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST, THE STATE OF

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1 EMERGENCY CONTINUES TO DIRECTLY IMPACT THE ABILITY OF THE MEMBERS TO
2 SAFELY MEET IN PERSON, SO ESSENTIALLY A CONTINUATION OF THE STATE OF
3 EMERGENCY, OR STATE OR LOCAL OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO IMPOSE OR RECOMMEND
4 MEASURES TO PROMOTE SOCIAL DISTANCING. SO, YOU'RE BASICALLY GOING TO
5 ADOPT A FINDING OF ONE OR THE OTHER OF THOSE.

6

7 **GISELLE HALE:** THAT'S REALLY HELPFUL. THANK YOU.

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9 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** GENERAL COUNSEL MS. CANE.

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11 **KATHLEEN KANE:** WE'LL BE LOOKING AT HOW TO MAKE SURE THIS RUNS SMOOTHLY
12 WITH US. THERE ARE SOME WRINKLES WITH THE APPEALS BUT THE SIGNATURE OF
13 THIS BILL ENABLE US TO HAVE THEM BE ALMOST ENTIRELY REMOTE. AND IT DOES
14 HAVE BUILT INTO IT A 30 DAY LOOK BACK WHICH IS GREAT FOR US SO WE CAN
15 ADJUST THE CALENDAR. WE JUST HAVE TO MAKE THOSE FINDINGS WITHIN THE FIRST
16 30 DAYS OF THE FIRST TIME YOU MEET UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILL. SO WE
17 NEED TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T MISS ANY OF THOSE CHECK POINTS SO THAT WE
18 CONTINUE WITH THIS AND OTHER BODIES TO WE CONTINUE TO ROLL THAT WRINKLE.
19 THE 21 DAY SET BACK BEFORE THE HEARING WE DIDN'T KNOW IF THE BILL WOULD
20 PASS WHEN WE ISSUED THAT NOTICE SO WE'LL BE PROVIDING AN ONSITE PLACE
21 WHERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN ATTEND, WE WILL WALK THROUGH THE DETAILS
22 OF HOW THAT NOTICING WORKS BUT WE WILL BE PROVIDING AN ONSITE PLACE FOR
23 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING SHOULD THAT BE
24 SOMETHING THEY WERE COUNTING ON BASED ON THE INITIAL RHNA APPEAL NOTICE

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1 THAT WE ISSUED. WE DON'T ANTICIPATE MANY PEOPLE WILL WANT THAT BECAUSE
2 ZOOM WILL BE EASIER, BUT THAT WILL BE TECHNICALLY AVAILABLE.

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4 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO, YOU KNOW, ONCE AGAIN, YOU KNOW, AT
5 SOME POINT, WHETHER IT'S THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OR THE EXECUTIVE
6 BOARD WILL HAVE TO TAKE ACTION ON THIS. I HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE A POINT
7 IN THE NEAR FUTURE WHERE WE CAN BE IN PERSON SAFELY. I THINK WE WOULD ALL
8 GREATLY APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE EACH OTHER IN PERSON AND THERE
9 IS SOMETHING LOST BY NOT HAVING IN-PERSON MEETINGS AND COLLABORATION AND
10 COMMUNICATION. BUT, YOU KNOW, MY PERSPECTIVE, AND I THINK ABOUT THE SAFETY
11 OF YOU ALL, MY COLLEAGUES, THE STAFF, THE PUBLIC, GIVEN THE NATURE OF THE
12 DELTA VARIANT, I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT HAVE LARGE IN-PERSON MEETINGS,
13 AND I THINK THE MOST RESPONSIBLE THING FOR US WOULD BE TO CONTINUE TO MEET
14 VIRTUALLY AT THIS TIME. MAYBE THAT CIRCUMSTANCE WILL CHANGE IN FUTURE
15 MONTHS AND THE CASE RATES GO DOWN AND THERE IS LESS OF A RISK AND WE ALL
16 HAVE BOOSTER SHOTS BUT AT THIS POINT I'M DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PUBLIC
17 HEALTH RISK AND TO THAT END THAT'S WHY I HAVE ASKED STAFF TO COME FORWARD
18 WITH LEGISLATION TO HELP US ENABLE TO INVOKE THIS AUTHORIZATION. I WANT TO
19 BRING THAT UP TO YOU ALL AND WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE ACTION SOON. OKAY. ANY
20 OTHER QUESTIONS? COMMENTS ON THIS? WE'RE NOT TAKING ACTION TODAY. THIS
21 WAS, AT THIS POINT, AN INFORMATION ITEM, BECAUSE THE BILL IS SIGNED INTO
22 LAW. OKAY. IF NOT, I'LL ASK IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?
23 ITEM 9B, ASSEMBLY BILL 361. IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. I DON'T SEE ANY
24 RAISED HANDS. MR. CASTRO ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS?

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1 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** NO WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED FOR THIS ITEM.

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3 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ONCE AGAIN, NO ACTIONS NEEDED AT THIS
4 TIME. SO WITH THAT, WE CAN PROCEED TO THE NEXT AGENDA ITEM, WHICH IS ITEM
5 TEN, THE REPORT FROM THE ABAG FINANCE COMMITTEE. AND I'LL TURN THE FLOOR
6 OVER TO SUPERVISOR MITCHOFF.

7

8 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME PULL THAT UP. I HAVE BEEN
9 FOLLOWING OTHER STUFF. OKAY. HERE WE GO. THE ABAG FINANCE COMMITTEE MET
10 THIS AFTERNOON AND RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING REPORTS, REPORT ON ABAG
11 CONTRACTS AND PURCHASE ACQUISITIONS BETWEEN 202,021 RECEIVED UNDER THE
12 CONSENT CALENDAR WE RECEIVED A REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FROM THE
13 PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2021 AS OF JUNE 30, 2021 THE COMBINED ABAG -- I'M
14 SORRY -- I JUST LOST MY PLACE. THE COMBINED ABAG FINANCIAL REPORT SHOWS
15 YEAR END OPERATING DEFICIT OF \$22,024,637 MAJOR FACTORS INCLUDE DEFICIT
16 INCLUDING YEAR END ACCOUNTING ENTRIES FOR PENSION COST AND ADDITIONAL
17 REVENUE STILL TO BE POSTED AS PART OF THE YEAR END CLOSING PROCESS.
18 ADMINISTRATION REPORTING DEFICIT OF \$1.8 MILLION TOTAL REVENUE REPORTED
19 2.5 MILLION TOTAL EXPENSES INCLUDING DEPRECIATION ARE 4.3 MILLION AFTER
20 YEAR END ACCOUNTING EXPENSE ADJUSTMENTS, TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE IS
21 REDUCED TO 2.3 MILLION. I KNOW I'M THROWING A LOT OUT HERE BUT MR. MAYHEW
22 IS GOING TO COME BEHIND ME AND PROVIDE SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
23 ADJUSTED DEFICIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 WILL BE REDUCED FROM 1.8 MILLION TO
24 APPROXIMATELY 600,000. STAFF PROPOSED A FEW OPTIONS TO ELIMINATE FUTURE
25 DEFICITS AND BRING THE PROGRAM TO A MORE STABLE FINANCIAL PLATFORM. THE

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1 SAN FRANCISCO ESTUARY PROJECT ENDED YEAR WITH A CASH FLOW DEFICIT OF
2 \$96,558 WHICH WILL BE MITIGATED WHEN FINAL EXPENSES ARE BILLED. THE
3 PROGRAM REPORTS NEARLY \$7 MILLION OF REVENUE AND 7.1 MILLION IN EXPENSES.
4 THE BAYREN FUND SHOWS A DEFICIT OF \$129,441 AS OF JUNE 30TH. THIS DEFICIT
5 SHOULD BE CORRECTED WHEN SALARY AND CONTRACT RELATED EXPENSES ARE BILLED.
6 SO THE TOTAL REVENUE FROM THE GRANTS IS \$21,131,100, FOR THE YEAR EXPENSE
7 -- FOR THE YEAR-END EXPENSE IS 21,260,540. WE ALSO RECEIVED THE ABAG
8 INVESTMENTS REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 2021 IT WAS UNAUDITED, FUNDS
9 UNDER OUR PURVIEW OF JUST UNDER 97.8 MILLION. AND THE REPORT ON THE PERIOD
10 OF FOREIGN INVESTMENTS ENDED JUNE 2021 UNAUDITED IS 100.9 MILLION AS YOU
11 IMAGINE INVESTMENTS HAVE DONE VERY WELL. THIS CONCLUDES MY REPORT. I WILL
12 ASK MR. MAYHEW OR MS. MCMILLAN TO ADD IN ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BEFORE
13 PRESIDENT ARREGUIN ASKS FOR COLLEAGUES COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS. MR.
14 MAYHEW ARE YOU HERE? YOU THERE ARE.

