

## Association of Bay Area Governments

### Regional Planning Committee

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November 12, 2020

Agenda Item 6.a.

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#### Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA): Proposed Methodology Public Hearing

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**Subject:** Public Hearing on Proposed Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Methodology

**Background:** RHNA is the state-mandated<sup>1</sup> process to identify the number of housing units (by affordability level) that each jurisdiction must accommodate in the Housing Element of its General Plan. The RHNA allocation must meet the five statutory objectives of RHNA<sup>2</sup> and be consistent with the forecasted development pattern from Plan Bay Area 2050.<sup>3</sup>

ABAG convened an ad hoc [Housing Methodology Committee](#) (HMC) from October 2019 to September 2020 to advise staff on the methodology for allocating a share of the region's total housing need to every local government in the Bay Area. The HMC includes local elected officials and staff as well as regional stakeholders to facilitate sharing of diverse viewpoints across multiple sectors. Agenda packets for the HMC meetings are available at <https://mtc.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

At its final meeting on September 18, 2020 the HMC voted to recommend **Option 8A: High Opportunity Areas Emphasis & Job Proximity** as the proposed methodology to the ABAG Regional Planning Committee and Executive Board. The ABAG Executive Board voted to approve release of methodology proposed by the HMC for public comment on October 15, 2020.

**Issues:** **Public Hearing on Proposed RHNA Methodology**

[California Government Code 65584.04 \(d\)](#) requires ABAG to hold a public comment period and conduct at least one public hearing to receive oral and written comments on the Proposed RHNA Methodology prior to adoption of the Draft RHNA Methodology, which will then be submitted to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for review. As part of this month's ABAG Regional Planning Committee (RPC) meeting, a public hearing will be held to satisfy that requirement.

Materials related to the Proposed RHNA Methodology have been posted on MTC's website since October 24 at <https://abag.ca.gov/our-work/housing/rhna-regional-housing->

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<sup>1</sup> See California [Government Code §65584](#).

<sup>2</sup> [Government Code Section 65584\(d\)](#).

<sup>3</sup> [Government Code Section 65584.04\(m\)\(1\)](#).

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[needs-allocation](#). The written public comment period began on October 25 and will end on November 27 per the Notice of Public Hearing published in newspapers and an ABAG press release.

**Next Steps:**

Staff will consider comments and will recommend any necessary adjustments to the Proposed RHNA Methodology to the ABAG Executive Board for integration into the Draft RHNA Methodology. The ABAG Executive Board is slated to take final action on the Draft RHNA Methodology at the January 21, 2021 meeting.

**Recommended Action:**

Information

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Presentation on Proposed RHNA Methodology

**Reviewed:**



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