

An aerial photograph of a city grid, likely San Francisco, with a blue color overlay. The text is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the image.

ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

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1 **ABAG FINANCE COMMITTEE**

2 **THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022 5:00 PM**

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4 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** GOOD AFTERNOON WELCOME TO THE ABAG
5 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING FOR MAY 19TH, 2022. MAY WE ROLL THE
6 ANNOUNCEMENT, MR. CASTRO?

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8 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** YES. THANK YOU. [RECORDED MEETING
9 PROCEDURES ANNOUNCEMENT] THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AS A
10 HYBRID MEETING A ZOOM WEBINAR LINK HAS BEEN PROVIDED AS WELL
11 AS ACCOMMODATIONS FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE. THIS MEETING IS
12 ALSO BEING WEBCAST ON THE ABAG WEBSITE. THE CHAIR WILL CALL
13 UPON COMMISSIONERS, PRESENTERS, STAFF, AND OTHER SPEAKERS, BY
14 NAME, AND ASK THAT THEY SPEAK CLEARLY AND STATE THEIR NAMES
15 BEFORE GIVING COMMENTS OR REMARKS. PERSONS PARTICIPATING VIA
16 WEBCAST AND ZOOM, WITH THEIR CAMERAS ENABLED, ARE REMINDED
17 THAT THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE VISIBLE TO VIEWERS. COMMISSIONERS
18 AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BY ZOOM, WISHING TO
19 SPEAK, SHOULD USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE OR DIAL STAR 9, AND
20 THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME.
21 TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR
22 DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBER. IT IS REQUESTED THAT PUBLIC
23 SPEAKERS STATE THEIR NAMES AND ORGANIZATION, BUT, PROVIDING
24 SUCH INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY. WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS
25 RECEIVED AT INFOATBAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5 P.M., YESTERDAY, WILL

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1 BE POSTED TO THE ONLINE AGENDA AND ENTERED INTO THE RECORD,
2 BUT WILL NOT BE READ OUT LOUD. IF AUTHORS OF THE WRITTEN
3 CORRESPONDENCE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK, THEY ARE FREE TO DO SO.
4 THEY SHOULD RAISE THEIR HAND AND THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM
5 AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR
6 ALL 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 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND WITH THAT MAY WE HAVE
11 ROLL CALL, PLEASE.

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13 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** YES, MA'AM, FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.
14 MAYOR ARREGUIN IS ABSENT. MITCHOFF?

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16 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** HERE.

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

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20 **DAVID RABBIT:** HERE.

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

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24 **BELIA RAMOS:** HERE.

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1 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SPERING IS ABSENT. QUORUM IS PRESENT FOR
2 THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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4 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND WITH THAT, WE WILL MOVE
5 ON TO PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ANYONE TO
6 ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS. DO YOU SEE ANYONE,
7 MR. CASTRO, IN THE AUDIENCE? OR MAIL?

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9 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** YES. THERE WERE NO WRITTEN COMMENTS
10 RECEIVED FOR THIS ITEM. IF I CAN ASK STAFF TO BRING UP THE
11 BOARDROOM? OR ANYONE IN THE BOARDROOM? AND THERE ARE NO
12 MEMBERS OF THE ATTENDEES WITH THEIR HAND RAISED. THANK YOU.

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14 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW MOVE TO THE ELECTION OF THE
15 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR. THIS IS AN ACTION
16 ITEM. IS THERE A MOTION, EITHER FROM SUPERVISOR RABBIT OR
17 SUPERVISOR RAMOS AS TO WHO SHOULD BE NOMINATED FOR CHAIR?

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19 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** RABBIT?

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21 **DAVID RABBIT:** I'LL NOMINATE THE STATUS QUO.

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23 **BELIA RAMOS:** I'M SECOND THE STATUS QUO.

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25 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** MR. CASTRO WHO IS THE VICE CHAIR?

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2 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** I BELIEVE THERE IS NOT A VICE CHAIR, THE
3 POSITION IS OPEN. IN CASE YOU'RE NOT OPEN FOR A MEETING, WE
4 WOULD NEED A VICE CHAIR.