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16 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** I'M HERE. JUST THIS UNMUTING THING IS BEYOND HE. LET ME ADD
17 A COUPLE OF THINGS. I THINK WE SAID WHEN WE ADOPTED THE BUDGET, WE SAID IT
18 LAST YEAR WHEN WE PRESENTED THE FINANCIALS, THE PROBLEM WE HAVE, WE'LL
19 CONTINUE TO HAVE BETWEEN A MISMATCH OF THE DUES AND THE TOTAL BUDGET
20 ADOPTED. THE DELTA IS ALMOST A MILLION DOLLARS. YOU -- AND IN AN AGENCY
21 THAT HAS ALMOST VIRTUALLY NO ACTIVE RESERVES, IT'S VERY HARD TO CONTINUE
22 TO ADOPT A BUDGET THAT'S THAT OUT OF BALANCE. SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE
23 SUGGESTED, SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE THINK, THE FIRST AND FOREMOST THING,
24 WHENEVER YOU'RE LOOKING TO, I SHOULD SAY, TRY TO MAKE MONEY, IS TO CONTROL
25 EXPENSES. FIRST AND EASIEST ONE IS TO CONTROL THE LONG-TERM EXPENSE SO WE

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1 PROPOSE THAT YOU TACK A LOOK AT THE PENSION REFINANCING. IT'S NOT A
2 COMPLEX THING. BUT THE INTEREST RATE RIGHT NOW, THE TAXABLE RATE WOULD BE
3 ABOUT HALF OF WHAT YOU'RE PAYING PERS. SO OUR ESTIMATE IS THAT YOU SAVE
4 ABOUT CURRENT MARKET MIGHT SAVE ABOUT \$4 MILLION IN INTEREST, REDUCE YOUR
5 PAYMENTS BY ABOUT 400,000. THE OTHER THING WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT, AND I'M
6 CERTAINLY GOING TO TALK TO MY OWN BOARD ABOUT IT, NEXT MONTH, IS THAT WHEN
7 WE ADOPTED THE \$570,000 PAYMENT TO MTC, SUPPORT PAYMENT TO MTC, WE DID NOT
8 TAKE INTO ACCOUNT, OVERHEAD THAT WOULD ULTIMATELY BE TRANSFERRED TO MTC
9 AND THE REASON FOR THAT WAS, AT THE TIME, THERE WAS NO OVERHEAD TO
10 TRANSFER TO MTC, NOW THE GRANTS HAVE BEEN SQUARED AWAY, THE OVERHEAD
11 STRUCTURES AND GRANTS I THINK WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TWO, HAVE BEEN
12 COMPLETELY ENFORCED AND THE TRANSFERS ARE HAPPENING, AND AS SUCH THE
13 TRANSFER REVENUE IS NOW CLOSE TO \$1.4 MILLION WHICH, SORT OF, NOW MAKES
14 MOOT THE 570,000 SO WHAT I WOULD PROPOSE TO SUGGEST IS THAT, AS LONG AS
15 THE AMOUNT OF THE TRANSFER, THE GRANT TRANSFERS -- AND THEY'RE ONLY
16 GETTING BIGGER -- YOU KNOW, EXCEEDS THE \$570,000, THAT WE WOULD WAIVE THAT
17 AND JUST TAKE THE OVERHEAD WOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO MTC IN LIEU OF IT. THE
18 OTHER THING TO TALK B BECAUSE YOU HAVE VIRTUALLY NO CONTINGENCY IS THE
19 OWNERSHIP OF THE BUILDING. ONE OF THE THINGS YOU SHOULD THINK ABOUT IS, I
20 THINK WE HAVE TO HAVE A LOOK AT, THE PEOPLE HERE ARE ALL SITUATED IN SPACE
21 MTC IS PAYING FOR BUT BY VIRTUE OF YOUR OWNERSHIP OF THE BUILDING YOU'RE
22 BEING ASSESSED A PRO RATA PERCENTAGE OF THAT SPACE. THE OTHER THING IS,
23 YOU KNOW, THAT THE BUILDING IS HERE, BUT, YOU KIND OF DON'T -- AND IF YOU
24 DON'T NEED AN OWNERSHIP IN THE BUILDING, IT'S WORTH ABOUT \$5 MILLION TO
25 YOU. \$5 MILLION WOULD BUILD A TWO YEAR RESERVE. NOW, THERE ARE VARIATIONS

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1 OF THE THEME THAT WE COULD THINK ABOUT HERE. I KNOW DIRT IS VERY IMPORTANT
2 TO SOME PEOPLE, THEY FEEL WHEN -- THEY HAVE TO OWN IT, AND I CERTAINLY
3 UNDERSTAND IT, BUT THERE ARE VARIATIONS UNDER THE THEME, I THINK THE IDEA
4 S I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT TO OWN A \$5 MILLION ASSET THAT'S REALLY NOT
5 CONTRIBUTING TO WHAT YOU'RE DOING TODAY, WHEREAS, YOU CAN TAKE SOMETHING -
6 - YOU CAN TAKE YOUR EQUITY HERE, PUT APPROXIMATE INTO YOUR RESERVE AND YOU
7 WILL HAVE A TWO AND A HALF YEAR RESERVE OR SOME VARIATION ON THAT THEME
8 THAT WOULD WORK. THOSE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS WE HAVE. OH, ONE FINAL PIECE
9 ACTUALLY IS THE MOST VERY IMPORTANT ONE, THE DUES, AS THEY'RE ADOPTED ARE
10 BASE ON A FORMULA THAT CHANGES BY CPI, AND BY INFLATION. AT THAT RATE --
11 RATIO, UNLESS YOU QUADRUPE DIGIT INFLATION THERE IS NO WAY TO CATCH UP
12 WITH THAT EXPENSE. AND AS A FINANCE OFFICER, I'M COMING TO A POINT WHERE
13 I'M TELLING YOU THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO MEET YOUR OBLIGATIONS SO I VERY
14 STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO THINK OF A CHANGE IN THE FORMULA THAT WILL TAKE
15 THE ENTIRE CORE OF YOUR EXPENSES AND TAKE THAT, DISTRIBUTE IT PER CAPITA,
16 AND THEN SEND IT OUT TO THE CITIES AND THE COUNTIES, ON A STRAIGHT PER
17 CAPITA BASIS. AND THAT WAY, THAT I WOULD EVEN SAY YOU WANT TO INCLUDE A
18 SMALL CONTINGENCY, BEGIN TO BUILD YOUR RESERVES. YOU KNOW, YOU'RE GOING TO
19 BE IN THE HOUSING BUSINESS AND RHNA BUSINESS AND EVERYTHING ELSE BETWEEN
20 AND YOU MTC FOR A LONG TIME TO COME, AND JUST DON'T WANT TO BE IF A
21 SITUATION WHERE YOUR FINANCES LEAVE YOU NO FLEXIBILITY. ANYWAY, THOSE ARE
22 MY SUGGESTIONS. I VERY STRONGLY -- IF YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE DUES, AND
23 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE THEM -- YOU REALLY SHOULD HAVE THEM SET AS SOMETHING
24 THAT CARRIES YOUR CORE AND BASIC EXPENSES, AND THEN YOU CAN, YOU KNOW, SET
25 FLEXIBILITY WITHIN THAT. ANYWAY, THOSE ARE OUR SUGGESTIONS. THAT'S WHAT I

