

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Regional Housing Need Allocation](#)
Subject: Saratoga's housing density
Date: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 6:48:55 PM

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From: [Lance Agee](#)
To: [Regional Housing Need Allocation](#)
Subject: ABAG's excessive/ unreasonable housing mandate for Saratoga
Date: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 3:32:38 PM

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Sent from my iPad Air 4

From: [Maria Gong](#)
To: [Regional Housing Need Allocation](#)
Subject: Protesting the City of Saratoga RHNA Housing Needs Assessment Numbers
Date: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 3:34:52 PM

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- Roughly half our land is very steep and identified landslide, San Andreas and other fault zones and identified extremely high fire hazard. Those few roads of escape are narrow, steep, windy, without shoulders and cannot be widened. Adding density to these areas is a recipe for disaster. In 1980 the citizens of Saratoga sponsored an initiative that reduced the hillside density after a dozen hillside failures that resulted in widespread damage. Another 30 documented hillside failures followed the next year before plans and ordinances could be in place. The reduction in density accomplished by the Initiative (Measure A) reduced the damage, but further densification forced by RHNA returns us to the earlier damage patterns. The California Constitution secures the right of citizens of a city or county to make such wise life-saving restrictions. MTC and ABAG has no role in cancelling an initiative.
- With the exception of West Valley College faculty and the faculty of various schools to teach our own children (K-12), Saratoga does not create jobs. With the exception of Professional Medical Offices serving a small part of the city's population's medical needs, and a handful of other professional offices, Saratoga does not have industrial or office land uses and thus does not generate and never has generated a demand for housing.
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Regards,
Maria



From: [Michael Metz](#)
To: [Regional Housing Need Allocation](#)
Cc: [Rishi Kumar](#); [Corinne Vita](#)
Subject: In support of Saratoga housing mandates
Date: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 3:52:46 PM

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I write in support of the mandate for more housing in Saratoga. The CA and US housing crises are unprecedented and call for crisis-level responses. We simply are in desperate need of more housing throughout the valley, in the state, and the country. There are related issues that must be addressed--traffic, water, parking, etc--but none are insurmountable. The mandates are defensible. To the nimby-ists I suggest please provide practical alternatives, not fantasy hyperloops.

Michael Metz

From: [M SAFA](#)
To: [Regional Housing Need Allocation](#)
Subject: Protest the City of Saratoga RHNA housing Needs Assessment Numbers
Date: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 4:17:21 PM

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Hello,

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1. City of Saratoga has already filed an appeal with ABAG.
2. Such push for housing is not pragmatic at all, it does NOT address the needs of water, schools, traffic and fire-risk on the hillsides.

Thank you,

Mohammad Safa

From: [Muralikrishna Gandluru](#)
To: [Regional Housing Need Allocation](#)
Subject: Reg ABAG's assessment of City of Saratoga's Housing Needs
Date: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 9:03:00 PM

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Thank you
Murali Gandluru



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Regional Housing Need Allocation](#)
Subject: Housing Assessment Numbers Saratoga, CA
Date: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 3:40:08 PM

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Our city has already filed an appeal with ABAG. Such a push for housing is NOT pragmatic at all, does NOT address the needs of water, schools, traffic and our fire-risk hillsides.

Water and infrastructure are major concerns in Saratoga and adding 1,700 additional housing units will only compound the current issues we have.

Sincerely,

Dr. & Mrs. Peter Nose

From: [Ray froess](#)
To: [Regional Housing Need Allocation](#)
Subject: I protest the City of Saratoga RHNA housing Needs Assessment Numbers.
Date: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 5:31:14 PM

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We are protesting the City of Saratoga RHNA housing Needs Assessment Numbers.

1. Our population is about 30,000 in 11,000 homes. RHNA wants 1,700 more homes; 15%.
2. Half of our land is in hilly and in fire hazard and wildlife areas – both unsuitable and unsafe for development.
3. We are already having water shortages and can't sustain more usage.
4. We are pocketed by mountains and already have traffic congestion and limited public transportation.
5. There is little business area that could be converted to mixed use (business & residential).
6. As there's little business, employment is miles away.
7. The mean home is \$2.8M. Even a condo is around \$1M. This will never be affordable housing.
8. We're on the San Andreas earthquake fault line. High rise buildings are risky and expensive to build.

The solution is to stop the flood of illegal immigrants that is causing the need for more housing.

Ray & Betty Froess



From: [Susan Calderon](#)
To: [Regional Housing Need Allocation](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Saratoga ABAG mandate - OBJECTION
Date: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 5:20:55 PM

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Dear ABAG personnel,

The Saratoga planning commission member, Cheriell Jensen, sent you a well articulated letter protesting the Need Assessment Numbers (1700). This is government overreach by unelected people who don't live in our community. The very establishment of non elected officials to determine our individual city housing numbers is unacceptable. The creative numbers demanded are not couched in good planning relative to resources and residents' desires. I completely concur with the points made by Cheriell Jensen as follows:

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I would to add to Cheriell Jensen's comments, that the bright spot in this is that people are waking up to the complete takeover of government by extremely politically left which will result in changes to take back our government to truly serve the citizens. Those in ABAG do not!

Kind regards,
Susan Calderon

From: [Adele Salle](#)
To: [Regional Housing Need Allocation](#)
Subject: 1700 housing mandate for Saratoga
Date: Thursday, September 2, 2021 12:21:24 PM

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There is not sufficient land where to build 17 00 new housing units without resorting to multiple storied buildings, thereby destroying the country nature of the city.

Adele Salle



From: [Fred Becker](#)
To: [Regional Housing Need Allocation](#)
Subject: RHNA-Saratoga
Date: Thursday, September 2, 2021 9:50:36 AM

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To Decision Makers,

I hereby protest the City of Saratoga RHNA housing Needs Assessment Numbers (more than 1,700) for the following reasons:

1-Our city has already filed an appeal with ABAG.

2-Such push for housing is not pragmatic at all, since:

- 2a- it does NOT address the needs of **water**,
- 2b- it does NOT address the needs of **schools**,
- 2c- it does NOT address the needs of **traffic**, and,
- 2d- it does NOT address the needs of our **fire-risk hillsides**.

Please consider these important factors in your decisions.

Thank you,
Fred Becker

