

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

RESOLUTION NO. 6-2023

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR
THERESE W. MCMILLAN
ON HER RETIREMENT AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

WHEREAS, Therese W. McMillan is retiring after four years of service as Executive Director of the Association of Bay Area Governments, and after nearly four decades of outstanding, energetic and inspirational service to the public; and

WHEREAS, in her role as Executive Director Therese helped shepherd ABAG's development, approval and adoption of the San Francisco Bay Area's Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan for the 2023-31 period; and

WHEREAS, Therese has been a steadfast advocate for housing equity, guiding Bay Area cities, towns and counties through ABAG's first-ever adoption of an equity component for the methodology used to develop the 2023-31 RHNA Plan; and

WHEREAS, Therese led the pioneering work to develop and implement the Regional Housing Technical Assistance program (RHTA), using a state grant to support efforts by Bay Area local governments to update the Housing Elements of their general plans and to comply with new state housing laws; and

WHEREAS, the array of channels through which RHTA technical assistance is provided includes interactive trainings, data tools, shared consultant services, planning collaboratives, work groups and peer cohorts that collectively helped Bay Area local governments save money and advance local housing priorities; and

WHEREAS, to advise the Executive Board on the full range of the Association's expanded regional housing portfolio, including programs to address homelessness and coordination with the newly formed Bay Area Housing Finance Authority, Therese galvanized the 2020 formation of the ABAG Housing Committee to advance the "3 Ps" of producing more housing at all income levels, preserving existing affordable housing, and protecting current residents from displacement; and

WHEREAS, Therese steered the joint development and unanimous 2021 adoption by ABAG and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission of Plan Bay Area 2050, which lays out a \$1.4 trillion vision for a more equitable and resilient future for Bay Area residents and features a groundbreaking focus on climate change; and

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 6-2023**

WHEREAS, Therese implemented a comprehensive Equity Platform through which ABAG and MTC pursue carefully considered policies and investments designed to ensure all Bay Area residents—including people with low incomes, communities of color and other historically underserved or systemically marginalized groups—are provided the opportunity to participate, prosper and reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, the Equity Platform reinforces ABAG-led initiatives such as the San Francisco Estuary Partnership's Disadvantaged Community and Tribal Involvement Program and its Transforming Urban Water Initiative as well as the Bay Area Regional Energy Networks' partnership with the Rising Sun Center for Opportunity to support the Climate Careers job training program for local youth, BayREN's Asthma Initiative in Contra Costa County and its Resilient Libraries pilot program, which includes sites in equity priority communities in East Palo Alto, Oakland and San Jose; and;

WHEREAS, possessed with both a steady hand and uncommon improvisational abilities, Therese skillfully steered her staff and the full spectrum of ABAG programs through the turbulence caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Therese's steely yet empathetic leadership at a time of crisis reflect not only her keen intellect but also the personal warmth and generosity of spirit that have earned her the respect and affection of colleagues, collaborators, council members, county officials and countless others coast to coast.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments hereby congratulates Therese on her well-deserved retirement, commend her remarkable record of achievement and extend their best wishes for soul-satisfying new endeavors and fresh adventures filled with good health and great times among family and friends far and wide.

The foregoing was adopted by the Executive Board this 19th day of January, 2023.

Jesse Arreguin
President

Certification of Executive Board Approval

I, the undersigned, the appointed and qualified Clerk of the Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments (Association), do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the Association at a duly called and noticed meeting held in San Francisco, California, and at other remote locations, on the 19th day of January, 2023.

Frederick Castro
Clerk of the Board