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1 THINK ARE THE MAIN COMPONENTS WE DID. WE TOOK CARE OF OPEB ALREADY. SO
2 THAT TOOK 400,000 OFF THE TABLE. BUT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ADDRESS SOME
3 MORE OF THESE THINGS. IF YOU LOOK AT THE FIRST COUPLE, YOU GET CLOSE TO A
4 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR. THAT WOULD BEGIN TO TEND TO THE DEFICIT STRUCTURE
5 IN A DIFFERENT WAY BUT THE DUES HAVE TO COVER THE CORE EXPENSE US THAT
6 BUDGET EVERY YEAR. I'M SORRY THAT'S NOT GREAT NEWS, BUT IT'S ALSO -- IT'S
7 BEEN COMING, AND THIS -- I THINK THAT THE FACT THAT WE HAVE A DECENT
8 CHANCE OF RESTRUCTURING THAT PENSION OBLIGATION FOR RELATIVELY SUBSTANTIAL
9 SAVINGS GIVES A GOOD OPPORTUNITY. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS

10

11 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU MR. MAYHEW AND CHAIR MITCHOFF. I WOULD
12 CALL ATTENTION TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE PACKET THAT FOR TODAY'S MEETING,
13 WHICH DID HAVE A REPORT THAT SUMMARIZED SOME OF THESE OPTIONS. YOU KNOW,
14 SOME OF US AT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE DID EXPRESS REPORTS FOR EXPLORING SOME
15 OF THESE OPTIONS SOME OF THEM INVOLVE MTC ACTION, SOME OF THEM INVOLVE
16 ABAG ACTION, EITHER WAY THESE THINGS WILL BE COMING BACK TO US FOR
17 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION IN THE FUTURE. SO THE FIRST COMMENTS GO TO
18 SUZANNE ADAMS.

19

20 **SUSAN ADAMS:** THANK YOU FOR THE EXCELLENT REPORT AND LAYING OUT THE OPTIONS
21 I WOULD LIKE TO SHOW MY SUPPORT FOR REFINANCING THE PENSION DEBT IN
22 ROHNERT PARK WE'RE GOING FROM 7% INTEREST RATE TO 3% INTEREST RATES THAT'S
23 AN EXCELLENT IDEA ALSO 100% THE IDEA OF STRAIGHT PER CAPITA BASIS FOR
24 DUES.

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** MAYOR HALLIDAY?

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3 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** THIS IS SURPRISING ME BECAUSE I DON'T RECALL IN PAST
4 YEARS, AND I HAVE BEEN HERE FOR A FEW, SO GLOOMY, BUT WITH THAT SAID,
5 WHERE IS THE -- WHERE, PRIOR TO COVID, EMBARKING ON A PROCESS OF MERGING
6 THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS, AND I THINK THAT RELATES TO WHAT WE'RE, I MEAN, I
7 MEAN, I WOULD GO FOR A YES, LOOK AT WHAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HAVE
8 BEEN MADE -- AND THANK YOU, I SHOULD LOOK AT THE FINANCE PACKET TO, SORT
9 OF, UNDERSTAND BETTER WHAT WAS BEING SAID, BUT I JUST WONDERED WHERE THAT
10 PROCESS WAS, AND HOW THAT WOULD PLAY INTO THIS WHOLE DISCUSSION.

11

12 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** I'M GOING TO ASK THERESE TO -- I'LL START THEN I'LL
13 HAVE THERESE RESPOND. SO, YOU KNOW, WE HAD GIANT MTC/ABAG GOVERNANCE
14 COMMITTEE, AND WHERE WE LEFT IT IS, THERE WAS AN INTEREST IN LOOKING AT
15 MERGING COMMITTEES, AND WE STARTED WITH THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE AS A WAY
16 TO KIND OF HAVE JOINT DISCUSSION AND REGIONAL DECISION MAKING. BUT THERE
17 WAS NOT THE INTEREST IN LOOKING AT A FULL-BLOWN, YOU KNOW, MERGER OF THE
18 TWO AGENCIES AT THIS TIME. BUT THERESE, ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO
19 ADD?

20

21 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** NO. AND I THINK THIS'S EXACTLY WHERE WE LEFT THE
22 GOVERNANCE DISCUSSION. IN FACT, A JOINT GOVERNMENTS, TO BE SETUP BETWEEN
23 MTC AND ABAG MEMBERS, AND CERTAINLY GIVEN THE EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES
24 OF THE LAST YEAR, I THINK WE VERY RIGHTLY TURNED OUR ATTENTION TO
25 DELIVERING IMPACT ON THE GROUND, WITH THE WORK THAT WE'RE DOING AND

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1 BUILDING ON THE COLLABORATIVE SPIRIT THAT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED WITH THE NEW
2 JOINT LEGISLATION COMMITTEE. AND THE, YOU KNOW, THE JOINT PLANNING -- OR
3 THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING, THE MTC ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE ON AN
4 ONGOING BASIS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ABAG HOUSE COMMITTEE THAT IS
5 MEETING JOINTLY WITH THE NEW BAHFA COMMITTEE IN HAVING THE DIALOGUE AND
6 DECISION MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS IN THAT COLLABORATIVE SPACE. IT'S A MOMENT
7 FOR US CARRYING OUT AND SEEING THE BENEFIT FROM WHAT WE HAVE DONE TO DATE
8 BEFORE WE WOULD ASSESS WHETHER, AND HOW, FURTHER GOVERNANCE RELATED ISSUES
9 WOULD BE BROUGHT FORWARD. I MEAN, THAT'S, CERTAINLY, THE [INDISCERNIBLE] I
10 GOT FROM BOTH BOARDS AND CURRENT LEADERSHIP.

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12 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** YEAH. I THINK WE KIND OF WANTED TO, SORT OF, MERGE
13 THE COMMITTEES AND SO HOW THAT WORKS AND BUILD ON THAT FRAMEWORK. I DON'T
14 THINK THE DOOR WAS COMPLETELY BOLTED SHUT. THAT'S PROBABLY THE BEST WAY TO
15 CHARACTERIZE IT, BUT I THINK WITH THE PANDEMIC THIS WAS NOT THE TIME TO
16 BROACH THAT VERY BIG DISCUSSION AND THAT WE KIND OF WANT TO TAKE AN
17 INCREMENTAL APPROACH. THAT'S KIND OF WHAT I GATHERED FROM THOSE
18 DISCUSSIONS. THAT'S KIND OF THE UPDATE. MAYOR HUDSON?

19
20 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** YEAH. I APOLOGIZE IF I GET THIS WRONG, BECAUSE GUYS
21 SHOULD NOT TRY TO MULTI-TASK AND TRY TO JUMP IN AND OUT OF MEETINGS AND
22 CATCH HALF OF INFORMATION AND THEN TALK ABOUT IT. BUT I DID HEAR, BRIAN,
23 YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT SELLING THE BUILDING, OR YOUR PORTION, ABAG'S
24 PORTION OF THE BUILDING, IF I GOT THAT RIGHT?

25

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1 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** YES.

