

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY  
AREA GOVERNMENTS  
Meeting Transcript**

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**ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021, 5:30 P.M.**

**JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** GOOD EVENING. I'M JESSE ARREGUIN  
PRESIDENT OF THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD I'M GOING TO CALL THIS  
MEETING TO ORDER AND ASK STAFF TO PLAY THE MEETING RECORDING.  
[RECORDED MEETING PROCEDURES ANNOUNCEMENT]. DUE TO COVID-19,  
THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AS A ZOOM WEBINAR PURSUANT TO  
THE PROVISIONS OF ASSEMBLY BILL 361 WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN  
REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT. THIS MEETING IS BEING WEBCAST  
ON THE ABAG WEBSITE. 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 PARTICIPATION BY ZOOM, WISHING TO SPEAK, SHOULD  
USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE OR DIAL STAR 9, 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  
INFOATBAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5 P.M., YESTERDAY, WILL BE POSTED TO

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

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

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14 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** COUNCILMEMBER ADAMS?

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16 **SUSAN ADAMS:** HERE.

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18 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ANDERSON?

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20 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

21

22 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ARREGUIN.

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24 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** HERE.

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1 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** BAS?

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3 **NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS:** HERE.

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5 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR BREED IS ABSENT. MAYOR BUTT? ABSENT.

6 SUPERVISOR CANEPA? IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR CHAVEZ?

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8 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** HERE.

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10 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR EKLUND?

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12 **PAT ECKLUND:** HERE.

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14 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** COUNCILMEMBER ESPARZA.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

17

18 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** COUNCILMEMBER FIFE?

19

20 **CARROLL FIFE:** PRESENT.

21

22 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** FLIGOR IS ABSENT. MAYOR GARCIA?

23

24 **LEON GARCIA:** HERE.

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1 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR GIBBONS?

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3 **LIZ GIBBONS:** HERE. AND FLIGOR IS HERE.

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5 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. I DIDN'T HEAR HER. VICE MAYOR  
6 HALE?

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8 **GISELLE HALE:** HERE.

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10 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** HALLIDAY?

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12 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** HERE.

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14 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** DIRECTOR HILLIS IS ABSENT. MAYOR HUDSON?  
15 ABSENT. SUPERVISOR LEE?

16

17 **OTTO LEE:** HERE.

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19 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** COUNCILMEMBER MAHAN.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

22

23 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MANDELMAN IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR MAR IS  
24 ABSENT. SUPERVISOR MILEY IS ABSENT. SOME MITCHOFF?

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1 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** HERE.

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3 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR MOULTON PETERS?

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5 **STEPHANIE MOULTON-PETERS:** HERE.

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7 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** COUNCILMEMBER PERALEZ?

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9 **RAUL PERALEZ:** HERE.

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11 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** RABBIT?

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13 **DAVID RABBIT:** HERE.

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15 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** RAMOS?

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17 **BELIA RAMOS:** HERE.

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19 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ROMERO?

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21 **CARLOS ROMERO:** PRESENT.

22

23 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR SPERING IS ABSENT.

24 COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR IS ABSENT. MAYOR WILSON?

25

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1 **LORI WILSON:** HERE .

2

3 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** AND SUPERVISOR HAUBERT?

4

5 **DAVID HAUBERT:** HERE .

6

7 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. A QUORUM IS PRESENT.

8

9 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET'S MOVE  
10 NOW TO ITEM TWO, PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM.

11

12 **TOM BUTT:** TOM BUTT JUST SHOWED UP.

13

14 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BACK TO ITEM TWO, PUBLIC  
15 COMMENT. IS THERE ANY MEMBER THAT WISHES TO GIVE PUBLIC  
16 COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR  
17 HAND AT THIS TIME. I DON'T SEE ANY RAISED HANDS FROM  
18 ATTENDEES. MAYOR GIBBONS I'LL GET TO YOU WHEN WE GO TO  
19 EXECUTIVE BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS. SO SEEING NO PUBLIC COMMENT ON  
20 NON-AGENDA MATTERS.

21

22 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** NO WRITTEN COMMENT SUBMITTED.

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** ITEM FIVE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
2 ANNOUNCEMENTS. INFORMATION ITEM. ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM  
3 MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD? MAYOR GIBBONS?  
4

5 **LIZ GIBBONS:** TWO QUICK COMMENTS. ONE, I PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED  
6 ANY INTEREST IN HAVING A WORKLOAD AND TIME CRUNCH RELIEF ON  
7 THE NEW HOUSING BUILD AND THE DEADLINES FOR THE HOUSING  
8 ELEMENT. I OFFERED THAT. WE HAVE RECEIVED SOME SUPPORT FROM  
9 STATE LEGISLATORS WILLING TO DISCUSS. ANYONE WHO WISHES TO BE  
10 ENGAGED IN THAT, PLEASE CONTACT ME. AND, TWO, I WANT TO TAKE  
11 A MOMENT TO THANK PRESIDENT ARREGUIN AND THE CITY OF BERKELEY  
12 FOR BEING THE LEAD ON THE UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK WHICH IS  
13 NOVEMBER 14TH THROUGH 21ST. IT'S BEEN A VERY SUCCESSFUL EFFORT  
14 HERE IN THE SOUTH BAY, AND I AM SURE, THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTIES.  
15 THANK YOU FOR THAT LEADERSHIP.

16

17 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU TO MANY OF MY  
18 COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE BEEN PARTICIPATING IN UNITED HATE WEEK TO  
19 BRING TO AWARENESS TOLERANCE THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
20 PARTICIPATION AND THANK YOU FOR THOSE COMMENTS. I'LL ASK ARE  
21 THERE ANY OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE ABAG  
22 EXECUTIVE BOARD? IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. SEEING NO  
23 RAISED HANDS, I'LL ASK IF THERE IS ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM  
24 THREE, EXECUTIVE BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS?  
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1 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** I SEE NO MEMBERS OF THE ATTENDEES WITH  
2 THEIR HAND RAISED. NO WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED FOR THIS  
3 ITEM.

