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Dear Californians -

The data used for growth projections is stunningly irrelevant for the next five years because of the impact of Coronavirus, which was subsequent to this data being assembled. Growth projections for the 2020 are now negative because of the virus and 2021 will be little better, because of the time needed to create and propagate a vaccine.

Also Mayor Anderson of Lafayette noted recently that residential developments in Lafayette have already created a job loss of 600+ in our small city. All ABAG's aspirations would do is contribute to the already out-of-control commutes with their increased/unneeded pollution and the diminution of life for workers and their families.

Put the housing where the jobs are - get rid of that out-of-date belief that commutes are acceptable. BART in the Bay Area is maxed out, dangerous, unpleasant and unhealthy. With telework, massive commercial skyscrapers and zombie one-way traffic jams are anachronistic and should only be allowed when built with adequate, offsetting housing.

The approach of real estate forces is out of synch with the current economy, with the proper locations for housing and the critical local jobs/local housing balance.

The best chance ABAG's plans have is only by working with the folks across the table to reach the correct solution.

Sincerely,
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