

**Host:** Housing Legislative Working Group Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, May 1, 2019 3-7 PM

**Location:** Board Room, MTC

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**Attendance:** Approximately 23, including call-ins.

**Chair's Report:** Reviewed meeting structure for members, thanked members for their time and ongoing commitment to the meetings. Chair Pierce met with Assemblymember David Chiu to discuss housing bills. She highlighted the value of providing feedback to Sacramento, particularly with Assemblymember Chiu's bills.

- Vice Chair Mackenzie mentioned that he texted with Assemblyman Chiu and told him that MTC Chair Haggerty and ABAG President Rabbitt were creating a committee to discuss MTC/ABAG governance issues.
- Chair Pierce mentioned that Chiu may also make AB 1487 a 2-year bill.

## **Report on Housing Bill Landscape Changes**

**Long:**

- Stated that both bills related to Just-Cause Evictions have passed out of committees and are now on the Senate Floor. (AB 1481/Bonta and AB 1697/Grayson).
- Stated that Chiu removed references to MTC and ABAG each appointing nine representatives to serve on a governing board of the agency in AB 1487, leaving those details purposely vague so they could be worked out later by the two agencies.

**Contra Costa:**

- Asked if all the staffing language was removed from AB 1487. Noted he saw the language for working members.
  - **Long:** Clarified that MTC is still designated to staff to the agency.

**Sonoma:**

- Asked if AB 1487 had defined the sources for funding that the Housing Alliance for the Bay Area (HABA) planned on using.
  - **Long:** Stated intent of AB 1487 is to raise more money for affordable housing, there will have to be a lot of work before funding levels and revenue rates are determined.

## **Report on Housing Bills**

### **Comments and Suggestions about AB 1279 (Bloom)**

#### **Long:**

- Stated AB 1279 is viewed as a progressive alternative to SB 50, mandating up-zoning in high resource areas, even those that are not zoned for residential.
- Areas zoned for single family homes would allow fourplexes by-right but would require new units to be affordable to 100 percent AMI or pay an in-lieu fee.
- She noted there would be exclusions for environmentally sensitive areas.
- She noted the high-level comments she received from working group members included:
  - Concern about the definition of high resource areas.
  - Concern about financial impact and infrastructure impact.
  - Concern about lack of local control.
  - How it impacts school's funding.

#### **Napa:**

- Shared concerns for lack of local control and overriding of local restrictions. Stated a desire for better maps in order to fully understand impacts on individual jurisdictions.
- Expressed concern over lack of specific definitions in AB1279 (e.g. high resource areas).
- Expressed appreciation for inclusion of an appeal process, but concern that it could be challenging for smaller cities with less staff. Definitions in this section need improvement.
- Asked if AB 1279 would consider other kinds of affordable housing and solutions.
- Asked if there could be a tax credit, or a fund that prioritizes building affordable houses or providing resources with which to build affordable housing for smaller communities.
- Expressed concern that since this could greatly affect the character of neighborhoods, not having precise definitions and maps re: "high resource areas", is a problem
- Stated that cities not knowing where these new housing developments could occur will be challenging for city planning, also resource planning.
- Asked if bill could include above market housing that needs 50+ units to pencil out.

#### **Sonoma**

- Expressed concern that developers could buy up single family homes next to existing colleges, convert them to fourplexes, fill them with as many students as possible and turn whole neighborhoods into dormitories for the nearby schools.
- AB 1279 has potential to increase number of units that could be built beyond what is currently zoned in a neighborhood. Could we set upper limit on number of units per city?

#### **Marin:**

- Opposed to the lack of clarity around how "high resource areas" will be defined and where AB1279 would apply.
- Stated that AB 1279 conflicts with the density being allowed now, versus what is being proposed.

**San Mateo:**

- Asked from the author's perspective, what is the definition of "high opportunity areas?"
  - **Long:** Noted it's not the same as high density, has more to do with the presence of good schools, good jobs and a low risk of displacement.
- Expressed concern the areas of development targeted could be more rural areas, rather than those with good public transportation since one of the goals is to reduce traffic and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Stated AB 1279 is difficult to evaluate due to the lack of clear and specific definitions.
  - **Long:** Stated that AB 1279 is in its early stages of development.
- Concerned about the impact on the area around Stanford if single family homes can automatically be converted to by-right fourplexes and turned into student dorms.
- Expressed concerns about overriding a local jurisdiction's current inclusionary housing minimums. Worried that higher inclusionary levels that might pencil out in SF will be too high in other cities and despite these re-zonings, no housing will actually get built.
- Stated San Mateo County elected officials are not sure this would accomplish the goal of more affordable housing, that this legislation is one size fits all.