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5 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** ITEM FOUR PRESIDENT'S REPORT THIS IS MY  
6 REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 18TH, 2021. I WANT TO WELCOME AND THANK MY  
7 COLLEAGUES FOR ATTENDING TONIGHT'S MEETING. THIS IS THE  
8 RATIFICATION OF THE ELECTION OF THE ABAG PRESIDENT AND VICE  
9 PRESIDENT APPROVAL OF OUR 2022 MEETING CALENDAR, AND  
10 CONTINUATION OF FINDINGS REQUIRED UNDER A.B. 361 FOR THE  
11 CONDUCT OF MEETINGS REMOTELY. I JUST WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO  
12 THANK MY COLLEAGUES. MANY OF WHOM SUPPORTED MY CANDIDACY FOR  
13 REELECTION AS ABAG PRESIDENT. IT'S BEEN AN INCREDIBLE HONOR TO  
14 SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF THIS EXECUTIVE BOARD OVER THE PAST TWO  
15 YEARS. I MISS SEEING ALL OF YOU IN PERSON, AND I LOOK FORWARD  
16 TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO BEING ABLE TO MEET IN PERSON. BUT DONE A  
17 LOT OF REALLY INCREDIBLE WORK THIS PAST YEAR. WE ARE CONCLUDED  
18 REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION PROCESS THE REGIONAL HOUSING  
19 FINANCE AUTHORITY, AND THE WORK WE'RE DOING THERE TO ADVANCE  
20 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN OUR REGION. OBVIOUSLY THERE IS A GREAT  
21 DEAL OF WORK TO DO AROUND ADDRESSING SEA LEVEL RISE AND  
22 CLIMATE ADAPTATION I HOPE THAT WILL BE A FOCUS OF OUR AGENCY  
23 PARTNERING WITH OTHER REGIONAL AGENCIES OVER THE NEXT YEAR  
24 IT'S BEEN A REAL PLEASURE TO LEAD THIS AGENCY AND EXECUTIVE  
25 BOARD IN THIS CRITICAL TIME FOR UNDER ARREST REGION I'M

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1 HONORED AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING IN SUPPORT WITH YOU OVER  
2 THE NEXT YEAR, REALLY TO SUPERVISOR RAMOS WHO IS ALSO AN  
3 INCREDIBLE LEADER OF OUR ORGANIZATION AS WELL. LOOK FORWARD TO  
4 WORKING WITH YOU. TONIGHT WE WILL HEAR FROM THE VARIOUS  
5 COMMITTEES ON THEIR WORK. AND WE'LL HEAR FROM THE  
6 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ON THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS  
7 ALLOCATION AND THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL BE TAKING FINAL  
8 ACTION ON THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION PLAN AT OUR  
9 NEXT MEETING. ALSO, WE WOULD HEAR FROM THE JOINT MTC/ABAG  
10 LEGISLATION COMMITTEE ON THE DRAFT JOINT ADVOCACY PROGRAM. AND  
11 FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, WE WILL RECEIVE A REPORT ON OUR  
12 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ACCOMPANYING REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR  
13 2020, 2021. WANT AND LASTLY, I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY  
14 TO REMEMBER AND HONOR A COLLEAGUE AND FRIEND OF OURS. WILMA  
15 CHAN, SUPERVISOR FOR ALAMEDA COUNTY. WE WERE VERY SADDENED TO  
16 HEAR OF HER SUDDEN PASSING. MANY OF US WORKED CLOSELY WITH  
17 SUPERVISOR CHAN. SHE WAS AN INCREDIBLE LEADER FOR CHILDREN,  
18 PUBLIC HEALTH, EQUITY AND ACCESS, FOR MANY PROGRESSIVE ISSUES.  
19 AND SHE WILL BE SO DEALER MISSED. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT WE  
20 ADJOURN OUR ABAG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING IN MEMORY OF  
21 SUPERVISOR CHAN. ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON THE ABAG  
22 EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT? SEEING NO RAISED HANDS. I'LL ASK FOR  
23 PUBLIC COMMENT  
24

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1 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH  
2 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED  
3 ON THIS ITEM.

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5 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT COMPLETES ITEM FOUR,  
6 THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT. WE'LL PROCEED TO ITEM FIVE, THE  
7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT. AND TO RECOGNIZE THERESE  
8 MCMILLAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

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10 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** THANKS SO MUCH, MR. PRESIDENT, I ACTUALLY  
11 HAVE NOTHING TO ADD TO YOUR WONDERFUL AND COMPREHENSIVE  
12 REPORT, EXCEPT TO WISH ALL OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS A  
13 HAPPY AND SAFE THANKSGIVING THIS YEAR. THANK YOU.

14

15 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. YOU TOO, AS WELL,  
16 ASK TO ALL OF THE STAFF. HAPPY HOLIDAYS. OKAY. COLLEAGUES,  
17 ANY QUESTIONS FOR MS. MCMILLAN ON HER REPORT? SEEING NO RAISED  
18 HANDS. I'LL ASK FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM FIVE, THE EXECUTIVE  
19 DIRECTOR'S REPORT?

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21 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH  
22 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED  
23 ON THIS ITEM.

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY. UNLESS THERE IS ANY FURTHER  
2 DISCUSSION WE'LL PROCEED TO ITEM SIX, THE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
3 CONSENT CALENDAR. IS THERE ANY ITEM THAT A MEMBER WOULD LIKE  
4 TO PULL FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OR IS THERE A MOTION TO APPROVE  
5 THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

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7 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** MOTION TO APPROVE.

8

9 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** MOVED BY --

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11 **CARLOS ROMERO:** SECOND --

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13 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** MOVED BY HUDSON. SECOND ROMERO. OKAY.  
14 MAYOR GARCIA?

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16 **LEON GARCIA:** THANK YOU. I WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE OCTOBER 21ST  
17 MEETING. WOULD LIKE TO -- [INDISCERNIBLE] WITHOUT THAT I'LL  
18 MOVE WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

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

21

22 **PAT ECKLUND:** I THOUGHT I HAD SEEN OUR 2020 CALENDAR OF  
23 MEETINGS?

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25 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** IT'S ON TONIGHT AGENDA.

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2 **PAT ECKLUND:** WE HAD TALKED ABOUT NOT CONFLICTING WITH THE BIG  
3 MEETINGS OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES. THE LEAGUE OF  
4 CALIFORNIA CITIES IS HAVING AN ANNUAL MEETING IN LONG BEACH ON  
5 SEPTEMBER 7TH THROUGH THE 9TH. AND SO THERE ARE SOME MEETINGS  
6 SCHEDULED FOR ABAG, ANYWAY, THE 7TH THROUGH THE 9TH, AND I WAS  
7 WONDERING IF WE COULD HAVE SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT LOOKING FOR  
8 DATES TO TRY TO SCHEDULE THOSE. BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE HARD  
9 TO -- UNLESS WE CAN DO IT REMOTE. I GUESS WE COULD DO IT. BUT  
10 IT WOULD BE HARD TO FLY BACK, NECESSARILY, FROM LONG BEACH,  
11 FOR THOSE OF US WHO ARE ACTIVE WITH THE LEAGUE?

12

13 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** YES. I THINK THE MEETINGS THAT CONFLICT  
14 ARE FRIDAY COMMITTEES ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGISLATION  
15 COMMITTEE.

