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Thank you for reading this public comment into the record for the findings for Plan Bay Area 2050.

PUBLIC COMMENT for Item#2: (less than one minute)

Re. expanding opportunities for low-income residents: In light of what we have learned from Black Lives Matter and knowing that thousands (many young and middle-aged men of color) are currently imprisoned across the Bay Area, when will Plan Bay Area recognize the housing provided by jails, prisons, juvenile centers and detention centers?

For equity in planning for housing, Plan Bay Area must count these housing units provided by local, county, state and federal incarceration centers. If we only rely on 'homeless' counts, we are not seeing the housing need of all low-income people. We start by documenting the currently-invisible housing units in places where people are imprisoned.

Then, we can plan realistically for enough housing to meet the needs of men and women released to the street. They deserve an affordable place to live. May the Working Group take that first step to seeing and counting and then planning for incarcerated people as part of planning for all low-income people.

Here is a White Paper that begins to quantify and explain this specific housing need: <https://calhps.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Homeless-Council-White-Paper-3-19-2019.pdf>

Signed,
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