**San Francisco:**

- Noted AB 1279 high resource area regulations would impact land zoned to be exclusively commercial whereas SB 50 only applies to residential. Otherwise approves of AB 1279.
- Expressed concern that in already-dense areas, affordability requirements will not result in additional housing without public subsidies for affordable housing; agreed with Burlingame's mayor, you can't get this level of affordability without subsidy.

**Santa Clara:**

- Expressed desire for more concrete and defined terms, for example of "arterial roads."
- Expressed concern that AB 1279 is being considered as an alternative to SB 50, but it does not address transportation needs thoroughly enough.
- Noted many strategies in AB 1279 are already being implemented in Mountain View (including FAR bonus). Concerned additional affordable housing requirement may not be financially feasible, making it less likely affordable housing will actually be built.
- Concerned that streamlining projects may not be enough incentive for developers to prioritize building more affordable units.

**Contra Costa:**

- Expressed concerns that AB 1279 won't result in more housing because it doesn't address the fundamental problem, a lack of funding. Suggested public subsidies or property purchases to assist with affordable housing development.
- Gave example of Stinson Beach being built out if by-right fourplexes are implemented. Noted that this would not help address the jobs-housing imbalance.
- Expressed concern that the maps are misleading and could be improved.
- Expressed concern that for a development project that complies with the basic rules, cities can't stop it. This legislation limits ability to apply contextual design standards.
- Expressed concern that most low density, low population cities also have narrow roads and limited resources to accommodate additional development.

- Expressed concerns about unintended consequences, e.g. allowing both by-right ADUs and fourplexes on same site could create by-right eightplexes or if 40 owners in a 100-unit building opt for by-right ADUs, it goes from 100 units to 140 units.
- Worried that increasing density/students in high resource areas with no new funding for more schools/teachers will result in schools no longer being considered 'good schools'.
- Asked for follow-up about how AB 1279 would work with other proposed housing bills.

### **Comments and Suggestions about AB 1483 (Grayson)**

#### **Long:**

- Stated AB 1483 was about housing data and putting more information online including specificity as to number of projects approved, permits issued, etc.
- Noted biggest concern heard to date is the need for more time for smaller jurisdictions to implement data requirements and author is building in time for implementation later.
- Noted the added allowance that MPOs, MTC for example, could request additional reporting and it would be required.
- Shared the goal that with better data there will be better outcomes, e.g. by stating all the fees perhaps more developers would be willing to take on the risk to build more housing.
- Noted there is going to be a Housing Data Strategy at the state level, with parcel level housing and protocols for sharing data and open sourced platforms included in AB 1483.

#### **Marin:**

- Expressed concern that they would need a longer timeline to implement due to lower amounts of available staff but believe in data share as a principle.
- Stated a need to know how data is being collected and being used before participating.

#### **Solano:**

- Asked what data does the bill's author feels is missing now? What is the need for this?
- Asked if the state's Housing and Community Development staff already has this info.
  - **Long:** Stated that she believed the additional data was related to specific details regarding development.
- Asked if the HLWG could have a side-by-side comparison chart outlining what is being asked for in AB 1483 versus what is being reported now.
  - **Long:** Stated that MTC has asked for this side-by-side.
- Requested a "toolkit" to help the smaller cities with compliance.
- Expressed concerns that smaller cities don't have enough staff to comply properly with AB 1483's requirements.

#### **Contra Costa:**

- Stated reporting should just go to the state. If MPOs need data they can go to the state.
- Stated they would have to hire additional staffing to comply with this and wondered where the funding would come from for this additional burden.
- Asked for side by side comparison of data currently sent to HCD and AB 1483 data.
- There is data not being collected that would be helpful: 1) number of units entitled (not just those built; 2) extensions requested; 3) why are entitled projects not being built.
- You can post generic fees online but some fees mitigate EIR findings that come later.
- Expressed concern with the amount of opposition already expressed against AB 1483.

- Asked if the additional information could be sent to the HCD to streamline reporting.

**San Francisco:**

- Requested a side-by-side comparison of what is required to be reported now versus what would be required with the implementation of AB 1483.

