

Plan Bay Area 2050 should be ruled incomplete - Did not consider alternative to Control Job Growth .

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The EIR for Plan Bay Area 2050 should be ruled incomplete because it did not consider the viable alternative to control job growth in the region. Failure to control job growth has led to environmental and quality of life deterioration for the region's residents. Presupposing significant additional growth without addressing the root cause will only lead to further deterioration.

Plan Bay Area 2050 presupposes the growth of 2.8million new residences, 1.4million new jobs, and 1.4million new households in a region that already has 7.8million residents. This is a 35% growth in a region already suffering from overcrowding. But what if there was an alternative? What if there was a way to pause growth?

Plan Bay Area 2050 presupposes 35% growth for the region and examines alternatives to manage the problems associated with such growth. But it does nothing to address the root cause which means environmental quality of quality of life for residents of the region will only get worse. The Plan as much as acknowledges that San Francisco and Santa Clara counties have seen significant job growth and will continue to see such growth if left unchecked (The Bay Area has added 700K new jobs in the last decade, a 20% increase).

The EIR and CEQA processes are designed to protect the environment and quality of life. The job growth in the region did not "just happen". It was allowed to happen without regard to the consequences EIR and CEQA reviews are designed to review and protect against.