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3 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** BUT THAT JUST MEANS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GO FROM
4 OWNER TO LESSEE, AND YOU KNOW, IF IT WORKS OUT AS SOMETHING THAT COULD
5 SOLVE THE PROBLEM IN A SHORT-TERM, THAT SOUND GREAT, AS LONG AS YOU'RE
6 STILL STAYING IN THE BUILDING. I MEAN, I GO BACK A FEW YEARS ON THIS, WHEN
7 WE WERE ALL FOCUSED ON WHAT WE HAD TO DO WAS GET THE REGIONAL COMMITTEES
8 ALL IN ONE BUILDING, AND THAT'S HOW -- I MEAN, WE WERE TALKING ABOUT DOING
9 THE OVER IN OAKLAND, AND OVER HERE IN SAN FRANCISCO, I REALLY DON'T WANT
10 TO BE ON THE FIRST PART OF THE FIRST ONE OF THE FOUR BAILING ON THIS
11 THING. AND I CAN'T THINK OF A WORST TIME TO TRY TO SELL COMMERCIAL. EVEN
12 IN SAN FRANCISCO, IT'S GOT TO BE THEIR WORST MARKET THEY HAVE HAD IN A
13 CENTURY. MAYBE I HAVE GOT IT WRONG. I DON'T SELL COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE.
14 BUT I MADE THE SAME SUGGESTION TO MY CITY, SO I KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING
15 WITH IT, IT IS THE EASY, QUICK SOLUTION, BUT POLITICALLY, BOY, YOU BETTER
16 NOT HAVE SOMEBODY ON ALL FOUR COMMITTEES. THEY'RE GOING TO COME AFTER YOU.
17 I DON'T KNOW IF THAT WOULD BE MY FIRST CHOICE. I'LL PUT IT THAT WAY.

18

19 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** SO, ON THAT, SO, BECAUSE OUR STAFF ARE LARGELY MTC
20 STAFF, IS THE IDEA THAT WE WOULD NOT BE PAYING -- WE WOULDN'T BE PAYING
21 THE RENT OR THE LEASE OF THE OFFICE SPACE, SO THAT WOULD GENERATE A
22 SAVINGS. YOU CAN TALK ABOUT, MECHANICALLY, HOW THAT WOULD WORK?

23

24 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** WELL, THE IDEA S SINCE YOUR PHYSICAL PRESENCE HERE DOESN'T
25 REALLY EXIST, RIGHT, THE STAFF IS ALL ASSIGNED TO MTC.

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2 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** YEAH.

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4 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** THAT PHYSICAL PRESENCE IS ALL COVERED UNDER MTC'S, YOU KNOW,

5 UNDER MTC'S SHARE OF THE PAYMENT FOR SHARED SERVICES. SO THAT'S DONE.

6 YOU'RE KIND OF BEING ASSESSED A PERCENTAGE OF THAT, EVEN THOUGH IT'S, SORT

7 OF, ALREADY COVERED. THE IDEA IS CERTAINLY NOT TO LEAVE YOU LANDLESS, BUT

8 THE IDEA TO FIND A VARIATION ON THE THEME, WHERE YOU'RE NOT PAYING FOR 20

9 -- OR 17% OF THE SPACE, BECAUSE YOU'RE SIMPLY NOT OCCUPYING, BUT NOT TO

10 SAY NO YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE -- I MEAN, THERE ARE CONCEPTS LIKE PARTIAL

11 EQUITY, YOU KNOW, SUPPORT EQUITY OWNERS, THINGS LIKE THAT, THAT I'M

12 THINKING OF, YOU WOULD STILL NEVER LOSE THE RIGHTS TO BE IN THE BUILDING.

13 YOU WOULD STILL HAVE RIGHTS TO BUY PARTS OF THE BUILDING. BUT I WOULDN'T -

14 - YOU KNOW, THE IDEA IS KIND OF BEING -- YOU'RE PAYING FOR A GOOD PART OF

15 THE BUILDING BUT YOU'RE, SORT OF, PAYING FOR THE PEOPLE WE'RE PAYING FOR

16 TOO. AND WE CAN'T STOP PAYING FOR THEM WE DID K FIND WAYS THAT YOU CAN.

17 THERE WILL STILL BE ASSESSMENTS AND COST FOR THE COMMON AREA, BUT THE

18 SHARED SERVICES AND OTHER THINGS, WE'RE DIVIDING, WE'RE ALREADY PAYING

19 FOR.

20

21 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** MAYOR HUDSON BEFORE WE GO TO --

22

23 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** WAIT A MINUTE. BRIAN, ARE YOU TELLING ME, AND CINDY

24 CHAVEZ, CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE AIR DISTRICT, AND KAREN

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1 MITCHOFF, THAT ABAG IS NOT GOING TO BE PAYING THEIR FAIR SHARE OF THE
2 BUILDING?

3

4 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** WE WOULD REDIVIDE IT.

5

6 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** DAVE, THAT'S WHY HE'S GOING TO THE MTC BOARD BECAUSE THERE
7 IS COST BENEFITS OF DOING THAT.

8

9 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** YES.

10

11 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. VICE PRESIDENT RAMOS, YOU HAD YOUR
12 HAND UP?

13

14 **BELIA RAMOS:** I DID. I JUST WANT TO GO BACK TO THE QUESTION THAT WAS ASKED
15 ABOUT GOVERNANCE AND JUST TO FOLLOW UP AND SAY THAT THE DOOR ON FURTHER
16 CONSOLIDATION HAS NOT BEEN CLOSED. AND IN FACT, I THINK IT'S SOMETHING
17 THAT, YOU KNOW, WE, COMING OUT OF CASA, IT WAS REALLY AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
18 THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS TO BUILD TRUST TO BE ABLE TO OPERATE TOGETHER AND TO
19 HAVE JOINT COMMITTEES AND JUST, I WOULD OFFER UP AND SAY THAT I THINK THAT
20 IT IS WORKING WELL, AND CERTAINLY WHILE THAT CAN BE A DISCUSSION GOING
21 FORWARD, IT'S NOT CLOSED, BUT AT THE PRESENT MOMENT, WE ARE WHERE WE'RE
22 AT, AND MAKING SURE WE LOOK AT THOSE OPTIONS THAT ARE BEING PRESENTED TO
23 US BY STAFF TO BE MORE FISCALLY SOUND IN THE FUTURE, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE
24 BEEN TOLD ABOUT THIS, THAT IT'S COMING, AND IT'S HERE, AND IT'S REALLY
25 TIME FOR US TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THOSE TOUGH DECISIONS, AND THE DUES

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1 STRUCTURE IS ONE OF THE STARTING POINTS FOR US. IF WE ARE GOING TO EXPECT
2 THE QUALITY OF WORK AND THE BENEFITS THAT EACH OF OUR JURISDICTIONS, AND
3 THE REGION HAVE RECEIVED FROM THIS REGIONAL ENTITY AND ITS STAFF, WE HAVE
4 TO BE WILLING TO PAY THE PRICE FOR THAT, AS THE STARTING POINT. SO, THAT'S
5 ALL.

6

7 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MAYOR ROMERO?

8

9 **CARLOS ROMERO:** I JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND GOING BACK TO THE CAPITAL ASSET
10 WHICH IS BEALE, OUR ASSESSMENT PAY IS \$359,000 A YEAR, CORRECT?

11

12 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** ABOUT 370, YES.

13

14 **CARLOS ROMERO:** AND THAT TECHNICALLY, THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE ANY CAM?
15 CORRECT? OR ARE CAMS IN THERE? THE COMMON AREA.

16

17 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** THE COMMON AREA SPLIT UP BETWEEN SHARED SERVICES AND COMMON
18 AREA.

19

20 **CARLOS ROMERO:** RIGHT. IF YOU WERE TO CAPITALIZE OUR PORTION OF THE ASSET -
21 - AND I SAY ABAG'S PORTION OF THE ASSET, AND ESSENTIALLY GIVE THAT LUMP
22 SUM PAYMENT, THREE TO WHATEVER, YOU COME UP WITH AN EVALUATION OF THE
23 BUILDING AND YOU SAY HERE IS YOUR PIECE, 4 TO \$5 MILLION, THAT ASSESSMENT
24 PAYMENT WOULD NO LONGER BE LEVIED ON US; WOULD IT?