**Santa Clara:**

- Asked if this stemmed from project issues, or county issues.
- Asked how much extra work AB 1483 would require of the cities.
- Expressed concern that current reporting requirements are confusing and duplicative.

**Comments and Suggestions about AB 1485 (Wicks):**

**Long:**

- Explained that AB 1485 suggested some changes that clarified elements of SB 35.
- The changes include by-right approval of certain projects, with many exclusions, specified affordability.
- Adds one other option on the affordability mix for AMR units under SB 35. Developer can have 20% of the units affordable @ 80-120% of median (with average of 100%), or 10% for very low income households (60% of median).

**Marin:**

- Expressed concern that anything labeled by-right will not work for local governments due to lack of local control.
- Stated that even with the new more flexible affordability requirements, it would still be hard for projects to be economically feasible.

**Napa:**

- Asked for clarification on the density threshold and if AB 1485 would change the defined thresholds for affordability.
  - **Long:** Stated that is correct.

**Sonoma:**

- Asked how feasible it is to build projects requiring 20 percent below market rate units.

**Contra Costa:**

- Expressed concern AB 1485 will not lead to additional housing because projects still will not pencil out.
- Stated they have no big objections, but that some of the language is still unclear in the existing law that is not being amended by AB 1485 – opportunity to fix the transportation component in SB 35 (Wiener, 2017)
- Stated that in the current language, it is unclear if a city has higher standards, which should be the standard.

**Solano:**

- Stated support for the bill since it will help Solano's cities meet their RHNA requirements.
- Asked if AB 1485 does anything to clarify the terms between cities with higher standards of affordable housing.

**Santa Clara:**

- Concerned because Mountain View requires 15 percent affordable housing, at 10 percent they're concerned projects won't come to City Council because by-right inclusions based on this amendment.
- Shared concern that the affordability requirements seem low.
- Expressed concern that transportation impacts haven't been considered enough.
- Stated that design review is important so cities can have the amenities they would like to have in their cities.
  - **Long:** Clarified that the requirements for streamlining wouldn't apply to any city meeting their above moderate housing RHNA numbers. Stated that MTC Staff will share a map highlighting areas that would be impacted by AB 1485. For example, AB 1485 would apply in Vallejo, but not all of Solano County.

**San Francisco:**

- Stated they didn't think San Francisco was covered by this amendment to SB 35 and approved of AB 1485, because "the more we streamline, the better".
- Noted ministerial approvals have been helpful in getting housing built in San Francisco.

**San Mateo:**

- Stated support for AB 1485 because it will help create more moderate income housing.
- Asked if this bill would still require prevailing wage.
- Wanted to maintain local jurisdiction's requirements for affordable housing if they are higher than AB 1485.
- Stated this should apply to the entire state of California, not just the Bay Area.

**Report on Bills Related to Public Lands**

**Comments and Suggestions about AB 1486 (Ting)**

**Dohrmann**

- Shared AB 1486 updates existing requirement that public agencies offer right of first refusal for affordable housing developments, with projects with priority to deepest level of affordability (either by income or total units), when disposing of excess public land.
- Explained how local land disposal process would work under AB 1486.
- Stated HCD would have enforcement privileges that they do not currently have.
- Explained that 100 percent affordable housing developments would be allowed for all public lands receiving state subsidy regardless of zoning, unless the land is "exempt" or ineligible to receive state subsidy. Developments would still be subject to CEQA and local approvals/not a ministerial "by-right" allowance.

**Sonoma:**

- Asked if disposing of land language includes selling and leasing of public lands.
  - **Dohrmann:** Confirmed that AB 1486 would revert to current law – "disposal" is not defined. Earlier version of the bill would have defined "dispose of" as including both selling and leasing of land
- Expressed concern about the suitability of certain public lands for housing, especially regarding safety and proximity to public transit.

- **Dohrmann:** Stated that the development would still be subject to local reviews and zoning, unless it is 100 percent affordable. Even 100 percent affordable housing would still need to go through local reviews/EIR, no matter what was zoned before.
- Expressed concern that this would affect public lands being used as buffer zones.
- Suggested that the State develop their public lands program first, as a show of good faith, and a demonstration of how these processes will work under AB 1486.