16

17 **PAT ECKLUND:** COULD WE FLAG THAT? WE HAVE A LOT OF TIME TO WORK  
18 ON IT.

19

20 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY. AND HOPEFULLY WE'LL HAVE  
21 THE ABILITY TO MEET REMOTELY.

22

23 **PAT ECKLUND:** BECAUSE WE TRY NOT TO DUPLICATE.

24

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** WHETHER WE CAN MEET VIA VIDEO  
2 CONFERENCE THERE CERTAINLY IS AN OPTION UNDER THE BROWN ACT TO  
3 MEET VIA TELECONFERENCE WILL STILL BE AN OPTION. WE'LL FLAG  
4 AND DISCUSS IT.

5

6 **PAT ECKLUND:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** HUDSON.

9

10 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** JESS AS CONSIDERATION, IF IT IS THE FULL  
11 BOARD MEETING MY ALTERNATE PRESIDENT OF THE LEAGUE MIGHT BE A  
12 PROBLEM IF YOU WANT TO MAKE THAT A QUORUM THAT MIGHT BE A VERY  
13 REAL PROBLEM.

14

15 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** IT'S JUST THE FRIDAY COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
16 THAT CONFLICT. IT WOULD CONFLICT WITH THE LAST DAY OF THE  
17 CONFERENCE. OKAY. SO WE NOTED THAT THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
18 BRINGING THAT TO OUR ATTENTION. ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR  
19 QUESTIONS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR? IF NOT, I'LL ASK IF THERE  
20 IS ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

21

22 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH  
23 THEIR HAND RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED  
24 ON THIS ITEM.

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. I'LL ASK THE CLERK TO  
2 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL ON THE MOTION.

3

4 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MOTION BY HUDSON. SECOND BY ROMERO.  
5 COUNCIL.

6

7 **SUSAN ADAMS:** YES.

8

9 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ANDERSEN?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** YES. BREED IS ABSENT. MAYOR BUTT?

12

13 **TOM BUTT:** YES.

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15 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR CANEPA IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR  
16 CHAVEZ?

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18 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** YES.

19

20 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR EKLUND?

21

22 **PAT ECKLUND:** YES.

23

24 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** COUNCILMEMBER ESPARZA?

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1 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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3 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** COUNCILMEMBER FIFE?

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5 **CARROLL FIFE:** AYE.

6

7 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** FLIGOR?

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9 **NEYSA FLIGOR:** YES.

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11 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR GARCIA.

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13 **LEON GARCIA:** WITH THE EXCEPTION OF OCTOBER 21ST, YES.

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15 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** GIBBONS?

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17 **LIZ GIBBONS:** YES.

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19 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** HALLIDAY?

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21 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** YES.

22

23 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** HUDSON?

24

25 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** YES.



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2 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** LEE.

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4 **OTTO LEE:** YES.

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6 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR MANDELMAN? IS ABSENT.

7 SUPERVISOR MAR? IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR MILEY? IS ABSENT.

8 SUPERVISOR MITCHOFF?

9

10 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** YES.

11

12 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR MOULTON PETERS?

13

14 **STEPHANIE MOULTON-PETERS:** YES.

15

16 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** COUNCILMEMBER PERALEZ?

17

18 **RAUL PERALEZ:** YES.

19

20 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR RABBIT?

21

22 **DAVID RABBIT:** AYE.

23

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

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1 **BELIA RAMOS:** YES.

2

3 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SPERING IS ABSENT. COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR IS  
4 ABSENT. MAYOR WILSON?

5

6 **LORI WILSON:** AYE.

7

8 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR HAUBERT?

9

10 **DAVID HAUBERT:** AYE.

11

12 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

13

14 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COLLEAGUES. I  
15 WOULD LIKE TO TAKE AN ITEM OUT OF ORDER. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED  
16 THAT BOTH THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE HAS TO  
17 LEAVE AT 6 O'CLOCK. I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE TO ITEM 11, HOUSING  
18 COMMITTEE AND ASK MAYOR WILSON OR ROMERO TO PRESENT.

19

20 **LORI WILSON:** MAYOR ROMERO WILL PRESENT.

21

22 **CARLOS ROMERO:** ABAG HOUSING COMMITTEE MET OCTOBER 14TH, 2021 A  
23 JOINT MEETING WITH THE BAHFA OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND RECEIVED  
24 THE FOLLOWING REPORTS REGIONAL HOUSING MEASURE TIMING AND  
25 OPPORTUNITIES REPORT IN 2022, PRESENTATION OF AN AUGUST 2021

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1 POLICY POLLING RESEARCH BY EMC RESEARCH OF BAY AREA HOUSING  
2 FOR ALL COALITION AND BAY AREA HOUSING FOR ALL COALITION  
3 PERSPECTIVE ON REGIONAL HOUSING MEASURES RELATED TO TIMING AS  
4 WELL AS STAFF OVERVIEW OF POTENTIAL NEXT STEPS. WE ALSO HAD A  
5 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE THAT PRESENTED OVERVIEW OF KEY HOUSING  
6 BILLS ENACTED BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE IN 2021 AND UPDATE ON  
7 EFFORTS TO ATTRACT FEDERAL FUNDING FOR BAHFA AND FINALLY WE  
8 HAD A REPORT ON TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS TO ASSIST LOCAL  
9 JURISDICTIONS WITH HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATES WHICH INCLUDED AN  
10 UPDATE ON THE REGIONAL HOUSING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RHTA  
11 PROGRAM, INCLUDING WORK GROUPS, AND THE NEW RELEASE OF THE  
12 HOUSING ELEMENT SITE SELECTION HES TOOL WHICH MANY OF YOU HAVE  
13 HEARD OF. AND FINALLY THE LAUNCH OF THE PILOT OF PUBLIC  
14 OUTREACH AT ATHLETIC IF SILTS AND INPUT HOUSING IN MULTIPLE  
15 LANGUAGES. THAT'S THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

16

17 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** I URGE THE COMMITTEE TO LOOK AT THE  
18 PACKET WE RECEIVED A PRESENTATION FROM EMC RESEARCH ON A POLL  
19 THAT WAS CONDUCTED IN AUGUST ON A POTENTIAL REGIONAL HOUSING  
20 BOND AND MANY PEOPLE MAY HAVE HEARD THAT THE POLLING IS NOT  
21 FAVORABLE AT THIS TIME TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A BOND MEASURE IN  
22 2022. AND SO, THE CONSENSUS I HAD HEARD FROM THE JOINT  
23 COMMITTEE WAS THAT WE SHOULD PROBABLY WAIT TO PROCEED WITH A  
24 REGIONAL HOUSING MEASURE UNTIL A FUTURE ELECTION. BUT THERE  
25 WAS A LOT OF INTEREST IN THE IDEA OF LOWERING THE THRESHOLD