25

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1 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** CORRECT, THE SHARED ASSESSMENT WOULD GO UP.

2

3 **CARLOS ROMERO:** IS THE CAM THE ONLY THING THAT REMAINS? OR ARE WE STILL
4 LIABLE FOR SOME, SORT OF, LEASE PAYMENT, YOU KNOW, TO THE BUILDING. AND
5 THEN I ALSO WANT TO SAY, WHEN STEVE CONCEIVED OF THIS PROJECT, RIGHT, I
6 THINK HE UNDERSTOOD THE VALUE OF REAL ESTATE, AND CERTAINLY UNDERSTANDING
7 THE INCOME GENERATING ASPECT OF A BUILDING VERY CLOSE TO FINANCIAL
8 DISTRICT, THEY COULD HAVE LEASED OUT TO MARKET DRIVEN ENTITIES, LIKE
9 TRULIA. CLEARLY THERE IS AN INCOME MAKING ASPECT OF THE BUILDING AND KIND
10 OF ASSESSING THAT, I ASSUME THAT THERE IS SOME PORTION OF THAT THAT
11 ACCRUES TO -- THAT'S PROBABLY PAYING OFF THE DEBT, HUGE DEBT.

12

13 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** RIGHT.

14

15 **CARLOS ROMERO:** I DON'T THINK IT'S SUCH AN EASY CALCULUS TO SAY THAT ABAG
16 SHOULD SELL OFF ITS -- AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE PORTION OF 70% IS -- AND
17 I WOULD ALSO ASK OUR PRESIDENT, WHAT MIGHT BE THE PROCESS TO ACTUALLY HAVE
18 A NUANCED AND AN OPENLY DISCERNIBLE ANALYSIS OF WHAT A SALE OF OUR PORTION
19 OF THE ASSET WOULD BE. TO MY FIRST QUESTION, IT'S TO YOU.

20

21 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** WELL, LET ME TRY A COUPLE OF THINGS, ONE, THIS ISN'T
22 COMPLETELY -- I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, THESE ARE CONCEPTS. IF THE CONCEPTS DON'T
23 GET AN IMMEDIATE NO, WE'RE GOING TO GO BACK AND WORK ON THEM AGAIN. I AM
24 THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF MTC MY CHIEF RESPONSIBILITIES EXTEND TO YOU
25 AND MTC. AT THIS STAGE I WOULDN'T HAVE ANYBODY FROM ABAG TO NEGOTIATE.

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1 HOWEVER, I DO THINK THAT THERE ARE ADVANTAGES TO CONSOLIDATE WHAT ARE
2 BASICALLY SPACES AROUND THE BUILDING AS WE'RE GOING INTO DOING OTHER
3 PLANNING AND THE RETURN OF EMPLOYEES, AND I THINK THERE ARE SOME
4 ADVANTAGES TO MTC AND THE AIR DISTRICT TO THINK OF THIS, I THINK THERE ARE
5 ADVANTAGES TO ABAG TO THINK THAT MAYBE OWNING THE WHOLE BUILDING ISN'T
6 EXACTLY WHAT YOU NEED TO DO ANYMORE ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU DON'T HAVE A
7 PHYSICAL PRESENCE HERE, THAT'S ALL COVERED BY US NOW. IT'S JUST A THOUGHT.
8 WELL, CERTAINLY, IF THE ANSWER IS NOT A FLAT NO, THEN WE'LL SIT DOWN AND
9 THINK ABOUT SOME CONCEPTS AS TO HOW TO DO IT.

10

11 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** YEAH, MAYOR ROMERO, I THINK THAT'S THE IDEA, THAT
12 STAFF IS, SORT OF, GOING TO EXPLORE SOME OF THOSE CONCEPTS FURTHER. I
13 THINK THE IDEA WAS TO BRING BACK TO THE ABAG FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER
14 DISCUSSION ON SOME OF THESE IDEAS. AT THE END OF THE DAY, THEY'RE GOING TO
15 HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD, A NUMBER OF THINGS
16 REFINANCING CALPERS OBLIGATIONS IS SOME OF THE OTHER SUGGESTIONS. THERESE
17 DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD? NEXT STEPS?

18

19 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** I THINK THE ONLY THING TO REINFORCE, AND IT WAS
20 DISCUSSED AT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, AT THE SCALE OF THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT
21 THAT WE'RE EXPERIENCING, YOU'RE GOING TO NEED A COMPENDIUM OF OPTIONS. AND
22 WHAT WE HAVE PUT FORWARD IS A RANGE OF POTENTIAL OPTIONS. END OF THE DAY
23 IS FINANCIAL STABILITY FOR ABAG, SO WHETHER YOU TAKE SOMETHING OFF THE
24 TABLE, REPLACE IT WITH SOMETHING ELSE, THE ACCUMULATIVE EFFECT SHOULD BE
25 GETTING TO YOU A STABLE PLACE. SO I WOULD SAY THAT'S THE CONTEXTUAL LARGER

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1 ANALYTICAL ASSESSMENT WE WOULD DO AND JUST CAUTION THAT WE NOT LOOK AT
2 EACH INDIVIDUAL PIECE IN ISOLATION BUT HOW THEY WOULD WORK TOGETHER TOWARD
3 THE END OF PUTTING YOU IN, ABAG, IN A MORE SUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL POSITION.

4

5 **CARLOS ROMERO:** MR. PRESIDENT, ONE MORE COMMENT, AND THIS IS NOT AN
6 INDICTMENT OF, CERTAINLY, MR. MAYHEW, BUT CERTAINLY UNDERSTANDING THE
7 CAPITALIZATION AND FUTURE VALUE, YOU KNOW, DIGGING INTO NET PRESENT VALUE
8 ASSUMPTIONS, WHAT ARE DISCOUNT RATES, ET CETERA. I MEAN, THOSE ARE
9 DIFFICULT THINGS TO UNDERSTAND. AND I THINK IT WOULD BE IN THE INTEREST OF
10 ABAG -- AND NOW I'M SAYING AS A SEPARATE ENTITY FROM MTC TO POTENTIALLY
11 THINK ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT IT ACTUALLY WANTS TO HAVE A CONSULTANT ON THE
12 OTHER SIDE TO UNDERSTAND THE COMPLEX REAL ESTATE ASPECTS THAT MAY COME
13 INTO PLAY IN THE EVALUATION OF A BUILDING THAT HAS A NUMBER OF MOVING
14 PARTS, INCLUDING INCOME GENERATION. SO IT MIGHT BE IN OUR INTEREST TO
15 POSSIBLY HAVE THAT, AND THAT IS NOT AN INDICTMENT OF MR. MAYHEW, WHO I
16 THINK IS ONE OF THE FINEST.