**Marin:**

- Stated Marin County is generally opposed to AB 1486.
- Expressed concern with 100 percent affordable developments being allowed on any public land. Sees it undermining public safety and local jurisdictions land use authority.
- Concerned about the major changes to delegated enforcement for HCD.
- Stated they would like to see a process to transfer land between schools and other agencies to simplify, and not allow these lands to be disposed of to be used for housing development if cities intended for these parcels to be used for some other public need.

**Napa:**

- Stated that Napa County is generally opposed, since the laws surrounding public lands are already complicated without the implementation of AB 1486.
- Expressed concern this would limit sale prices, further limiting the financial systems that public agencies and cities need to address financial shortcomings.
- Stated that Napa County would like to see flexibility in the levels of affordable housing being offered via public lands, with reference to “missing middle” teacher housing.

**Solano:**

- Asked if the State is going to look at their surplus lands as defined by AB 1486.
  - **Dohrmann:** Stated that not only does AB 1486 push the State to reassess their excess land, it sets a goal that State dispose of 10 percent of excess land/year.
- Expressed concerns about public lands being used as buffers, especially around prisons.
  - **Dohrmann:** Stated that the buffer zones would be considered “government operations”- would be local discretion to set parameters.
- Asked if this included leased lands as well. Gave the example of the Solano County Fair Grounds in the city of Vallejo, and how Solano County is aiming to have part of this land used for a multiuse development.
  - **Dohrmann:** Stated that AB 1486 wouldn’t change current law.
- Asked about greenbelts under AB 1486.
  - **Dohrmann:** Land used for conservation is exempt under AB 1486.
- Asked about the implication of mixed land use on public lands.
- Expressed concern that AB 1486 doesn’t support bedroom communities.
- Expressed concern that in jobs-poor cities, this could worsen the job-housing balance.
- Stated that some surplus lands are not suitable for not mixed use, or housing in any way. Gave the example that housing should not be built in a marsh.
  - **Long:** Stated that proposed housing projects, including 100 percent affordable would still be subject to CEQA. Projects would not just be approved, not by-right, AB 1486 just required more specific and exclusive negotiations.

**Contra Costa:**

- Expressed concern about the language in the bill.
- Suggested surplus military bases (Concord Naval Weapons Stations) be specifically exempted from this bill.
- Suggested the State provide funding for work required with the changes in AB 1486, particularly to help fund some the affordable housing projects that might come out of it.
- Stated that HCD should not have enforcement privileges.
- Asked if local jurisdictions would be able to give land away for affordable housing development projects under AB 1486.
  - **Dohrmann:** Noted that current law leaves land sale up to the local jurisdiction. That states that the notice land is available, after the 60 days closes, the local agency will enter good faith negotiation with the proposed development with the highest level of affordable housing, like an RFP process.
- Suggested this be amended to not just be percentage requirement, but a density requirement.
- Expressed concerns that there are many unintended consequences with AB 1486.
- Suggested that the State have the same requirements about disposing land as the cities and counties would under AB 1486.
- Expressed concern about redevelopment properties being included in the AB 1486 – successors to redevelopment agencies must be able to meet existing obligations to various taxing entities.
- Asked who would close the funding gap caused by AB 1486.
- Asked if AB 1486 accounts for leasing of properties.
  - **Dohrmann:** Stated that current law doesn't define what "dispose of" means. Earlier versions of AB 1486 included a definition, but clarification was stripped because of local government concerns in amendments made to AB 1486.
- Expressed concern AB 1486 would not allow for mix of affordable units, across different AMLs.

**San Mateo:**

- Expressed concern with contradictions in local general plans about open space.
  - **Dohrmann:** Explained that there is an exception made for protected open space, but not for just zoning.
- Asked if a city has land that they do not know what they want to use a space for and an affordable housing agency wanted to build on it, could the city refuse under AB 1486.
  - **Dohrmann:** Stated that that is the intent of the surplus lands act, but that requirement would be that the city must try to sell the land, or "dispose" of the land.
- Expressed concern that this would limit the sales price for certain pieces of land, when sometimes what a local jurisdiction needs most in money.
  - **Dohrmann:** Stated that under current law that when disposing of surplus public land, affordable housing developments get right of first refusal, so this would not change the process that much.
- Suggested that the State take an inventory of their land before requiring local jurisdiction to do the same to show cities what the best way to implement AB 1486 would be.
- Exception for properties 'held in exchange' is a good thing (we are doing that now).
- Appreciate carve out for open space and recreation use.
- Stated the half acre requirement of public lands seems excessive considering that developed local jurisdictions often have parcels of land much smaller (e.g. 10,000 s.f.).



