

Anonymous voicemail, July 7, 2021

When you're planning the Bay Area, would you please plan it so that the housing and the jobs balance? And I don't mean that they balance by number; I mean that they balance by type of job. That is, if a community wants a bunch of engineers to live in an area, yes, there should be housing for engineers within walking distance of your facility. If Marin County needs public employees to their fire station and their police department, see that they can afford to live in the area where they're working, and see that they plan the community so that *inaudible* desirable. If the people of Marin need maids, see to it that they build housing for maids within walking distance of the houses of Marin—or within at least a bike or bus. To put maids on a train to Sonoma County and deprive those people of an hour and a half that they could be spending with their children is not ethically or, it's just not proper. That the community that needs whichever level they need, should provide the jobs and the housing to fit those particular groups of people who want to live close to their work. It's just, it is outrageous to basically give a planning department decision to a transportation agency. It's like they say about, "give the man a hammer and every problem is a nail," give the transportation agency a billion dollars and every problem can be solved by more transportation. What people need is a life that does not consist of spending hours on either a bus, a train or a car. We need to plan so that our communities are in balance; not just by numbers, but by the jobs that the people need. And I would suggest we move back to the manufacturing, to places that are close to where the workers live. I don't know if I'm clear or not, but we just keep doing it the wrong way and replacing cars with buses, or replacing cars with trains does not cut the hour and a half a day that people need to be spending with their family. That should be family time. And you should be planning the Bay Area community, what's so striking is that you take a community that seems to be pretty balanced (Sonoma County), and you want them to build twice as much housing. You don't specify who for other than the fact that it be affordable. You want build twice as many housing as you anticipate jobs. That is an outrage! Sonoma County should be expected to produce the same number of housing as jobs, and San Francisco should be expected to produce the same number of housing as they anticipate jobs. I don't know how to say it more clearly. I cannot believe that civilized, reasonable people would be proposing what I read.