

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

ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

Meeting Transcript

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ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022 1:15 PM

JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR: GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M BERKELEY MAYOR
JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA
GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE BOARD. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL TO ORDER THE
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND ASK STAFF TO PLAY THE
COVID-19 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

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

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12 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WILL THE ABAG CLERK OF THE
13 BOARD CONDUCT ROLL CALL FOR QUORUM.

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

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17 **SUSAN ADAMS:** PRESENT.

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19 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR ANDERSON?

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21 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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23 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR ARREGUIN?

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

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2 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** BAS? IS ABSENT. MAYOR BREED? IS ABSENT.

3 MAYOR BUTT?

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5 **TOM BUTT:** HERE.

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

8

9 **CINDY CHAVEZ:** HERE.

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

12

13 **PAT ECKLUND:** HERE.

14

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

16

17 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

18

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

20

21 **SPEAKER:** PRESENT.

22

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

24

25 **NEYSA FLIGOR:** HERE.

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2 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR GARCIA?

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4 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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6 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** COUNCIL MEMBER GIBBONS?

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8 **LIZ GIBBONS:** HERE.

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10 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR HALE? IS ABSENT.

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

13

14 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

15

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

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18 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

19

20 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR HUDSON IS ABSENT. COUNCIL MEMBER

21 MAHAN? IS ABSENT. MANDELMAN IS ABSENT. MAR?

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23 **GORDON MAR:** HERE.

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

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2 **NATHAN MILEY:** HERE.

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4 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MITCHOFF?

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6 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** HERE.

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8 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MOULTON PETERS?

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

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12 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** PERALEZ IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR RABBIT?

13 ABSENT. SUPERVISOR RAMOS?

14

15 **BELIA RAMOS:** HERE.

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17 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** COUNCILMEMBER ROMERO?

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19 **CARLOS ROMERO:** PRESENT.

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

22

23 **JAMES P. SPERING:** PRESENT.

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25 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** TAYLOR IS ABSENT. MAYOR WILSON IS ABSENT.

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2 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR ELLENBURG IS ABSENT. DIRECTOR
3 ROGERS?

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5 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

6

7 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** QUORUM IS PRESENT.

8

9 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** MAYOR WILSON IS ON THE ATTENDEE SIDE.

10 I'LL MOVE HER OVER. PLEASE NOTE HER PRESENT.

11

12 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** YES. THANK YOU.

13

14 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** NEXT ITEM OF BUSINESS ITEM TWO PUBLIC
15 COMMENT. IS THERE ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT WISHES TO GIVE
16 PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. IF SO PLEASE RAISE
17 YOUR HAND OR PRESS STAR NINE. COMMENTS SUBMITTED?

18

19 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** NONE SUBMITS.

20

21 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THAT COMPLETES PUBLIC COMMENT. WE'LL
22 MOVE TO ITEM THREE EXECUTIVE BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS. THIS IS AN
23 INFORMATION ITEM. ARE THERE ANY MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM
24 MEMBERS OF THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD. IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR
25 HAND AT THIS TIME. SEEING NO RAISED HANDS. I'LL ASK IF THERE

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1 IS PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM? IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND
2 OR PRESS STAR NINE. I DON'T SEE ANY RAISED HANDS. IN FACT, I
3 DON'T SEE ANY ATTENDEES, ACTUALLY. ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS MR.
4 CASTRO?

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6 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THERE WERE NONE.

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8 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THAT COMPLETES ITEM THREE. PROCEEDING
9 TO ITEM FOUR, THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT. I WANT TO WISH EVERYONE
10 A HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME. I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES
11 FOR ATTENDING TODAY'S MEETING. FIRST EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
12 IN 2022. ASSEMBLY BILL 361 ALLOWS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO MEET
13 REMOTELY DURING A DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY TODAY'S AGENDA
14 ITEM IS TO ADOPT A FINDINGS FOR THE RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE TO
15 BE ABLE TO MEET REMOTELY UNDER ASSEMBLY BILL 361 OF THE STATE
16 DECLARED EMERGENCY. WITH THE SPREAD OF THE OMICRON VARIANT, I
17 THINK IT'S CRITICAL THAT WE MEET REMOTELY TO PROTECT THE
18 HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR STAFF, BOARD MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC.
19 THIS CONCLUDES MY REPORT. THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS OF THE
20 EXECUTIVE BOARD? SEEING NONE. PUBLIC COMMENT?

21

22 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS -- ATTENDEES PRESENT,
23 AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM.

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. THAT COMPLETES ITEM
2 FOUR THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT. WE'LL GO TO ITEM FIVE, THE
3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT. I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THERESE
4 MCMILLAN THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

5

6 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** NO REPORT MR. CHAIR.

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8 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** COLLEAGUES ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?
9 PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM?

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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.

14

15 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** THANK YOU THAT BRINGS US TO OUR ONE
16 ACTION ITEM ADOPTION OF SES LOSING RR2022 REGARDING REMOTE
17 MEETINGS PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361. I DON'T THINK WE NEED
18 A PRESENTATION MS. KANE.

19

20 **KATHLEEN KANE:** NOTHING TO ADD.

21

22 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** I'M LOOKING FOR A MOTION?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** MOVE APPROVAL.

25

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1 **PAT ECKLUND:** SECOND.

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3 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** I HEARD MAYOR EKLUND AND WAS IT MAYOR
4 GARCIA?

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6 **LEON GARCIA:** YES.

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8 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** MOTION BY MAYOR EKLUND SECOND BY MAYOR
9 GARCIA. COLLEAGUES QUESTIONS ON THE MOTION? OR COMMENTS? IF
10 NOT I'LL ASK FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON 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. UNLESS THERE IS ANY FURTHER
17 DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM, I'LL ASK THE CLERK TO PLEASE CALL THE
18 ROLL.

19

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

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22 **SUSAN ADAMS:** ANDERSEN?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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19 **CARROLL FIFE:** YES.

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23 **NEYSA FLIGOR:** YES.

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10 ABSENT. SUPERVISOR MANDELMAN? IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR MAR?

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12 **GORDON MAR:** YES.

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16 **NATHAN MILEY:** YES.

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18 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR MITCHOFF?

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20 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** YES.

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

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6 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** COUNCILMEMBER ROMERO?

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8 **CARLOS ROMERO:** YES.

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

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12 **JAMES P. SPERING:** AYE.

13

14 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR IS ABSENT. MAYOR
15 WILSON?

16

17 **LORI WILSON:** AYE.

18

19 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. DIRECTOR ROGERS?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND THANK
2 YOU COLLEAGUES FOR COMING TODAY SO WE CAN COMPLETE THIS
3 IMPORTANT BUSINESS. THAT BRINGS US TO ADJOURNMENT. THE NEXT
4 MEETING OF THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD IS JANUARY 20th 2022. WITH
5 THAT WE'RE ADJOURNED. THANK YOU ALL. HAVE A GOOD WEEKEND.
6 [ADJOURNED]



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