

Draft PBA 2050 Comment Form submission

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Comment This is what I think...ABAG does what ABAG wants. When we first discovered our elected officials had proposed our neighborhood as a PDA as part of a consent agenda, with no public advertisement or discussion, we reached out to Therese McMillan and Board of Directors with detailed information as to why we don't fit the criteria to be a PDA, it did not matter. When the Sonoma County Grand Jury found in our favor and agreed that the County had not included us in any discussions and had violated MTC's own rules for public engagement, it did not matter. When 40% of comments from the entire BAY AREA came from our community outcrying the fact that we had been named a PDA without our input and discussion, it did not matter. We live in a high-fire zone directly outside of the Sonoma City Limits. Our local bus has no weekend or late afternoon routes and 45-minute headways. All things that would disqualify us to be a PDA. No one has explained why Sonoma County was able to nominate us even though our neighborhood violates basic PDA requirements. We have evidence that statements Sonoma County made in their application about having a transportation program was not true. It did not matter. ABAG does what ABAG wants. Let's hope all the new homes that get built don't go up in flames during a wildfire season. Let's hope we can all evacuate safely in spite of all the hundreds more people and vehicles that will be allowed to reside in our neighborhood. [1] mailto:[REDACTED]