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1 FOR PASSING HOUSING BONDS STATEWIDE. AND THAT'S ACTUALLY  
2 SOMETHING THAT IS IN OUR JOINT ADVOCACY PROGRAM THAT WE'LL  
3 TALK ABOUT NEXT MONTH. SO I JUST WANTED TO CALL ATTENTION TO  
4 THAT. BECAUSE THAT'S A NEW DEVELOPMENT SINCE OUR LAST MEETING.  
5 AND WITH THAT I'LL ASK ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR  
6 COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD ON THE  
7 REPORT? OKAY. IF NOT, I'LL ASK IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT  
8 ON ITEM 11 THE REPORT FROM THE ABAG HOUSING COMMITTEE IF SO  
9 PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND

10

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

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15 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. AND JUST CLOSING ON  
16 THIS ITEM, I THINK AT SOME POINT, RIGHT, MS. MCMILLAN, OR MS.  
17 BOCKELMAN, WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE A GO NO GO DECISION DEFINITELY  
18 THE GENERAL CONSENSUS WAS 2022 IS NOT FAVORABLE BUT WE WILL  
19 HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION WHETHER IT'S A GO OR NO GO.

20

21 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** THAT'S CORRECT. ALSO REBECCA LONG IS HERE IN  
22 CASE THERE IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SHARE. I WOULD LIKE TO  
23 POINT OUT WE'RE GOING TO BE HAVING THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF WHAT  
24 THE LEGISLATIVE LANDSCAPE LOOKS LIKE NEXT MONTH.

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** ONE THING TO NOTE IN MY CONVERSATIONS  
2 WITH CHAIR PEDROZA WE'RE INTERESTED IN STARTING TO CONVENE  
3 DISCUSSIONS ABOUT A REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AND POTENTIAL  
4 REGIONAL HOUSING MEASURE FOR 2024. AND SO I UNDERSTAND MTC IS  
5 GOING TO BE SCHEDULING A WORKSHOP IN DECEMBER. AND I HAVE BEEN  
6 IN CONVERSATION WITH OUR STAFF AND I KNOW WE HAVE BEEN IN  
7 TOUCH WITH THE BAY AREA HOUSING FOR ALL ABOUT DOING SOMETHING  
8 FEBRUARY OR MARCH, FOR ABAG. SO, STAY TUNED COLLEAGUES FOR  
9 INFORMATION ON THAT. WE WANT TO CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION AND  
10 BUILD THE MOMENTUM SO THAT, YOU KNOW, IF 2024 COMES AROUND  
11 THAT WE'RE WELL POSITIONED. I WANT TO ANNOUNCE THAT. OKAY.  
12 WAS THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? WE CAN PROCEED BACK  
13 TO THE NEXT ITEM. AND, PLEASE, FORGIVE ME -- I HAVE THE WRONG  
14 AGENDA. THAT IS ITEM SEVEN THE REPORT FROM THE ABAG  
15 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE. THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM AND I  
16 WILL GIVE THE REPORT. THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE  
17 CONDUCTED A PUBLIC HEARING ON 28 APPEALS OF REGIONAL HOUSING  
18 NEEDS ALLOCATION DETERMINATIONS AT SPECIAL MEETINGS HELD IN  
19 SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER. ON SEPTEMBER 24TH, SEPTEMBER 29TH  
20 OCTOBER 8TH OCTOBER 15TH OCTOBER 22ND, AND OCTOBER 29TH. AT  
21 EACH MEETING THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE TOOK ACTION TO DENY  
22 27 APPEALS AND TOOK A PRELIMINARY ACTION TO PARTIALLY GRANT  
23 THE APPEAL FROM THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA. THE ABAG  
24 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MET JOINTLY WITH THE MTC PLANNING  
25 COMMITTEE OCTOBER 8TH, 2021 AND THE COMMITTEE APPROVED THE

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1 FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM BAYREN SINGLE-FAMILY DESIGN  
2 AND IMPLEMENTATION CONSULTING SERVICES CONSULTING, INC., A  
3 \$2.8 MILLION CONTRACT AND CONTRACT WITH RISING SUN CENTER  
4 COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE RECEIVED A REPORT ON THE PLANNED  
5 BAY AREA 2050 AND RECOMMENDED THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ACCEPT THE  
6 FINAL PLANNED BAY AREA IMPACT REPORT AND ALSO ADOPT THE FINAL  
7 PLAN 2050 DOCUMENT. ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MET WITH THE  
8 COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 12TH, 2021 AND APPROVED THE FOLLOWING  
9 MINUTES OF OCTOBER 8TH, 2021 FINALLY WE MET FRIDAY NOVEMBER  
10 12, 2021 AND THE COMMITTEE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING, RESPONSE  
11 LETTER SUBMITTED BY CITY OF LAFAYETTE AND -- [INDISCERNIBLE]  
12 RAISED QUESTIONS RAISED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHICH WILL BE  
13 PRESENTED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD NEXT MONTH AS PART OF THE  
14 RHNA ACTION IS RESPONSE FROM STAFF. [INDISCERNIBLE] THE  
15 COMMITTEE APPROVED FINAL DETERMINATIONS FOR THE 28 APPEALS  
16 HEARD AT PUBLIC HEARING IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER AND  
17 AUTHORIZED THE ISSUANCE OF A FINAL ALLOCATION PLAN PRIOR TO  
18 THE EXECUTIVE BOARD'S ADOPTION IN DECEMBER. THIS CONCLUDES MY  
19 REPORT. AND I JUST WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK ALL  
20 THE MEMBERS OF THE ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE. AS I  
21 MENTIONED, WE MET FOR A NUMBER OF WEEKS TO HEAR 28 APPEALS AND  
22 I JUST WANT TO THANK ALL THE TIME AND WORK AND DEDICATION OF  
23 THE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE MATERIAL, TO EVALUATE THE  
24 INFORMATION, TO LISTEN TO TESTIMONY, AND, AS I MENTIONED, LAST  
25 FRIDAY, WE'LL BE DOING SOMETHING TO HONOR YOUR TIME AND

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1 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS PROCESS. SO STAY TUNED FOR INFORMATION  
2 ON THAT. BUT I JUST WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY ONCE AGAIN  
3 TO THANK THE COMMITTEE FOR ALL OF ITS WORK, AND THIS WILL BE  
4 COMING TO US NEXT MONTH TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLAN AND AFTER  
5 THAT EACH CITY IS GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE THOSE NUMBERS AND USE  
6 THEM TO UPDATE OUR HOUSING ELEMENTS OF OUR GENERAL PLAN. SO,  
7 THAT COMPLETES MY REPORT. ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM  
8 MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ON MY REPORT? IF NOT WE'LL GO  
9 PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM? IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON  
10 THIS ITEM?

