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Hi,
Regarding Environmental Strategies*, I urge you to include "Landscaping with Local Native Plants" in order to address the biodiversity crisis. Scientists have been talking about mass extinctions, the insect apocalypse and 2/3rds of North American birds being at the brink of extinction*. Plants are the foundational bases of entire food webs.

Greta Thunberg has it right. We are in the midst of a climate change crisis as well as an environmental crisis. We are at the tail end of the United Nations' Decade on Biodiversity. Next year will begin the UN Decade on Habitat Restoration. Scientists tell us private and public property owners have to be part of the solution by landscaping with local native plants. Because birds eat insects for protein. And insects depend on plants they evolved with. Expanding and enhancing native habitat should be part of Plan Bay Area 2050; gardens, parks, and all manner of landscaping should be based on local native plants.

The California Native Plant Society has catalogued almost 7000 plants indigenous to California. About 1/3rd, over 2300, of these occur nowhere else in the world. These are plants we should be seeing more of, not non-native plants. California is a biodiversity hotspot, and the Bay Area is a very important part of this hotspot. In San Francisco, for example, CNPS has identified 468 extant indigenous taxa. No other state has near the amount of biodiversity that California has. We should celebrate and invigorate this biodiversity.

I urge you to expand Environmental Strategies by specifying support for biodiversity and landscaping with local native plants on all private and public property. Clearly, bees, butterflies and birds provide environmental services while making the human experience more enjoyable.

Thanks,
Denise Louie



* https://www.planbayarea.org/sites/default/files/PBA2050_Draft_BPStrategies_070920.pdf

** Based on Audubon's 7-year study of North American birds

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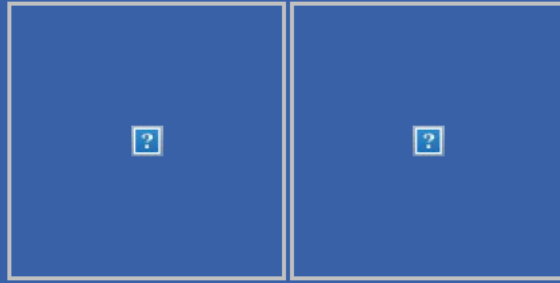
Plan Bay Area 2050 Draft Blueprint Released

We are pleased to announce the release of the [Plan Bay Area 2050 Draft Blueprint](#), a critical step in the creation of Plan Bay Area 2050, the Bay Area's long-range plan that looks holistically at the region's transportation, housing, economic, and environmental issues. The Draft Blueprint integrates 25 resilient and equitable strategies to make progress toward a more affordable, connected, diverse, healthy and vibrant Bay Area for all.

Highlights of the Draft Blueprint include improved affordability for residents of all income levels; expanded housing opportunities for low-income residents, including construction of more than 400,000 new permanently-affordable homes; a focus on growth in walkable communities; investments to reduce traffic fatalities and to protect homes from sea level rise; and strategies that support renewed economic growth.

We need to hear from you! We are currently seeking input on which strategies would best meet the challenges the Bay Area will face over the next several decades. Please join us for one of our [digital workshops or telephone town hall](#) meetings, or provide input via an [online survey](#). The [Public Comment](#) period is open July 10, 2020 through August 10, 2020, so

please make your voices heard!



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