

Re: NO to Plan Bay Area 2050

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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing on behalf of myself and my husband in opposition ABAG's Plan Bay Area 2050. It imposes great burdens on our community without any effective public discussion of these burdens. This is true despite the California Government Code that states that the regional government body "explore in public meetings alternate means of dealing with intraregional jobs-housing imbalances." We wish to understand the reasoning behind our planning agency proposing to concentrate growth in jobs and housing in an already jobs-rich area with infrastructure that is currently struggling to support existing jobs and homes. If more jobs and housing are added, city residents, whose way of life will be negatively impacted, will nonetheless have to pay for the cost of increased roads, schools and parks, etc. and the bulk of the funds for new affordable housing. Traffic congestion, which before COVID was unmanageable, will deteriorate further with more job and housing growth, all this despite the inadequate public transit in the area.

We'd like to ask that the Plan Bay Area 2050/RHNA process be suspended until MTC/ABAG meets in meaningful public sessions to explore benefits to the community that might result from an alternative job dispersion plan: for instance, one that discusses the positive impacts of placing business caps on cities experiencing rapid job growth. We are strong advocates of local citizens having a strong say in shaping the environment they inhabit.

Thank you for your attention to this message.

Sincerely,

Laura Seitel and Loy Martin