11

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

15

16 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. UNLESS THERE IS ANY  
17 FURTHER DISCUSSION, WE'LL PROCEED TO ITEM EIGHT, THE REPORT  
18 FROM THE JOINT MTC/ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE AND THIS IS AN  
19 INFORMATION ITEM. AND I WILL ALSO GIVE THE REPORT. THE JOINT  
20 MTC ABAG LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MET OCTOBER 8TH, 2021 AND  
21 RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING REPORTS REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE HISTORY  
22 DETAILED LIST OF BILLS MTC AND ABAG IS TRACKING IN SACRAMENTO  
23 THAT WE HAVE TAKEN POSITIONS ON WE RECEIVED A REPORT ON 2021  
24 COMPARISON OF OUR ADVOCACY PROGRAM. WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF  
25 SUCCESSES LAST YEAR THANK YOU MS. LONG FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK

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1 ALSO GEORGIA GANN DOHRMANN WE RECEIVED AN UPDATE ON THE BUILD  
2 BACK BETTER CLIMATE SOCIAL SPENDING PACKAGE BIPARTISAN  
3 INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT JOBS REPORT FOR WASHINGTON, D.C.  
4 LEGISLATIVE. COMMITTEE MET NOVEMBER 12TH, 2021 RECEIVED THE  
5 FOLLOWING REPORTS REPORT ON DRAFT 2020 JOINT ADVOCACY PROGRAM  
6 AND THIS IS REALLY OUR LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM FOR OUR TWO  
7 AGENCIES FOR BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION. THAT'S GOING  
8 TO BE COMING TO US NEXT MONTH FOR DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION. WE  
9 RECEIVED A REPORT ON BAY AREA STRATEGY FOR STATE FUNDING  
10 OPPORTUNITIES. SPECIFICALLY THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING  
11 TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AND DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION AND  
12 TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AND ADVOCACY STRATEGY WITH THE STATE OF  
13 CALIFORNIA RECEIVED AN UPDATE ON PREPARATIONS FOR JOINT MTC  
14 ABAG WASHINGTON, D.C. ADVOCACY TRIP RECEIVED A REPORT FROM OUR  
15 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST WE PAID TRIBUTE TO  
16 RANDY RENTSCHLER WHO HAS RETIRED FROM ABAG MTC AFTER 30 YEARS  
17 OF PUBLIC SERVICE LEADING THE LEGISLATION PUBLIC AFFAIRS UNIT  
18 AND WILL BE MISSED. THAT CONCLUDES MY REPORT. I'LL ASK FOR  
19 COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD?  
20 MAYOR HALLIDAY?

21

22 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** I WANT TO RECOGNIZE REBECCA LONG. I AM A  
23 MEMBER OF THE EAST BAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE BOARD OF  
24 DIRECTORS -- SORRY -- [LAUGHTER] IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY. ANYWAY.  
25 SHE MADE A PRESENTATION THIS WEEK TO THE MEETING OF THAT



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1 AGENCY -- THAT ORGANIZATION'S EXECUTIVE BOARD ON LEGISLATION  
2 ON HOUSING IN CALIFORNIA, AND DID A FANTASTIC JOB, AND WAS  
3 VERY IMPRESSIVE. AND I JUST WANTED TO RECOGNIZE THAT. AND  
4 ALSO, MY UNDERSTANDING THAT SHE HAS A NEW POSITION. SO -- AND  
5 I HADN'T HEARD THAT. SO I WAS WONDERING ABOUT THAT.

6

7 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** I HADN'T HEARD THAT EITHER.

8

9 **REBECCA LONG:** I'LL ASK THERESE TO CLARIFY THAT.

10

11 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** CERTAINLY, WITH RANDY'S RETIREMENT, REBECCA  
12 HAS BEEN NAMED THE ACTING DIRECTOR FOR LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC  
13 AFFAIRS. PENDING THE RECRUITMENT AND HIRING OF A NEW DIRECTOR.

14

15 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** WELL, I'LL JUST SAY THAT SHE REALLY DID AN  
16 IMPRESSIVE JOB AT THE EAST BAY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE, AND YOU  
17 SHOULD BE REALLY PROUD OF HER, AND CONGRATULATIONS ON AT LEAST  
18 THE ACTING.

19

20 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR REBECCA EVERY DAY.

21

22 **REBECCA LONG:** THANK YOU DIRECTOR HALLIDAY.

23

24 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** I'LL SAY SHE IS WELL RESPECTED IN  
25 SACRAMENTO AND A LOT OF THE VICTORIES WE HAD THIS LAST YEAR

24

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1 WERE DUE TO HER INCREDIBLE WORK AND WORK WITH HER TEAM. THANKS  
2 REBECCA. ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE  
3 COMMITTEE ON THE JOINT MTC ABAG LEGISLATION REPORT? SEEING NO  
4 RAISED HANDS. PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

5

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

9

10 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. UNLESS THERE IS  
11 FURTHER DISCUSSION WE'LL PROCEED TO ITEM NINE THE ABAG FINANCE  
12 COMMITTEE REPORT AND I'LL TURN IT OVER TO CHAIR MITCHOFF.

13

14 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** ITEM UNDER 9A THE ABAG FINANCE COMMITTEE MET  
15 TODAY NOVEMBER 18TH, 2021 AND RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING REPORTS  
16 REPORT ON ABAG CONTRACTS AND PURCHASE REQUISITIONS BETWEEN  
17 \$20,200,000 FROM JULY 2021 TO AUGUST 2021. THESE WERE RECEIVED  
18 UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR. THE REPORT ON THE ABAG FINANCIAL  
19 STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 2021, UNAUDITED  
20 OVERALL SUMMARY AS OF AUGUST 31ST, 2021, THE COMBINED ABAG  
21 FINANCIAL REPORT SHOWS OPERATING SURPLUS OF 1.9 MILLION AND I  
22 WOULDN'T BE DOING IT JUSTICE IF I DIDN'T CHANNEL MR. MAYHEW  
23 WHO SAYS DON'T GET EXCITED ABOUT IT. TOTAL ACTUAL EXPENSES  
24 WERE 8% OF THE BUDGET BUT WILL CATCH UP AS THE YEARS. THE  
25 ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAM REPORT \$2 BILLION SURPLUS HOWEVER THIS

