

Proposed Housing Methodology Committee (HMC) Composition

For the last three Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) cycles, ABAG has convened an ad hoc Housing Methodology Committee (HMC) to advise staff on the allocation methodology. ABAG staff is recommending to again convene an HMC that includes local elected officials and staff as well as regional stakeholders to facilitate sharing of diverse viewpoints across multiple sectors. Members of the HMC will be asked to commit to attending meetings for up to one year starting in Fall 2019.

To reinforce the role of the ABAG Regional Planning Committee (RPC) in guiding the RHNA process, staff proposes to invite elected officials and stakeholders who are RPC members to self-nominate to be on the HMC. The number of RPC members on the HMC will be limited to 15 to avoid having a quorum of the RPC at the meetings. The HMC will provide regular updates on development of the allocation methodology to the RPC, which will forward its recommendation about the proposed methodology to the ABAG Executive Board.

Per ABAG's bylaws, members of the HMC must be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Board. Staff will present the recommended HMC composition to the Executive Board in July 2019 and return in September 2019 to have the Board ratify the members. Upon the Board's approval of the HMC composition, staff will distribute a call for nominations, with a deadline at the end of August 2019.

Staff's recommendation for the composition of the HMC is below:

Elected Officials – 9 members

- One elected official per county, with self-nominations from RPC members
- Elected officials will have the ability to delegate participation on the HMCC to a staff person if necessary
- If multiple members put their names forward for a county, final selection will be made by President Rabbitt
- If no RPC members put their names forward for a county, ABAG/MTC staff will work with the ABAG Executive Board to identify a representative

Local Jurisdiction Staff – 12 members

- One housing or planning staff per county for Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Solano, and Sonoma
- Two housing or planning staff per county for Alameda, Contra Costa, and Santa Clara counties, with a recommendation that one seat go to Oakland and San Jose from their respective counties
- Representatives will be nominated by the planning directors in each county

Regional Stakeholders – 11 members

- The HMC will include representatives for the following sectors:
 - 2 social equity
 - 2 business community
 - 1 non-profit housing
 - 1 for-profit housing
 - 1 open space/agriculture
 - 1 public education
 - 1 public health
 - 1 philanthropy
 - 1 public/alternative transportation

- Self-nominations will be requested from RPC members
- ABAG staff will also reach out to organizations beyond those represented on the RPC to achieve the proposed mix of regional stakeholders and ensure the committee includes the areas of expertise needed to develop the RHNA allocation methodology.