**San Francisco:**

- Agreed that half acre minimum should be decreased to include land in San Francisco.
- Requested clarification of policies about refusal process.
- Expressed concern about industrial zones and would like to see some protection of industrial zones included in AB 1486 to protect jobs.

**Santa Clara:**

- Stated that often the sales price is driven by zoning and asked how this would be affected by AB 1486.
  - **Dohrmann:** Stated that AB 1486 language limits negotiations to sales price and lease terms. The bill doesn't talk about the mechanics of how to execute these changes.
  - **Long:** Stated that zoning would only be overridden if project is 100 percent affordable, otherwise surplus land can only be used for housing if it's already zoned to allow residential as an underlying eligible use.
- Asked if there are 2 affordable developers, can a city choose the most feasible as opposed to the most affordable? Stated that financial feasibility is an important consideration in negotiations.
  - **Dohrmann:** AB 1486 would require the right of first refusal go to the affordable developers with the deepest level of affordability.
- Asked if sale for economic development would no longer apply.
  - **Dohrmann:** Stated that land should first be offered to affordable housing and public land and parks, then if not taken by those purposed could be used for economic development, as is required under current law.
- Expressed concern that the level of affordability couldn't be chosen, particularly if the missing RHNA numbers were for something other than the deepest level of affordability like the "missing middle."

**Comments and Suggestions about SB 6 (Beall)**

**Dohrmann:** Requires HCD to add to the state surplus land inventory locally identified sites suitable for development, as identified in housing element site inventories.

**Marin:**

- Stated that Marin is generally in favor of this but is concerned what HCD defines as realistic.
  - **Dohrmann:** Stated that SB 6 would require that HCD submit sites identified by locals as realistic for development in their housing elements.

**Report on Bills Related to Funding**

**Comments and Suggestions about AB 11 (Chiu)**

**Long:**

- Described the bill and the option it gave local agencies to use tax-increment finance by forming an "Affordable Housing Infrastructure Agency" (AHIA).
- Stated that bonds could be issued without voter approval, if there is at least 30 percent of the funds going toward affordable housing efforts for a list of approved purposes.

**Napa:**

- Concerned about safeguards to prevent abuse and misuse.
- Expressed concern with the eminent domain designation.
- Special districts shouldn't have eminent designation.
- Noted it would be important to add sewer and water pipes as well as fire resiliency, and infrastructure improvements to the list of acceptable uses for the use of the bond money under AB 11.

**San Mateo:**

- Appreciated the option to renew a form of redevelopment.
- Suggested adding tools for first time home buyers, to get them into the home buyers' market, including buy downs of down payments, for example, to the list of acceptable used for the bond money.
- Suggested increasing the amount of funds required to be spent on affordable housing.
- Expressed concern that AB 11 could unintentionally defund schools.
- Suggested list of acceptable uses for the bond money under AB 11 could be expanded to include: flooding, seawall infrastructure updates, and other natural disasters.
- Asked how members would be appointed to the bodies formed under AB 11.
  - **Long:** Stated that members would be appointed by the constituent members of the agencies involved and public members would be appointed by the board by the appropriate city council.
- Asked how these members would be removed if they did not perform their job as required.
  - **Long:** Stated MTC Staff would have to follow up on this.
- Expressed concern about eminent domain.
- Asked if cities in different counties could work together under AB 11.
  - **Long:** Stated that she hasn't seen any language regarding cities in different counties working together but MTC staff will follow up after researching.[Bill is silent on this]
- Each city would have equal rights to how it is seen, or would it be based on population? Or is it based on affected area. How would this be done?
  - **Long:** Stated there would be one seat per city participating if there were more than one city participating in the AHIA.
- Asked if two cities could modify this if both agreed to different terms for governance.
  - **Long:** Stated that AB 11 doesn't give cities the option for own governance in the current language.
- Stated support for the bill.

**Marin:**

- Expressed general support for the bill but concerned about eminent domain. Asked who is given the power of eminent domain under AB 11.
  - **Long:** Stated that new taxing agency would have the power of eminent domain.
- Expressed appreciation for the possibility the tax increment financing under AB 11.
- Expressed appreciation for the right to opt out of an agency under AB 11.
- Expressed support of the local jurisdiction maintaining local control under AB 11.
- Expressed concern about cross jurisdictional formation of an AHIA

**Sonoma:**

- Asked who is responsible for decided on the use of tax increment financing.
  - **Long:** The entity itself makes the decision under AB 11.