25

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1 NUMBER IS MISLEADING IT'S JUST THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF THINGS  
2 COMING IN MEMBERSHIP REVENUE IS RECOGNIZED WHEN BILLS ARE SENT  
3 OUT HOWEVER AS OF AUGUST 31ST, 2021 WE HAVE COLLECTED 1.6  
4 MILLION OF THE 2.4 MILLION IN OTHER WORDS 67% OF THE TOTAL  
5 BILL YEAR TO DATE EXPENSE ONLY 11% OF THE BUDGET TOTAL 1.6  
6 MILLION PENSION PAYMENT WAS MADE IN JULY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF  
7 THE PERS DISCOUNT BUT AMORTIZED OVER A 12 MONTH PERIOD TAKING  
8 FULL ACCOUNT EXPENSES 1,800,043% OVER FISCAL YEAR OF THE 2022  
9 BUDGET ADJUSTING UNCOLLECTED REVENUE AND FULL PENSION  
10 COMMENCES RATES SLIGHTLY NEGATIVE CASH FLOW THAT WILL RESOLVE  
11 AS THE YEAR PROGRESSES BAYREN 2 MILLION AS OF AUGUST 8TH% OF  
12 THE APPROVED BUDGET SAN FRANCISCO ESTUARY PROJECT EXPENSES AS  
13 OF AUGUST, WE'RE \$830,000 AGAINST 798,000 REVENUE ROUGHLY 6%  
14 OF THE BUDGET. SAN FRANCISCO BAY TRAIL SAY NEW NON-PROFIT  
15 ENTITY THAT HAS NOT YET STARTED TO INCUR EXPENSES WE ALSO  
16 RECEIVED THE REPORT ON ABAG INVESTMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING  
17 AUGUST 2021 UNAUDITED TOTAL FUNDS UNDER THE ABAG MANAGEMENT  
18 ARE JUST UNDER \$113.6 MILLION. A REPORT ON THE ABAG FINANCIAL  
19 STATEMENTS AND ACCOMPANYING REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 202, THIS  
20 WILL BE REPORTED UNDER ITEM 9B. THIS CONCLUDES THE COMMITTEE  
21 REPORTS.

22

23 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. THIS IS AN INFORMATION  
24 ITEM. THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE ABAG

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1 EXECUTIVE BOARD ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT? MAYOR  
2 HALLIDAY?

3

4 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** DID I UNDERSTAND YOU TO SAY THAT BECAUSE OF  
5 THE ACTION WE TOOK LAST MONTH TO FINANCE OUR PENSION DEBT,  
6 THAT WE AVOIDED A -- WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A HIGHER PAYMENT,  
7 BECAUSE OF THE RECENT ACTION OF THE CALPERS BOARD TO REDUCE  
8 THE DISCOUNT RATE? IS THAT -- IS THAT WHAT YOU WERE SAYING  
9 THERE? THAT WAS -- IF THAT -- THAT'S GREAT.

10

11 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** WE DID SAVE MONEY I'M NOT SURE IT'S IN  
12 RESPONSE TO WHAT PERS DID. MR. MAYHEW AM I CORRECT?

13

14 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** PARTIALLY AT THE EVENT YEAR MEMBERS ARE OFFERED  
15 OPPORTUNITY TO GET APPROXIMATELY A 10% DISCOUNT ON THE ENTIRE  
16 UNFUNDED LIABILITY WE DO IT AT MTC AND ABAG IF IT'S A BILLION  
17 DOLLARS YOU SAVE 20 GRANT. THAT'S WHY WE DO IT. IT DOESN'T  
18 REFLECT A LOWER INTEREST RATE OR DISCOUNT RATE. WE'RE STILL  
19 WORKING ON THAT.

20

21 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** OH, OKAY. THANK YOU, THEN, FOR THE  
22 CLARIFICATION. THANKS.

23

24 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS ON THE FINANCE  
25 COMMITTEE REPORT? OKAY. IF NOT, I'LL ASK IF THERE IS ANY

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1 PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEM 9A, THE REPORT FROM THE ABAG FINANCE  
2 COMMITTEE? IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE  
3

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

7

8 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY. WITH THAT WE'LL PROCEED TO ITEM  
9 9B, THE REPORT ON THE ABAG FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND  
10 ACCOMPANYING REPORTS FOR FY 2021. AND BACK TO CHAIR MITCHOFF

11

12 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** THANK YOU PRESIDENT ARREGUIN. WE MET, ALSO,  
13 THIS AFTERNOON, AND RECEIVED A REPORT FROM KATHY LAI OF CROWE  
14 LLP ON THE ABAG'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ACCOMPANYING  
15 REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 THROUGH 2021. AND THE REPORT FROM  
16 BRIAN MAYHEW FROM FISCAL YEAR SAME TIME FRAME. THE FINANCE  
17 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD ACCEPT AND  
18 APPROVE THE REPORT ON ABAG FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND  
19 ACCOMPANYING REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021, AND REAPPOINT CROWE  
20 LLP FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 ANNUAL EXTERNAL AUDIT. THE REPORT  
21 FROM CROWE LLP AND FINANCE STAFF ARE INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA  
22 PACKET. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK KATHY LAI TO GIVE A BRIEF OVERVIEW  
23 OF THE AUDIT OBJECTIVES, AUDIT RESULTS, AND REQUIRED  
24 COMMUNICATIONS. L MS. LAI?

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1 **KATHY LAI:** KATHY LAI HAPPY TO BE HERE. CROWE LLP HAS BEEN  
2 REQUESTED TO PERFORM A FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT OF THE ABAG  
3 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO ENSURE THEY ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
4 GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES AND CONDUCTED A  
5 SECONDARY AUDIT. PLEASED TO REPORT THAT WE ISSUED AN  
6 UNMODIFIED OPINION HIGHEST LEVEL OF ASSURANCE THERE IS NO  
7 FINDINGS TO BE REPORTED RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
8 LIKEWISE WE DIDN'T OBSERVE MATERIAL WEAKNESS OR SIGNIFICANT  
9 DEFICIENCY RELATED TO INTERNAL CONTROLS IN THE FINANCIAL  
10 STATEMENT AND FOR THE FEDERAL COMPLIANCE AUDIT WE DIDN'T  
11 NOTICE ANY CASH -- [INDISCERNIBLE] I WANT TO MENTION BRIEFLY  
12 THAT WE DID A RECOMMENDATION THAT WAS JUST A DEFICIENCY IN  
13 RELATION TO REPORTING FOR THE FEDERAL GRANT THAT WAS AUDITED  
14 SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE. AND THE  
15 RECOMMENDATION REALLY WAS FOR MANAGEMENT TO DOCUMENT THEIR  
16 REVIEW OVER CERTAIN REPORTS THAT WERE REMITTED TO THE FEDERAL  
17 GRANTOR AND MY UNDERSTANDING IS MANAGEMENT HAS ALREADY  
18 IMPLEMENTED PROCEDURES TO BE ABLE TO DO SO ON A GO FORWARD  
19 BASIS AND WE WILL FOLLOW UP ACCORDINGLY IN THE FOLLOWING  
20 FISCAL YEAR AS WE CONDUCT OUR AUDIT. AND THEN IN TERMS OF  
21 REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS, THERE IS REALLY NOTHING OF  
22 SIGNIFICANT NOTE TO NOTE TO CALL TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT'S  
23 ALREADY PART OF YOUR BOARD PACKAGE, BUT JUST TO NOTE A FEW  
24 THINGS. THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT CONTROVERSIAL ACCOUNTING  
25 AREAS OR ESTIMATES OR DISAGREEMENTS WITH MANAGEMENT. IN FACT

