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Re: Item 7a Plan Bay Area 2050 Projections and 12a Proposed ABAG MTC Committee Work Integration

Dear ABAG Executive Board,

Item 7a: Plan Bay Area 2050 Projections

Projections for jobs in PBA 2050 are no longer even close to being accurate. *Approving a housing plan now without updating these projections is irresponsible. The effects of Covid-19 are considerable and will be with us a long time, plus projections are higher than the Department of Finance's projections for the region, which were done before the pandemic and shelter-in-place orders!*

RHNA numbers should be based on realistic job projections for the next 5 years, not the next 30 years! This is normal procedure with a 4-year update cycle.

Basing this next cycle of RHNA allotments on pre-pandemic job growth is setting up every city in your region to fail miserably. Since senate bills established monetary fines on our cities for non-compliance, YOU MUST REDUCE the allocations!

Why on Earth is building more market-rate housing the only solution touted and required? Telecommuting; educating the public about carpool apps/ride share; jobs decentralization strategies and economic revitalization in more affordable towns; and cohesive mass transit between transportation associations is vital for a healthy and balanced economy. MTC's public communication is absent these solutions and the public is aware that developer interests/mega corporate interests and the real estate lobby is what's driving "transportation" politics in this state. Folks have had enough. Cities have had enough. Citizens and cities pay a huge price when bad practices are mandated: Rich cities get richer. Poor cities get poorer. We have more gentrification, more fire risk, more congestion, higher real estate prices, lower quality of life, more social problems.

How do current practices work to increase quality of life standards in CA? THEY'RE NOT! Common sense says that we don't have a housing allocation problem - WE HAVE A JOBS ALLOCATION PROBLEM! - THIS PROBLEM IS MAGNIFIED IF YOU LOOK AT THE NATIONAL SCALE AND THE FACT THAT GOOD PAYING JOBS ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY ON THE EAST AND WEST COASTS! WHEN WE TURN A BLIND EYE TO JOBS CENTRALIZATION STRATEGY, FOR MONEY AND POWER (CEO'S ARE TOP DEMOCRATIC DONORS AND HEAVILY INFLUENCE HOUSING POLICY, ALL WHILE WANTING TO KEEP THEIR OWN SINGLE FAMILY NEIGHBORHOODS PRISTINE) - SOCIETY PAYS A HUGE PRICE!

PLEASE DO NOT TURN A BLIND EYE. PLEASE DO NOT BE SWAYED BY GREED/MONEY/POWER/SPECIAL INTERESTS. Many jobs will be lost due to Covid-19

and cities' tax revenues will suffer! Please change your RNHA allocations now.

Thanks!

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