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Scott Wiener, Chair
Programming and Allocations Committee
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
375 Beale Street, Suite 800
San Francisco, CA 94105

Via email

Re: July 13, 2016 Meeting: Agenda Item 6b: OBAG 2

Dear Supervisor Wiener and Commissioners:

The Building Industry Association of the Bay Area supports the proposals before you as described in the MTC staff recommendations. The proposals represent a thoughtful and productive approach to both the \$126 million in additional revenue available for distribution during this funding cycle, as well as OBAG's programmatic elements.

BIA is pleased that one of the principal proposals is based on rewarding housing production for low- and-moderate households. Our region faces an extreme housing crisis that impacts everyone who calls the Bay Area home—as well as the many thousands of households that have been displaced to neighboring regions or other states due to the Bay Area's housing costs. Rewarding local jurisdictions that actually produce low-and moderate- income housing with discretionary transportation funds is extremely important. We also applaud the inclusion of moderate-income housing production in the proposal. This is an important and meaningful regional policy response to the well-documented shrinking of the Bay Area's middle class. BIA is also strongly supportive of the outlined approach for dealing with local housing and displacement policy in the base OBAG program, as we viewed the alternative so-called "regulatory approach" to be very counterproductive. BIA also recognizes the important transportation capacity enhancement projects proposed for funding. Fast action on these near-term, cost-effective improvements is critical.

We encourage you to approve and forward the staff recommendations to the full Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Campos".

Paul Campos
Sr. Vice President, Government Affairs

On 7/12/16, 4:08 PM, "David Zisser" wrote:

We join the 6 Wins Network in calling on MTC (the Bay Area's Metropolitan Transportation Commission) to ACT NOW to address the displacement crisis that is harming our communities:

- MTC is fueling the regional displacement crisis by targeting low-income neighborhoods for redevelopment without first ensuring the existence of protections to stabilize long-time and vulnerable residents. As a result, new development is contributing to rising rents, evictions and destabilization of low-income communities and communities of color.
- MTC has the power to combat displacement by leveraging the \$300 Billion that it controls to encourage cities to adopt meaningful anti-displacement and affordable housing policies and by taking other meaningful actions at the regional level.
- MTC continues to break its promises to combat displacement, including commitments made in 2013 in Plan Bay Area, and again this year, when it promised to incorporate anti-displacement policies into the full \$400+ Million OneBayArea Grant Program.

It is not too late for MTC to change its ways. We urge the agency to:

1. Attach strong anti-displacement policies to the full \$400+ Million OneBayArea Grant program at MTC's meeting on July 27, 2016, as recommended by the 6 Wins Network.
2. Integrate meaningful anti-displacement policies into all aspects of Plan Bay Area 2040, to be adopted in 2017.
3. Include low-income communities and communities of color in every aspect of decision-making and keep promises to meet the needs of these communities.

We will be watching MTC on July 27 and beyond. We will hold MTC publicly accountable if it continues to ignore the displacement crisis and to break its promises to address the needs of the Bay Area's most vulnerable communities.

David Zisser

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