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6 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** IT SEEMS WE HAVE BEEN DOING OKAY. DO I
7 HAVE A MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS?

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9 **BELIA RAMOS:** YES YOU DO, RAMOS.

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11 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE JUST HAVE AN INTERESTING
12 SITUATION THIS YEAR. AND THE COMMITTEE WILL GET TO MAKE SOME
13 SELECTIONS IN JANUARY OF NEXT YEAR, SHALL WE PUT IT THAT WAY.
14 SO IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT MR. CASTRO?

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16 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** NO PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM. NO
17 WRITTEN COMMENTS, AND I THINK THERE IS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC,
18 MAYOR HUDSON HAS RAISED HIS HAND.

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20 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** MR. HUDSON?

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22 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** I BOW TO THE GREATNESS OF RABBIT AND RAMOS. A
23 TRUE ELECTED OFFICIAL KNOWS HOW TO DUCK TITLES. YOU GUYS ARE
24 TRULY THE AURA OF GREATNESS I'M EXPERIENCING RIGHT NOW. I'M SO

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1 PROUD OF MY MEMBERS. THANK YOU SO -- [LAUGHTER] I'LL MAKE IT -
2 - NEVER MIND

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4 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** I APPRECIATE THAT. SUPERVISOR RAMOS
5 WILL BE PRESIDENT NEXT YEAR, SO I'M NOT SURE SHE WANTS TO TAKE
6 ON THE CHAIRMANSHIP, AND SUPERVISOR RABBIT IS INVOLVED IN SO
7 MANY OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES, ALSO. I'M HAPPY TO SEVEN. THE
8 NOMINATION. ROLL CALL PLEASE.

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10 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MOTION BY RABBIT, SECOND BY RAMOS.

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12 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** YES JUST FOR THE CHAIR.

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14 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** JUST FOR THE CHAIR. MAYOR ARREGUIN IS
15 ABSENT. SUPERVISOR MITCHOFF?

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17 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** YES.

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

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21 **DAVID RABBIT:** AYE.

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

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25 **BELIA RAMOS:** YES.

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2 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUPERVISOR SPERING IS ABSENT. MOTION
3 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

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5 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL NOW MOVE TO ITEM FOUR,
6 COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS. I HAVE NOTHING TO REPORT. DO
7 EITHER OF MY COLLEAGUES WISH TO MAKE A COMMENT?

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9 **BELIA RAMOS:** NOTHING TO REPORT.

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11 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** AND I KNOW MR. RABBIT DISAPPOINT HAVE
12 ANYTHING EITHER. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING EITHER. WE HAVE A
13 CONSENT CALENDAR, WHICH INCLUDES OUR MINUTES FROM APRIL 21ST.
14 I --

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16 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** CHAIR, THIS IS FRED.

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18 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** YES. DID I SKIP --

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20 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** JUST FOR THE RECORD, ITEMS 4 AND 5, NO
21 WRITTEN COMMENTS, NO PUBLIC COMMENTS, AND NO PUBLIC MEMBERS IN
22 THE BOARDROOM. THANK YOU.

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24 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, FRED, FOR MAKING
25 SURE THAT'S ON THE RECORD. THE CONSENT CALENDAR, I BELIEVE I'M

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1 HEARING THAT SUPERVISOR RAMOS WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT, AND
2 SUPERVISOR RABBIT WOULD LIKE TO SECOND OUR MINUTES? OUR
3 CONSENT CALENDAR.

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5 **BELIA RAMOS:** THAT IS CORRECT.

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7 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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9 **DAVID RABBIT:** THAT IS EXACTLY WHY YOU'RE NOMINATED AGAIN.
10 CLAIRVOYANCE.

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12 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** IT'S SO EASY. ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

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

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18 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** ROLL CALL ON THE MOTION.

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8 UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

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10 **KAREN MITCHOFF, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT WE'RE ADJOURNING. OUR NEXT

11 MEETING WILL BE A SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 16TH, 2022, REGULAR

12 MEETINGS WILL OCCUR IN JANUARY, AND WE ARE ADJOURNED. I WOULD

13 LIKE TO POINT OUT I GOT THAT IN -- I'M SORRY, JUST A MINUTE

14 LATE. [ADJOURNED



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