

Protest Plan Bay Area 2050

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To: EIR Comments <eircomments@bayareametro.gov>

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Sir:

I wish to strongly oppose the subject plan regarding the take-over of local controls to concentrate growth in so called "already job-rich areas".

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In the midst of so much else don't forget that your last chance over the next eight years to send in a protest letter to ABAG on their disastrous plans to concentrate jobs and housing in the South Bay

must be sent in before July 20!

The cries for "housing, housing, housing" and "take away local zoning" we hear every day have been created by ABAG's Plan Bay Area 2050 with its RHNA allocations. These documents require an unparalleled concentration of jobs and housing in already jobs rich areas like Palo Alto without any effective public discussion as required by CA Codes about the consequences of concentrated growth.

This has all come about because ABAG, our local regional planning agency, decided that their priority strategy for the Bay Area should be concentrated growth in already jobs-rich areas.

All while ignoring affordable housing, housing speculation, the historic droughts, the drain on our power grid, density and changing work patterns —

and so much more as laid out by PASZ in the [June 23rd letter to MTC](#) and by Art Kiesel, former Mayor of Foster City and Board member of the League of California Cities in his [Catalysts Town Hall presentation on June 17, 2021](#).

What can you do? *We are nearing the end of the public comment period on the Environment Impact Review of ABAG's disastrous Plan (July 20)*. Any written comment they receive before that date must be responded to by staff in public written documents that must be approved by the ABAG Executive Committee in public session in the fall before Plan Bay Area 2050 and the RHNA allocations are officially approved.

Please write a personal comment to ABAG and send to eircomments@bayareametro.gov before July 20.

Each written comment must be answered. State the issue that is important to you--we already have the highest office and housing prices in the country; affordable housing subsidies are the highest in the country; the loss of local zoning control; the huge burden of higher infrastructure costs of roads, schools, parks; the loss of family housing; congestion; challenges to mobility; the lack of effective transit. Pick out what you think is most upsetting.

Just be sure to mention that the process used by ABAG to arrive at their jobs and housing concentrations in the South Bay was done by in-house technical committees using their own models with no effective public discussion as required by Code despite repeated requests for such open discussions.

Be sure to send your letter to eircomments@bayareametro.gov before July 20. There will be an open public discussion of the letters and responses at the ABAG Executive Board Meeting in Sept/Oct with a chance for public or legal follow-up.

Please send in a note and ask a few others to do so as well.

Add your postal address here!