

ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2026

ABSTRACT

A resolution making findings regarding the benefits of teleconferencing by the MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council and authorizing the Council to use teleconferencing pursuant to Cal. Government Code Section 54953.8.6.

Further discussion of this subject is contained in the summary sheet associated with the agenda item for the ABAG Executive Board meeting of March 19, 2026.

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**AUTHORIZING THE USE OF SUBSIDIARY BODY TELECONFERENCING FOR THE
MTC ABAG COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) is the region's Council of Governments and regional land use planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act, California Government Code Section 6500 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, ABAG and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) have jointly created the MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council (Council), a 27-member advisory body that provides input on regional housing and transportation decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Council serves exclusively in an advisory capacity for both MTC and ABAG; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 54953.8.6 allows eligible subsidiary bodies – generally defined as advisory bodies – to meet via teleconference upon initial review and approval by their creating bodies and renewal of that review and approval every six months; and

WHEREAS, the Council is not authorized to take final action on legislation, regulations, contracts, licenses, permits, or any other entitlements, grants, or allocation of funds; and

WHEREAS, the Council does not have primary subject matter jurisdiction that focuses on elections, budgets, police oversight, privacy, removing from, or restricting access to, materials available in public libraries, or taxes or related spending proposals; and

WHEREAS, ABAG has considered the circumstances of the Council; and

WHEREAS, ABAG finds that teleconference meetings of the Council would enhance public access to meetings of the Council, and the public has been made aware of the type of remote participation, including audio-visual or telephonic, that will be made available at a regularly scheduled meeting and has been provided the opportunity to comment at an in-person meeting of the legislative body authorizing the subsidiary body to meet entirely remotely; and

WHEREAS, teleconference meetings of the Council would promote the attraction, retention, and diversity of eligible subsidiary body members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Board of the

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Association of Bay Area Governments finds that the above findings are true and correct; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council is authorized to meet via teleconference pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8.6 in compliance with any other state or federal laws relating to access to public meetings; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the findings and effects of this Resolution may be renewed via majority vote of the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments without the need to amend or alter the Resolution

The foregoing was adopted by the Executive Board this 19th day of March, 2026.

Belia Ramos
President

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD APPROVAL

I, the undersigned, the appointed and qualified Clerk of the Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments (Association), do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the Association at a duly called and noticed meeting held in San Francisco, California, and at other remote locations, on the 00th day of January, 2025.

Frederick Castro
Clerk of the Board

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