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1 IT WAS QUITE THE OPPOSITE. I JUST WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT TO  
2 EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO BRIAN MAYHEW AND HIS TEAM. AND HIS  
3 FANTASTIC TEAM BEHIND HIM, AND LIKEWISE, MY RESPECTIVE AUDIT  
4 TEAM THAT SUPPORTS THE AUDIT FROM CROWE. IT WAS CERTAINLY A  
5 DIFFICULT FEAT IN YEAR TWO TO CONDUCT THE AUDIT REMOTELY WE  
6 APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S EFFORTS TO COLLABORATE TO BE ABLE ISSUE  
7 TO THE AUDIT ON TIME. SO WITH THAT I'LL TURN TO BACK OVER TO  
8 YOU.

9

10 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND MR. MAYHEW, YOU ARE UP  
11 TO GIVE A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF OUR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

12

13 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** NOT MUCH TO ADD TO WHAT KATHY HAD. TWO THINGS I  
14 WOULD BRING UP, NUMBER ONE IS, THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY, YOU  
15 HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEAL WITH YOUR AUDITOR DIRECTLY. AS  
16 KATHY SAID, YOU HAVE THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF ASSURANCE YOU CAN  
17 GET OUT OF OUR FIELD. AND GIVEN THE FACT THAT IT IS DONE WELL  
18 LESS THAN 180 DAYS AFTER THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR, YOU GET  
19 IT IN A TIMELY MANNER. ABOUT THE ONLY THING I WOULD SAY ABOUT  
20 THE FINANCIALS THAT ARE WORTH LOOKING AT THAT ARE THINGS THAT  
21 YOU WILL TAKE INTO THE FUTURE. AND THE BIGGEST ONE IS IF YOU  
22 LOOK AT IT YOU WILL SEE A LARGE NEGATIVE NET POSITION. I THINK  
23 IT'S 7.8 MILLION. HOWEVER, IF YOU ADJUST FOR THE PENSION  
24 OBLIGATION AND ADJUST FOR FIXED ASSETS THAT GOES TO POSITIVE  
25 8.3 MILLION YOU HAVE TO TAKE A DEEPER LOOK AT YOUR FINANCIALS

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1 THAN JUST THE SURFACE BEGINNING AND ENDING NUMBERS. AND I  
2 THINK YOU WOUND UP LOOKING AND SEEING THAT YOUR LIQUIDITY HAS  
3 IMPROVED, YOUR BALANCE HAS IMPROVED, YOU HAVE A -- IF YOU TAKE  
4 OUT THE TWO THINGS YOU HAVE NO CONTROL OVER, FIXED ASSETS, AND  
5 WHICH ARE ASSETS, ANYWAY, AND THE PENSION LIABILITY THAT IS AN  
6 ACCOUNTING ENTRY THAT WE PUT ON THERE, YOU ACTUALLY WIND UP  
7 LOOKING A LOT BETTER SHAPE THAN THE BOOKS WOULD SHOW. OTHER  
8 THAN THAT, IT HAS BEEN A HECK OF A SECOND YEAR, AND I THINK  
9 YOU REALLY, REALLY GO INTO THE 23-YEAR -- THE END OF '22, AND  
10 INTO '22 IN VERY GOOD SHAPE.

11

12 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** THANK YOU. MR. MAYHEW AND MS. LAI ARE  
13 AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS. WITH THAT, MR.  
14 PRESIDENT, I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
15 ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE REPORT ON THE ABAG FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
16 AND THE ACCOMPANYING REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021. AND  
17 REAPPOINT CROWE LLP FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 ANNUAL EXTERNAL  
18 AUDIT.

19

20 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** SECOND.

23

24 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COLLEAGUES ANY ADDITIONAL  
25 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON EITHER THE AUDIT REPORT OR FINANCIAL

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1 REPORT? OKAY. SEEING NO RAISED HANDS FROM THE EXECUTIVE  
2 BOARD. I'LL ASK IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

3

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

7

8 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY. UNLESS THERE IS ANY FURTHER  
9 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THE MOTION, I WILL ASK THE CLERK TO  
10 CALL THE ROLL.

11

12 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MOTION BY MITCHOFF, SECOND BY HUDSON.  
13 COUNCILMEMBER ADAMS?

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15 **SUSAN ADAMS:** YES.

16

17 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ANDERSEN?

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19 **CANDACE ANDERSON:** AYE.

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21 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ARREGUIN?

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23 **PRESIDENT, JESSE ARREGUIN:** AYE.

24

25 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** BAS?

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2 **NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS:** YES.

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4 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR BREED IS ABSENT. MAYOR BUTT?

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6 **TOM BUTT:** YES.

7

8 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** CANEPA IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR CHAVEZ?

9

10 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** YES.

11

12 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR EKLUND?

13

14 **PAT ECKLUND:** YES.

15

16 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** GIBBONS?

17

18 **LIZ GIBBONS:** YES.

19

20 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** VICE MAYOR HALE?

21

22 **GISELLE HALE:** YES.

23

24 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** HALLIDAY?

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1 **BARBARA HALLIDAY:** YES.

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3 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** DIRECTOR HILLIS IS ABSENT. MAYOR HUDSON?

4

5 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** YES.

6

7 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR LEE?

8

9 **OTTO LEE:** YES.

10

11 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** COUNCILMEMBER MAHAN?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** AYE.

14

15 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR MANDELMAN IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR

16 MAR IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR MILEY? IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR

17 MITCHOFF?

18

19 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** YES.

20

21 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR MOULTON PETERS?

22

23 **STEPHANIE MOULTON-PETERS:** YES.

24

25 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** COUNCILMEMBER PERALEZ?

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2 **RAUL PERALEZ:** YES.

3

4 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR RABBIT?

5

6 **DAVID RABBIT:** YES.

7

8 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR RAMOS?

9

10 **BELIA RAMOS:** YES.

11

12 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR ROMERO? IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR  
13 SPERING? IS ABSENT. COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR? IS ABSENT. MAYOR  
14 WILSON? IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR HAUBERT?

