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Memorandum

TO: Commission

DATE: March 20, 2019

FR: Executive Director

RE: Appointment of Members to Housing Legislative Task Force

At its meeting on December 19, 2018, the Commission authorized the MTC Chair to sign the CASA Compact, a suite of recommendations for legislative reform, new revenue, and regional leadership related to finding solutions to the region's housing crisis. The ABAG Executive Board authorized its President to sign the compact on January 17, 2019. As part of that action, the ABAG Executive Board directed the formation of a task force of elected officials from Bay Area cities and counties to follow the legislative process and to give feedback on state legislation that may arise from the CASA Compact. Similarly, MTC's CASA motion included direction to staff to do additional outreach to local elected officials and engage with them during the legislative process.

On March 1, 2019, County Boards of Supervisors from the nine counties and those County City Selection Committees which appoint representatives to the ABAG Executive Board and to MTC were invited to submit nominees for appointment to the CASA Legislative Task Force (Attachment A). Given the robust discussion of housing proposals in Sacramento, staff is recommending that the task force be renamed the Housing Legislative Task Force going forward.

The Chair of the Task Force is the Chair of the ABAG Legislation Committee and the Vice Chair is the Chair of the MTC Legislation Committee. The Task Force will meet monthly during the current state legislative session to receive progress reports on housing related legislation and to provide feedback to staff which shall be relayed to the Joint ABAG/MTC Legislation Committee, the ABAG Executive Board and MTC. Meetings will be at the Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco. The Task Force is subject to the Brown Act. Task Force members are not eligible for per diem. Appointments to the Task Force will be approved by the ABAG Executive Board and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at their March meetings.

At the Commission meeting on March 27, staff will report on the nominations received from County Boards of Supervisors and County City Selection Committees. According to the MTC Procedures Manual, the Chair appoints members to its committees, including special committees, subject to the approval of the Commission.

Recommended Action

The Commission is requested to approve the appointments to the Housing Legislative Task Force.



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Attachment – Legislative Task Force Invitation



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February 28, 2019

Dear Bay Area Local Elected Officials,

The Bay Area faces many pressing regional challenges such as crowded roadways and public transit, the lingering threat of earthquakes and rising tides, to name a few. But the housing shortage has reached crisis proportions. During our remarkable run of economic expansion since the Great Recession ended in 2010, the Bay Area has added 722,000 jobs but constructed only 106,000 housing units. With housing supply and demand that far out of whack, home prices and rental costs have shot through the roof and a wide swath of our fellow Bay Area residents from long-time residents, newcomers and young people are suffering. As well, more people are being forced to move further away in search of affordability and endure crushing long-distance commutes that also exacerbates congestion and GHG production.

The traffic and housing challenge is well known to you. Perhaps less well known is the effort led by ABAG and MTC to bring together a blue-ribbon panel of local elected officials, housing experts, and leaders from across the Bay Area who worked together for almost two years to build an actionable consensus around (1) increasing housing production at all levels of affordability, (2) preserving existing affordable housing, and (3) protecting vulnerable populations from housing instability and displacement.

This group named itself CASA, the Committee to House the Bay Area and the compact the group committed to each other can be found online at <https://mtc.ca.gov/casa>

Both the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the ABAG Executive Board have authorized their respective Chair and President to sign the compact. In addition, the ABAG Executive Board directed the formation of a task force of elected officials from Bay Area cities and counties to follow, become informed and to engage in the legislative process that is essential for the CASA compact to be implemented. Similarly, MTC's CASA motion included direction to staff to do additional outreach to local elected officials and engage with them during the legislative process.

Accordingly, on behalf of MTC and ABAG, we respectfully invite each county's Boards of Supervisors to appoint one representative and each county's City Selection Committee to appoint two representatives to serve on the CASA Legislative Task Force (Task Force).

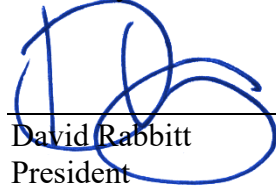
To encourage the presence of new perspectives on the Task Force, nominating bodies are encouraged to appoint members who are not currently serving on the ABAG Executive Board or on MTC. The participation of elected officials from a wide range of city sizes is encouraged as well. The Task Force will be chaired by ABAG with a member of MTC serving as the Vice Chair, and each will have an appointment to the Task Force with a goal of creating a well-rounded committee. The Task Force will seek to meet monthly during the current state

legislative session to receive progress reports and to engage on CASA related legislation. This feedback will be relayed to the Joint ABAG/MTC Legislation Committee, the ABAG Executive Board and MTC. Meetings will be held at the Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco with telephone participation available. The Task Force is subject to the Brown Act. Task Force members are not eligible for per diem.

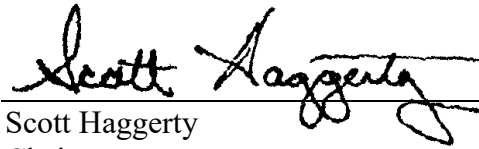
Please submit nominees via email to ABAG Clerk of the Board, Fred Castro, at fcastro@bayareametro.gov and note "CASA Task Force Nomination" in the subject line. Deadline for submitting nominees is March 14, 2019. Appointments to the Task Force will be ratified by the ABAG Executive Board and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at their March meetings.

Should you have any questions, please contact Alix Bockelman, Deputy Executive Director of Policy, at abockelman@bayareametro.gov.

Sincerely,



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President
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Scott Haggerty
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County of Napa, Board of Supervisors
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Napa County City Selection Committee
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San Mateo County City Selection Committee
Cities Association of Santa Clara County
Solano County City Selection Committee
Sonoma County City Selection Committee