

public comment on the RHNA allocation equation

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Dear RHNA committee,

I want to comment on the methodology. Please add my comment to the records.

I think you are missing the most important factor. To build so much housing realistically, you first need a place to build it on. Cities differ greatly in the amount of available land. Some can grow freely. Others are limited by their geography, and they cannot build much new housing. You can, of course, pretend that this is not so. But then the numbers that you are planning will not be achieved. Isn't it better to do a calculation right away so that it can really be achievable, at least theoretically?

I live in Saratoga. It is almost completely built up. There are several plots, on each of which one can build several dozen housing units. But this is the limit.

Perhaps I shouldn't worry about the SB35. Because we simply do not have a place for construction, developers will not come to us. But I still want to get involved in planning for BayArea 2050, and I love seeing a quality job.

I think you should add the parameter of free land available for construction or the possibility of city expansion as one of the factors in your equation. Because this is an absolutely fundamental factor. And then your plans will become more attainable.

Thank you.

Best regards,
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