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To: ABAG & MTC - info@planbayarea.org

Re: Comments on Plan Bay Area Update 2017

From: Linda Pfeifer, Sausalito City Councilmember,
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Dear ABAG and MTC,

I am concerned to see the new job and household growth projections for Sausalito in the Plan Bay Area Update 2017. I had thought the lessons-learned from the first Plan Bay Area (PBA I) might be applied to these new 2017 projections to yield more realistic numbers based on historical data, economic realities, and trends.

For example, Sausalito's population has rarely wavered far from 7,300, give or take a couple hundred, and in a recent census our population decreased. Yet the PBA 2017 update adds an additional 300 households for the 2017-2040 projection, *regardless of scenario*. The baseline year is 4,200 and grows to 4,500.

I find it hard to reconcile these projections, especially in light of PBA 2013's projections of 23% job growth in Sausalito, now widely acknowledged as flawed. But now Plan Bay Area 2017 sets job growth projections in Sausalito at 900 in the Big City scenario and 1,000 in the Main Street and Connected Neighborhoods scenarios. Even during the economic boom times prior to 2008, Sausalito did not experience such high job growth.

While the Big City scenario seems to yield the least impact overall in Marin, to me the entire analysis is flawed. No scenario in PBA 2017 yields job or household growth projections for our small town that could be justified under the most robust economic conditions. In addition, Sausalito has hard borders with Richardson Bay and The Golden Gate National Recreation Area headlands, so it's hard to understand how our small town might expand without environmental consequence, even if half the percentage of these projected figures were plausible.

I urge MTC and ABAG to start this analysis over again and apply the lessons learned from the first Plan Bay Area. The public's confidence was shaken during the first PBA. This time around, it's important to get the process right. Thank you for your consideration.

Kind Regards,

Linda Pfeifer

Sausalito City Councilmember

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