

## Draft PBA 2050 Comment Form submission

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Submitted on July 19, 2021 Submitted values are: \*Name\* Ferenc Kovac \*Email\* [REDACTED]  
[1] \*Zip Code\* [REDACTED] \*Topic\* Other \*Comment\* Basic concerns to MUST address before proceeding: 1. Wildfire safety: Homeowners insurances are being cancelled due to wildfire danger. building more dense homes will make it unsafe for humans to live there, as they will not be able to evacuate (try leaving Moraga to get to Orinda BART (with no parking - even less once you build high density housing there) - it takes 40 minutes. 2. Lack of clean water. In addition to jobs, housing, transportation, etc. people need water - one can only cut back so much but still pay hundreds of dollars / month for water. Who is addressing the added demands by adding more people in the area that has a constant water shortage already? 3. Building more homes where the jobs are makes sense - thanks for listening.  
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Submitted on July 19, 2021 Submitted values are: \*Name\* Frank Welte \*Email\* fwelte@lighthouse-sf.org [1] \*Zip Code\* 94103 \*Affiliation\* LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired \*Topic\* Other \*Comment\* The introduction says almost nothing about people with disabilities. People with disabilities are over-represented in the ranks of the economically disadvantaged and unemployed. This disparity will not be resolved without explicit, deliberate, targeted actions to redress the systemic barriers faced by people with disabilities. Other than including a vague reference to people with disabilities and the elderly in a couple of sentences, the introduction is silent on this important subject. This almost dismissive treatment of people with disabilities by the authors of Plan Bay Area 2050 stands in sharp contrast with the refreshingly specific and thoughtful consideration of the needs and disparities faced both historically and presently by people of color. The introduction quite properly points to specific examples of inequities; redlining, disruption of vibrant minority neighborhoods by highway construction, discriminatory home valuation in minority neighborhoods and inequitable distribution of relief funding and reinvestment after disasters. The summary is silent on specific examples of disparities for people with disabilities; extremely high unemployment rates, higher rates of poverty, a shortage of wheelchair accessible housing and more than a century of construction that is saturated with accessibility barriers for people with disabilities, most of which have not been mitigated, even a generation after the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act. We won't do right by people with disabilities if we don't clearly document the specific barriers they face. The introduction is equally silent on providing recommendations for addressing inequities faced by people with disabilities as compared with the treatment given to specific recommendations regarding inequities faced by racial minorities. The access barriers and discrimination faced by people with disabilities won't be overcome if we don't make specific plans to remove those access barriers and to resist the discrimination. If these plans aren't spelled out in Plan Bay Area, they won't happen. [1] <mailto:fwelte@lighthouse-sf.org>