- Expressed concern that the bond funding would not need to be voter approved.
- Expressed concern AB 11 could defund schools.
- Expressed concern that the amount of money required to be spent on affordable housing was only 30 percent.
  - **Long:** Stated that the intent was to keep the implications of AB 11 flexible and not prescriptive.

**Contra Costa:**

- Suggested adding more 'green' acceptable uses for bond money such as stormwater retention bases and clarifying the acceptable uses for ports, ferries and water transportation (e.g. ferry terminals and ferry infrastructure).
- Expressed need for more definitive protections for schools' funding such as state could not renege on this commitment to schools without a vote of the people statewide.
- Expressed support for flexibility AB 11 gives cities... "More tools in the toolbox is good."
- Asked how AB 11 would interact with AB 1486.
  - **Long:** Stated tax money would go in for the bond, but for those agencies that did not want to participate, they'd have to be made whole financially under AB 11.
- Expressed concern about eminent domain precedent, cities already have this authority.
  - General agreement expressed from around the dais
- Expressed concern there was lack of clarity about how to remove appointed members who were not actively participating under AB 11.

**Solano:**

- Expressed Solano County's support, redevelopment 1.0 helped transform Suisun City.
- Requested that seawalls be added to the list of acceptable expenses under AB 11.
- Asked who would approve the members of the AHIA.
  - **Long:** Stated that the entities that formed the new AHIA would appoint the public member.
  - Asked if counties would have a member on the RDAs.
  - **Long:** Stated staff would have to follow up on whether counties would automatically have a seat on the AHIA under AB11. [They don't get a seat unless they are a part of it]
- Asked if water crisis would be an acceptable use for the funds under AB 11.
  - **Long:** Confirmed that water upgrades would be allowed under AB 11.

**Santa Clara:**

- Expressed concern that with other housing bills, AB 11 would be too much "to juggle." But if the decision was between AB 11, and AB 1487 (HABA), would prefer AB 11.
- Expressed approval for this bill bringing back RDA, but "how do we know a future governor won't pull the rug out from under us again the way Gov. Brown did?"
- Requested clarification on how housing bills would interact with AB 11 should they pass.

**Sonoma:**

- Expressed concern over approval requirements delegated to Strategic Growth Council.

**San Francisco:**

- Asked if a city could designate itself as the RDA under AB 11.
  - **Long:** Stated that public and affected taxing agencies can.
- Asked if a formal plan is required under AB 11.
  - **Long:** Yes but could have parcels not part of the area as part of plan. Plan needs to be approved by state's Strategic Growth Council.
- Expressed support of AB 11 widely as a tool to fund Redevelopment.
- Agreed with others who don't see any need for eminent domain.
- Suggested the Governing Board could decide their own rules about how they vote.
  - **Long:** Stated that the Governing Board could decide their own rules but would be subject to the Brown Act.
- Asked if there were any other terms
  - **Chair Pierce:** Stated that there doesn't seem to be whole lot of accountability for the board members.

**Chair Pierce:**

- Requested that the list of acceptable funded projects by AB 11 have expansion on some of the more general disasters, including fire and flooding resilience, infrastructure updates, sea level rise and related projects.
- Expressed concern that the members of an RDA wouldn't have to be elected officials, and the lack of accountability for the members of an RDA under AB 11.
- Expressed concern that most cities do not have a general fund they can draw fund for the kinds of development allowed under AB 11.
- Expressed concerns about the defunding of public schools under AB 11, and stated she is skeptical the states will fill the backlog of funding for public schools required to "make them whole."

**Conclusion and Comments about Next Meeting:**

- The HLWG agreed to meet on May 23, 2019 from 7-9 PM to hear how MTC and ABAG decided to advise legislature on the bills surrounding housing.
- Suggestion for SB 50 exemption for cities that have adopted master plans or specific plans *or* giving cities time to develop such a plan.
- State funding/financing should come at the same time as housing-related policy changes.

**Public Comment:**

1. **Jane Kramer:** Stated that it seems there is an overall demand for more affordable housing to be built, but many of the concerns made by cities and local jurisdictions contradict the housing being built.