17

18 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** WE WOULD DO THAT ANYWAY. AND YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. AGAIN,
19 WE HAVE GONE INTO THIS WITH A CLASSIC BUSINESS APPROACH, HOW DO YOU GET
20 YOUR ASSETS TO WORK BETTER FOR YOU, HOW DO YOU REDUCE YOUR LIABILITIES AND
21 HOPEFULLY THAT MATCHES UP TO A BETTER BOTTOM LINE. YOU KNOW, WE HAVE TO DO
22 SOMETHING. BUT YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. WE WOULD MAKE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN
23 THAT ONCE WE DEAL WITH SOME THINGS, THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT ARE MUCH
24 EASIER HERE, BECAUSE THE AMOUNT A BUILDING IS WORTH WAS FIXED IN THE
25 ORIGINAL PURCHASE, BUT WE WOULD CERTAINLY MAKE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT

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1 SOMEBODY FROM THE OUTSIDE IS REVIEWING THIS, INDEPENDENT OF ME, AND
2 INDEPENDENT OF THERESE LITERALLY INDEPENDENT OF EVERYBODY, BECAUSE YOU
3 WANT AN INDEPENDENT REPORT.
4

5 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** YES. I WOULD AGREE, AND THANK YOU CARLOS FOR THAT
6 SUGGESTION. I COMPLETELY AGREE. IF WE ARE GOING TO GO DOWN THIS PATH WE
7 WANT TO HAVE A CONSULTANT ASSIST IN DOING THE EVALUATION. MAYOR GIBBONS?
8

9 **LIZ GIBBONS:** THANK YOU. INTERESTING DISCUSSION. I CERTAINLY HOPE THE
10 MOTIVATION BEHIND WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS SOLVE THE STRUCTURAL
11 FINANCIAL PROBLEM. AND, AM I CORRECT, THE WHOLE DISCUSSION OF THE
12 BUILDING COMES DOWN TO THE FACT THAT ABAG NO LONG ARE HAS STAFF. THE STAFF
13 IS ALL CONSUMED BY MTC. SO, QUOTE "WE DON'T NEED" UNQUOTE ABAG STAFF SPACE
14 IN THE BUILDING ANYMORE. THAT'S REALLY WHAT IT BOILS DOWN TO.
15

16 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** ABSOLUTELY CORRECT.
17

18 **LIZ GIBBONS:** THANK YOU.
19

20 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** SO ONCE AGAIN, I APPRECIATE -- WHEN WE ADOPTED THE
21 BUDGET AND SENT IT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WE DID
22 TALK ABOUT STRUCTURAL DEFICIT AND THERE WAS DESIRE TO HAVE UNDER ARREST
23 FINANCE DIRECTOR LOOK AT SOME OPTIONS THAT WAS CLOSE TO THE STRUCTURAL
24 DEFICIT I APPRECIATE THE CREATIVE RANGE OF OPTIONS, WE SHOULD LOOK AT THE
25 OPTIONS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE WILL BE FURTHER DISCUSSION HERE

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1 AT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND AT EXECUTIVE BOARD. SO ANY OTHER QUESTIONS
2 FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS ON THE FINANCE REPORT? THIS IS AN INFORMATION
3 ITEM.

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5 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** IT'S AN INFORMATION ITEM. THANK YOU.

6

7 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM 11 FOR THE ABAG FINANCE
8 COMMITTEE REPORT. IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR PLEASE STAR NINE. ANY
9 PUBLIC COMMENT MR. CASTRO?

10

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

13

14 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** UNLESS THERE ARE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM
15 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS, TO BE CONTINUED, WE CAN MOVE TO ITEM 11 ABAG
16 COMMITTEE HOUSING REPORT. MAYOR WILSON.

17

18 **LORI WILSON:** GOOD EVENING EVERYONE. I HAVE A BRIEF REPORT AS CHAIR OF THE
19 ABAG HOUSING COMMITTEE WE MET JULY 8TH, 2021 THIS WAS A JOINT COMMITTEE
20 MEETING WITH BAHFA OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE RECEIVED THE
21 FOLLOWING FIVE REPORTS STATE AND FEDERAL HOUSING UPDATES ON RECENT
22 ACTIVITIES RELATED TO STATE AND HOUSING PRIORITIES, EXPANDED REGIONAL
23 HOUSING PORTFOLIO, AND BAHFA BUSINESS PLAN PROCUREMENT UPDATE, ON THE
24 PROCUREMENT TO SECURE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR BUSINESS PLAN FOR THE
25 EXPANDED REGIONAL HOUSING PORTFOLIO AND THE BAY AREA HOUSING FINANCING

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1 AUTHORITY. REGIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING PIPELINE UPDATE ON THE REGIONAL
2 AFFORDABLE HOUSING PIPELINE DATABASE. THE FOURTH REPORT WAS ON THE
3 REGIONAL HOUSING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING
4 FAIR HOUSING MODULE, AN OVERVIEW OF LEGISLATION, NEW REQUIREMENTS AND
5 REGIONAL PRODUCTS TO ASSIST LOCAL JURISDICTIONS WITH HOUSING ELEMENT
6 UPDATES. AND THE FINAL REPORT WAS ON ABAG'S REGIONAL HOUSING TECHNICAL
7 ASSISTANCE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM AND OVERVIEW OF RESOURCES AND
8 ASSISTANCE TO HELP CITIES AND COUNTIES TO CONDUCT AUTHENTIC AND EQUITABLE
9 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ON HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATES. THIS CONCLUDES THE COMMITTEE
10 REPORT FOR THE ABAG HOUSING COMMITTEE.

11
12 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** EXECUTIVE BOARD ANY QUESTIONS FOR ABAG HOUSE
13 COMMITTEE? I DON'T SEE ANY RAISED HANDS. MR. CASTRO PUBLIC COMMENT?

14
15 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND
16 RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM.

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18 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** UNLESS THERE IS ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OR
19 COMMENTS ON THE ABAG HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT. WE'LL GO TO THE LAST ITEM,
20 12A IS A PRESENTATION ON THE 2022 TO '26 UPDATE TO THE ESTUARY BLUEPRINT.
21 AND THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM AND KATE LYNN SWEENEY WILL GIVE THE
22 REPORT.

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1 **CAITLIN SWEENEY:** I'M CAITLIN SWEENEY DIRECTOR OF THE SAN FRANCISCO ESTUARY
2 PARTNERSHIP I'M GOING TO TURN THE PRESENTATION OVER TO DARCY WHO HAS BEEN
3 LEADING THE PROCESS FOR THE ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP. THANK YOU.

4

5 **DARCIE LUCE:** GOOD EVENING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS. I'M AN ENVIRONMENTAL
6 PLANNER WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP. THANK YOU FOR THE
7 OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE THIS PRESENTATION THIS EVENING AND I PROMISE TO KEEP
8 THIS BRIEF AND TO THE POINT. SINCE IT'S BEEN A LITTLE WHILE SINCE WE
9 BROUGHT THIS ITEM TO YOU I'LL GIVE A BRIEF BACKGROUND ON THE SAN FRANCISCO
10 ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP AND TALK ABOUT OUR UPDATE PROCESS AND THEN WELCOME ANY
11 DISCUSSION AND Q&A AT THE END. NEXT SLIDE. THE SAN FRANCISCO ESTUARY
12 PARTNERSHIP IS A PLACE-BASED NON-REGULATORY PROGRAM OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL
13 PROTECTION AGENCY. WE ARE 1 OF 28 MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM,
14 WHICH FOCUSES ON PARTNERSHIP, COLLABORATION, AND CONSENSUS BUILDING. EPA
15 PROVIDES WITH PROGRAM APPROVAL AND SMALL AMOUNT OF BASE FUNDING PASSED
16 THROUGH APPROXIMATELY \$75 MILLION ANNUALLY FUNDING THE LOCAL PARTNERS ON
17 THE GROUND FOR IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS AND BENEFIT THE SAN FRANCISCO
18 ESTUARY. WE ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE HOME WHICH HAS
19 BEEN ABAG SINCE OUR FOUNDING IN 1988. AND WHILE THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD
20 AND MTC PROVIDE US WITH ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE, OUR PROGRAMMATIC WORK IS
21 GUIDED BY OUR 38 MEMBER IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE OR IC WHICH INCLUDES
22 REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL AGENCIES BUSINESSES,
23 SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS AND CITIZEN ADVOCACY GROUPS. OF COURSE,
24 WE HAVE ABAG REPRESENTATION ON OUR IC, AND MANY THANKS TO MAYOR PAT
25 EKLUND, WHO REPRESENTS THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD ON OUR IC, AND HAS ALSO