15

16 **DAVID HAUBERT:** YES.

17

18 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY  
19 ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

20

21 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE MOTION CARRIES. BEFORE WE  
22 LEAVE THIS ITEM, I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO  
23 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT BRIAN MAYHEW WILL  
24 BE RETIRING FROM MTC. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THE FACT THAT WE  
25 HAVE A CLEAN FINANCIAL AUDIT IN AND OUR FINANCIALS ARE IN SUCH

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1 GOOD SHAPE IS THE WORK OF MR. MAYHEW AND THE ENTIRE TEAM AT  
2 MTC IT WASN'T LONG AGO THAT ABAG FINANCIAL PICTURE WAS VERY,  
3 VERY DIFFERENT WE'RE SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE HAD HAS EXPERIENCE  
4 WISDOM LEADERSHIP IN HELPING RIGHT THE SHIP FOR ABAG. AND IT'S  
5 ALSO GREAT TO HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF A SENSE OF HUMOR WHEN THESE  
6 FINANCIAL PRESENTATIONS ARE BEING MADE. MR. MAYHEW IT'S A  
7 PLEASURE WORK WITH YOU. YOU ARE REALLY GOING TO BE MISSED  
8 WE'RE SO GRATEFUL FOR THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE TO HELP ABAG GET  
9 ON A BETTER FOOTING AND THE WORK THAT YOU ARE ALSO DOING,  
10 HELPING ON YOUR WAY OUT TO ADDRESS THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT THAT  
11 THIS AGENCY IS FACING. AND ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE EXECUTIVE  
12 BOARD AND THE OTHER MEMBERS WHO WANT TO MAKE COMMENTS, I WANT  
13 TO THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND JUST WISH YOU ALL THE BEST OF LUCK  
14 IN THE NEXT PHASE OF LIFE.

15

16 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT'S -- I DON'T KNOW WHAT  
17 TO SAY. YOU'RE THANKING THE WRONG GUY. I HAVE A BETTER STAFF,  
18 AND THEY'RE A LOT SMARTER THAN ME. MAYBE I'LL PUT THEM UP NEXT  
19 TIME. BUT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

20

21 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** AND, FRED, WE WILL BE HAVING AN EXECUTIVE  
22 BOARD MEETING NEXT MONTH, AND WE'LL WORK WITH PRESIDENT  
23 ARREGUIN FURTHER APPROPRIATE CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES FOR BRIAN  
24 BECAUSE HE'S DONE AN EXTRAORDINARY JOB AND WE WILL BE MISSING  
25 HIM AS PART OF OUR TEAM.

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2 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** I APPRECIATE YOUR HUMILITY BUT HAVING  
3 AN INCRED -- STRONG LEADER LEADING A GREAT TEAM MAKES A HUGE  
4 DIFFERENCE IN HAVING THE EXPERIENCE AND VISION. I WANT TO  
5 RECOGNIZE THAT. MAYOR HUDSON DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT

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7 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** YEAH. BRIAN IF YOU CAN'T THINK OF WHAT TO  
8 SAY, YOU COULD SAY YOU CHANGED YOUR MIND. [LAUGHTER]

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10 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** THERE ARE MANY THINGS I'M GOING TO MISS. MY  
11 STAFF IS ONE. MY BOSS IS ANOTHER. AND, ACTUALLY, I KNOW THIS  
12 IS GOING TO SOUND TO A LOT OF YOU WHO -- SOME OF YOU WHO  
13 REALLY HATED MY GUTS A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, HONESTLY, I'M  
14 GOING TO MISS ALL YOU GUYS TOO. I STARTED IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
15 IN MOUNTAIN VIEW, AND I CUT MY TEETH IN WESTMINSTER DURING THE  
16 ORANGE COUNTY BANKRUPTCY.

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18 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** OH GOD.

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20 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** YOUR PROBLEMS WERE NOTHING. [LAUGHTER]

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22 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** NOTHING? I'LL SHOW YOU WHERE THE COFFEE  
23 MACHINE IS AT THE AIR DISTRICT.

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1 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** I GET TO POINT OUT THAT MR. MAYHEW IS A  
2 CONSTITUENT OF MINE AND TO THE ENTIRE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
3 REPRESENTATIVES SO WE'LL GET LUCKY MAYBE WE'LL RUN INTO HIM ON  
4 THE STREET SOMEWHERE.

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6 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** BRIAN, WE'LL HONOR YOU AGAIN NEXT MONTH  
7 BUT JUST WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, GIVEN THAT WE JUST  
8 VOTED ON OUR FINANCIAL REPORT AND OUR AUDIT, AND THE FINDINGS  
9 ARE REALLY EXCEPTIONAL, THAT WASN'T JUST, YOU KNOW, THE WORK  
10 OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, THAT WAS THE WORK OF THE STAFF AND  
11 YOUR LEADERSHIP OF THE FINANCIAL TEAM. SO, THANK YOU.

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13 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** THANK YOU.

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15 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY. LET'S MOVE TO ITEM TEN, THE  
16 REPORT FROM THE ABAG REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE. SUPERVISOR  
17 MITCHOFF, WOULD YOU PLEASE GIVE THE REPORT?

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19 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** THANK YOU. WE MET ON OCTOBER 14TH, 2021, AND  
20 WE RECEIVED THE FINAL PLANNED BAY AREA 2050 PRESENTATION ON  
21 THAT PLAN. THE REGION'S NEXT GENERATION LONG RANGE PLAN,  
22 INCLUDING REVISIONS MADE BASED UPON PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER  
23 FEEDBACK SINCE THE SPRING 2021 RELEASE OF DRAFT PLANNED BAY  
24 AREA. THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND THE ABAG  
25 EXECUTIVE BOARD MET JOINTLY ON OCTOBER 2021 AND ADOPTED THE

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1 FINAL PLANNED BAY AREA 2050, AS YOU ALL KNOW. THIS CONCLUDES  
2 MY REPORT.

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4 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANY  
5 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD ON THE  
6 REPORT? IF SO, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. OKAY. IF NOT, I'LL  
7 ASK IF THERE IS ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM TEN, THE REPORT  
8 FROM THE ABAG REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE?

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

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14 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. SO WE'LL NOW MOVE TO  
15 THE LAST ITEM. ADJOURNMENT. AND ONCE AGAIN IN REMEMBRANCE AND  
16 HONOR FOR OUR COLLEAGUE FORMER ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERVISOR WILMA  
17 CHAN ADJOURN THIS MEETING OF THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING.  
18 WITH THAT UNLESS THERE ARE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS, THIS MEETING  
19 OF THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD IS ADJOURNED. THANK YOU. HAVE A  
20 HAPPY THANKSGIVING. [ADJOURNED]

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