



Date: March 14, 2019

To: ABAG Executive Board

From: Executive Director

Re: **Follow Up on Executive Board Direction to Staff on CASA – Agenda Item #12, January 17, 2019**

In January 2019, the ABAG Executive Board adopted a motion on CASA (see Attachment 1) that provided direction to staff in several areas. This memorandum provides a follow-up related to outreach with local governments and engagement in the legislative process and creation of a legislative task force. The Board also requested analysis related to affordability levels and financial and economic impacts – staff is still working on this analysis and bringing me up to speed so we appreciate the Board’s patience as we need additional time on this request.

### **Outreach to Local Government**

Since January 2019, staff has presented on CASA at over 20 meetings with local government representatives, as shown in the meeting summary included as Attachment 2. These meetings have ranged from multi-county events organized by the League of California Cities to smaller city council meetings with multiple cities. Staff have also met with city manager’s associations and planning staff in a number of counties and held a webinar open to local agency staff across the entire region. Given the high level of interest in the subject, the meetings have been well attended and included lots of discussion. Staff has enlisted the help of a consulting firm to take notes at most of the meetings, which will be compiled and provided at or before your meeting next week. With the deadline to introduce bills now passed and committee hearings beginning soon, staff is transitioning from presentations on the CASA Compact to presentations on active legislation, using the “3 Ps” approach—protection (of tenants at risk of displacement and/or eviction), and preservation and production of affordable housing—as a way to focus on and structure the conversation around housing policy bills.

### **Engagement in the Legislative Process/ Legislative Task Force**

In addition to requesting that staff conduct greater outreach to inform Bay Area local elected officials about CASA, the ABAG motion specifically called for the formation of a legislative task force that would provide feedback to staff on individual bills. Staff would then share this feedback with the ABAG and MTC Legislation Committees and take it into consideration when making staff recommendations. As detailed in item 6.d. on the Board’s agenda, the President of ABAG and Chair of MTC sent a letter on February 28<sup>th</sup> to Bay Area local elected officials requesting nominations to serve on the task force. The letter set an aggressive deadline of

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March 14 for nominations but understand that many could not meet this date so we will accept nominations as they come in. However, to ensure input as soon as possible now that bills are starting to move, we intend to convene the first meeting of the task force to review a set of housing bills in early April. This will allow additional local input to be provided and forwarded as information to the April Legislation Committee when staff expects to bring an initial set of housing policy bill recommendations for consideration.

### Recommended Action

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### Attachments

1. ABAG Executive Board Motion in Item 12, Authorization to Sign CASA Compact, January 17, 2019
2. Local Government Outreach Summary

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