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1 BEEN SERVING ON OUR ESTUARY BLUEPRINT UPDATE STEERING COMMITTEE. NEXT
2 SLIDE. OUR ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP PLANNING AREA COVERS ALL OF THE WATER
3 SHEDS THAT DRAIN TO THE ESTUARY INCLUDING BOTH THE BAY AND THE UPPER
4 ESTUARY OR SACRAMENTO SAN JOAQUIN DELTA. THIS IS ALSO UPDATE ON THE
5 PLANNING BLUEPRINT. THIS MAY REFER TO PAST IMPLEMENTATION PLANNED BAY
6 AREA. WE SEEK TO ALIGN THE ESTUARY BLUEPRINT WITH PLANNED BAY AREA, BCDC'S
7 BAY ADAPT AND ALSO DELTA ADAPT CLIMATE CHANGE PLANNING PROCESS. THE
8 BLUEPRINT FILLS A UNIQUE AND CRITICAL NICHE IN REGIONAL PLANNING BY
9 PRIORITIZING THE HEALTH AND RESILIENCE OF THE ESTUARY. WE SEE THE HEALTH
10 OF OUR HUMAN COMMUNITIES AS INEXTRICABLY LINKED TO THE HEALTH OF OUR
11 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND WE'RE WORKING TO ENSURE THAT OUR ECOLOGICAL
12 SYSTEMS BENEFIT OUR HUMAN SOCIAL PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AS WE FACE THE
13 THREAT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND SEA LEVEL RISE. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. THE
14 ESTUARY BLUEPRINT IS A NON-REGULATORY REGIONAL PLANNING DOCUMENT REQUIRED
15 BY THE CLEAN WATER ACT. IT HAS THE TECHNICAL NAME OF THE COMPREHENSIVE
16 CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN, AND IT WAS FIRST COMPLETED IN 1993, WHEN
17 IT SERVED AS THE FIRST COLLABORATIVE PLAN OF THE ESTUARY DEVELOPED BY 100
18 STAKEHOLDER GROUPS AND MANY HAD NEVER SAT DOWN TOGETHER TO AGREE ON
19 PRIORITIES. THE PLAN WAS UPDATED IN 2,007 IS REVISED IN 2016 WHEN WE CAME
20 UP WITH THE SHORTER NAME OF THE ESTUARY BLUEPRINT. THE CURRENT PLAN
21 IDENTIFIES PRIORITY ACTIONS AGREED UPON BY OVER 80 ORGANIZATIONS AND
22 SERVES TO ELEVATE THOSE PRIORITY ACTIONS FOR POTENTIAL FUNDING AND PROJECT
23 DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION. FOR EXAMPLE, THE BLUEPRINT IS ONE OF THE
24 REGIONAL PLANS THAT CAN BE REFERENCED WHEN APPLYING FOR SAN FRANCISCO BAY
25 RESTORATION AUTHORITY GRANTS PROJECT PROPOSALS APPLYING TO THE EPA'S WATER

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1 QUALITY IMPROVEMENT FUND MUST IMPLEMENT OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS IN THE
2 BLUEPRINT AND REPRESENTATIVE JACKIE SPEARS PROPOSED THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY
3 RESTORATION BILL IF PASSED WOULD ESTABLISH FUNDING FOR PROJECTS AND
4 STUDIES IN THAT ADVANCE THE GOALS OF THE OBJECTIVES AND BLUEPRINT. AND A
5 SIMILAR BILL HAS BEEN SET ON THE SIDE. NEXT SLIDE. -- -- I'LL GIVE A
6 SNAPSHOT OF OUR CURRENT PLAN OF THE 2016 THROUGH 2021 ESTUARY BLUEPRINT.
7 IN OUR MOST RECENT UPDATE IN 2016 WE UNDERTOOK A REVISION OF THE DOCUMENT
8 KNOW OFFING ABOUT WHERE WE WANT TO BE IN 2050 AND WHAT WE CAN DO IN THE
9 NEXT FIVE YEARS TO GET THERE. THAT MIGHT SOUND FAMILIAR TO PLANNED BAY
10 AREA. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. THE ESTUARY BLUEPRINT HAS FOUR GOALS, OVERARCHING
11 GOALS AND AREAS BRADLEY REFLECTED HERE IN THE ORANGE CIRCLES. BUT THE REAL
12 WORK TO BE HONEST HAPPENS AT THE ACTION LEVEL WE HAVE 32 ACTIONS THAT
13 BRIDGE ACROSS THOSE FOCUS AREAS AND WITH EACH ACTION IS ONE OR MORE TASKS
14 TO IMPLEMENT THAT ACTION. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. HERE WE HAVE AN EXAMPLE
15 ACTION. EACH ACTION WAS DEVELOPED THROUGH A CONSENSUS BASED PROCESS WITH
16 MULTI-STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEES AND IS BROKEN DOWN INTO SPECIFIC ACHIEVABLE
17 TASKS WITH MEASURABLE MILESTONES IN THE TIME FRAME STARTING IN 2016 TO
18 2021 WITH TOPICS FROM RESTORING CREEK, UNDERWATER HABITATS CLIMATE CHANGE
19 AND SOLUTIONS FOR INCREASING PUBLIC ACCESS TO SHORELINE REDUCING WATER USE
20 AND LANDSCAPING AS SHOWN IN THE EXAMPLES HERE. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. NOW WE
21 ARE IN THE MIDST OF UPDATING OUR 2016 ESTUARY BLUEPRINT FOR THE NEXT FIVE
22 YEARS. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. ON THIS ROUND WE ARE TAKING A MORE STREAMLINED
23 APPROACH TO THE UPDATE FOCUSING ON REVIEWING THE CURRENT 32 ACTIONS FOR
24 RELEVANCE AND IMPORTANCE ASSESSING THE COMPLETION OF EXISTING TASKS AND
25 ESTABLISHING TASKS TO ADVANCE OUR GOALS. PROCESS GUIDED BY A STEERING

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1 COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM OUR LARGER IMPLEMENTATION
2 COMMITTEE AND WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO MAYOR EKLUND FOR JOINING US ON THAT
3 STEERING COMMITTEE. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. FOR THIS UPDATE, WE HAVE DEVELOPED
4 THESE GUIDING PRINCIPLES TO HELP FOCUS OUR EFFORTS THESE ARE SOME GUIDING
5 PRINCIPLES YOU MAY HAVE SEEN IN SOME OTHER REGIONAL PLANNING PROCESSES AND
6 SOME HAVE BEEN CARRIED THROUGH OUR PREVIOUS VERSIONS. I'LL TOUCH ON TWO OF
7 THEM. WITH THIS UPDATE WE'RE ARE FOCUSING ON STAKEHOLDER GROUPS AND
8 BRINGING PARTNERS ON BOARD WITH IMPLEMENTING THE BLUEPRINT AND
9 COMPLEMENTARY ELEVATION BRINGING A HUMAN DIMENSION TO THE UPDATE. I'LL
10 PROVIDE A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF A FEW OF THE WAY IN WHICH WE PRIORITIZING
11 CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN THIS UPDATE IDENTIFYING WAYS TO PROTECT NATURAL
12 RESOURCES SUCH AS ESTUARY HABITATS AND WILDLIFE AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF ANY
13 EFFORT TO INCREASE RESILIENCE OF SHORELINE COMMUNITIES AT RISK FROM
14 FLOODING AND RISING ACCESS. WE'RE EXPLORING A CENTRALIZED HELP-DESK
15 NETWORK TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO CITIES, COUNTIES, AND OTHER
16 STAKEHOLDERS FOR CLIMATE CHANGE PLAN ADAPTATION AND DONE IN A WAY THAT
17 FACILITATES NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION. WE'RE PRIORITIZING IMPROVEMENTS
18 OF UPDATING REGULATORY PROCESSES TO FACILITATE INNOVATIVE MULTI-BENEFIT
19 CLIMATE ADAPTING A PROJECTS. FLOOD MANAGEMENT SHORELINE ALTERATION,
20 SEDIMENT DISPOSAL AND HABITAT RESTORATION. IDENTIFYING BARRIERS TO
21 INCREASING OUR WATER USE EFFICIENCIES INDOORS AND OUT. FINALLY ADVANCING
22 TOOLS TO SUPPORT MUNICIPALITIES WITH IMPLEMENTING GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND
23 LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT ON CITY STREETS FOR BETTER STORM WATER MANAGEMENT
24 FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER QUALITY ALONG WITH AESTHETICS. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE.
25 THIS IS THE TIMELINE FOR THE UPDATE PROCESS. WE KICKED OFF THIS PROCESS AS

