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To whom it may concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment upon the draft Plan Bay Area 2050 (PBA) and the draft Environmental Impact Report for the PBA.

Plan Bay Area 2050 (PBA) is important to building a future Bay Area. It lays out a vision of an equitable, diverse and potentially thriving Bay Area, including many strategies to achieve that vision. I especially appreciate the focus on transportation, a major element of PBA, as transportation is the biggest source of greenhouse gases in the Bay Area.

However, PBA should do more.

1. Public Transportation benefits as TDM strategy

While PBA discusses strategies for reducing vehicle miles traveled (VMT), I am concerned that PBA still does not include sufficient focus on restoring and enhancing the region's public transportation services.

In particular, the reduction of parking and de-coupling of parking from building requirements is encouraged as a strategy for dis-incentivizing personal vehicle use, which is good, but there should also be emphasis placed on coupling public transit benefits with new housing developments in order to help finance public transportation services. The requirement that new housing developments, especially multiunit and affordable housing developments, offer residents public transit passes or public transit discounts should be strongly encouraged across the region.

As housing is built with less accommodation for personal vehicles, the housing should be required to support public transportation. This is especially important when housing is developed at under-utilized commercial sites not currently well-served by public transportation. The region needs all housing to