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1 THE PANDEMIC WAS GETTING UNDERWAY. SO WE AFTER A FEW MONTHS HELD OUR FIRST
2 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING LAST JULY WE HAVE STAFF LED WORKING GROUPS FOR
3 THE ACTIONS AND DEVELOPED A DRAFT UPDATED ACTION AND ARE NOW IN THE MIDST
4 OF OUR DRAFT BLUEPRINT. IT'S A GRIT TIME FOR YOU TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS.
5 YOUR INVOLVEMENT IS ALWAYS WELCOME. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. IF YOU HAVE
6 GENERAL QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO GET MORE INVOLVED PLEASE CONTACT ME AT,
7 HERE IS THE INFORMATION UP ON THE SCREEN, AND BEFORE I SIGN OFF, OR BEFORE
8 I CONCLUDE, I ADOPT TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO ATTEND OUR UPCOMING STATE OF THE
9 ESTUARY SUPPLEMENT. EVERY TWO YEARS WE CONVENE A CONFERENCE ON THE STATE
10 OF THE ESTUARY TO SHOWCASE THE LATEST INFORMATION ABOUT THE REGION'S WORK
11 TO SUSTAIN AND IMPROVE THE ESTUARY'S HEALTH AND WE WILL BE HOLDING A ONE
12 DAY SUPPLEMENT ON OCTOBER 1ST SPOTLIGHTING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY
13 ENGAGEMENT AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE AMONG OTHER IMPORTANT TOPICS. MORE
14 INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON OUR WEB SITE HERE. AND I HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US.
15 NEXT SLIDE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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17 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH DARCY, AND KATE LYNN AND THE
18 PARTNERSHIP AT THE ESTUARY. I'M GOING TO OPEN UP FOR COMMENTS. THIS IS FOR
19 INFORMATION PURPOSES AND IF MEMBERS WANT TO GET INVOLVED, THIS PROCESS IS
20 JUST UNDERWAY RIGHT NOW. MAYOR GARCIA?

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22 **LEON GARCIA:** THANK YOU. I ENJOYED YOUR PRESENTATION. I WONDER IF YOU HAVE
23 CONNECTED WITH THE NORTH BAY WATER SHED ASSOCIATION. WE JUST MET THIS LAST
24 WEEK AND VERY SIMILAR THEMES GOING ON THERE, HOW WE HANDLE, WELL, STATE

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1 ROUTE 37, AND OF THE WETLAND RESTORATION PRESENTATION. I THINK THAT WOULD
2 BE A GOOD PRESENTATION FOR THAT GROUP, AS WELL. THANK YOU.

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4 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DIRECTOR BEATTY?

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6 **JAYNE BATTEY:** I HAD TO UNMUTE MYSELF HERE FOR A MINUTE. CAITLIN, AND
7 DARCY, THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. I WILL BE AT THE STATE OF THE
8 ESTUARY ON OCTOBER 1ST. I, MAYBE, JUST WANTED TO DOUBLE DOWN ON THE IDEA
9 OF GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE, AND GREENING OF URBAN AREAS. MAYBE ONE OF THE
10 LOWEST HANGING PIECES OF FRUIT AND THINGS THAT WE CAN DO WHEN IT COMES TO
11 CLIMATE CHANGE. AND SO THANKS FOR YOUR WORK AROUND THAT, AND I LOOK
12 FORTUNED TO LEARNING MORE IN OCTOBER.

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14 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MAYOR EKLUND?

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16 **PAT ECKLUND:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH PRESIDENT ARREGUIN. I JUST WANTED TO PUT
17 A SHOUT OUT FOR ALL THE WORK THAT CAITLIN IS HER TEAM ARE DOING. IT'S
18 INCREDIBLE THE AMOUNT OF DETAIL THAT THEY'RE GOING INTO AND THEIR
19 COORDINATING WITH ALL OF THE AGENCIES AROUND SAN FRANCISCO BAY, AS WELL,
20 AND IN FACT, WE HAD A DISCUSSION AT THE LAST MEETING LAST WEEK ABOUT GREEN
21 INFRASTRUCTURE, AND HOW THAT CITIES AND COUNTIES NEED TO DO MORE OF IT. SO
22 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE ESTUARY PROJECT TO REACH OUT TO
23 CITIES AND COUNTIES TO HELP THEM, SORT OF, PLAN POWER THAT. ESPECIALLY
24 GIVEN THE FACT THAT THERE IS PCD CONTAMINATION FROM CITIES AND COUNTIES
25 THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH. AND THE ISSUE ABOUT SOME OF THE MEDICINE BEING

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1 USED TO TREAT ANIMALS IS NOW APPEARING IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY NOW TOO, AND
2 THAT'S ANOTHER AREA WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO START LOOKING AT TRYING TO
3 MOVEMENT SO IT DOESN'T ADVERSELY IMPACT THE BAY. SO THERE IS A LOT OF
4 EMERGING ISSUES, AND I REALLY WANT TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN
5 THE STATE OF THE ESTUARY. WE DIDN'T HAVE ONE LAST YEAR, BUT THE YEAR
6 BEFORE, I DID. AND IT'S AMAZING HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE SO FOCUSED ON THIS.
7 AND, SO, ANYWAYS. SO, JUST WANTED TO DO A SHOUT OUT TO KATE LYNN AND HER
8 GROUP FOR DOING A FANTASTIC JOB. HONORED TO BRING SOME OF MY TECHNICAL AND
9 PROGRAMMATIC EXPERIENCE FROM EPA, AND ALSO KNOWLEDGE ABOUT HOW CITIES AND
10 GOVERNMENTS WORK, TO THE ESTUARY. THANK YOU.

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12 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, FROM
13 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS? IF NOT, I WILL ASK IS THERE PUBLIC COMMENT ON
14 THIS ITEM? MR. CASTRO?

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

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19 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY. GREAT. WELL, ONCE AGAIN, CAITLIN, AND TEAM,
20 EXCELLENT WORK. COLLEAGUES, THE STATE OF THE ESTUARY CONFERENCE, I THINK
21 IS OCTOBER 1ST, COMING UP. SO, DEFINITELY ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO
22 PARTICIPATE. AND, I THINK THE ALIGNMENT OF THIS PLAN, WITH PLANNED BAY
23 AREA, IN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, I THINK IS PERSONALITY. PARTICULARLY, AS
24 PART OF THE BIGGER CONVERSATION WE'RE HAVING AROUND ALL THE WORK OF THE
25 DIFFERENT AGENCIES AROUND CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND PLANNING HOW WE'RE GOING

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1 TO RESPOND TO SEA LEVEL RISE I THINK DOVETAILS WITH PLANNED BAY AREA ADAPT
2 INTEGRATE WITH ALL THE DIFFERENT STRATEGIES INTO ONE OVERALL STRATEGY
3 COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY MULTI-AGENCY APPROACH FOR THE REGION. THANK YOU.
4 OKAY. UNLESS THERE ARE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, I THINK THIS IS
5 OUR LAST ITEM. SO, THAT COMPLETES THE BUSINESS BEFORE US THIS EVENING.
6 THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD IS ON OCTOBER 21ST, 2021.
7 REMEMBER THIS IS A JOINT MEETING WITH THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION
8 COMMISSION TO APPROVE PLANNED BAY AREA 2050, AND SO WITH THAT, THIS
9 MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IS ADJOURNED. THANK YOU ALL. [ADJOURNED]
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