



November 12, 2020

Jesse Arreguin, President
Executive Board, Association of Bay Area Governments
375 Beal Street, Suite 700
San Francisco, CA 94105

Subject: Proposed RHNA Methodology and Sub regional Shares

Dear President Arreguin,

On behalf of the City of Alameda Mayor and City Council, I am pleased to be sending you and the Housing Methodology Committee this letter of support for your work over the last year. We recognize that developing a methodology for the distribution of over 441,000 housing units across the Bay Area's many cities and counties is a thankless job, but we want to thank you.

On November 4, 2020, the Alameda City Council discussed the proposal made by the Tri-Valley Cities and their request that ABAG de-emphasize the equity factor that is an important policy objective in the regional plan and successfully implemented in the Methodology Committee's "Option 8A".

Although the Tri-Cities proposal would reduce Alameda's RHNA allocation by approximately 30%, the Alameda City Council on a vote of 4-1 directed staff to transmit this letter of opposition to the Tri-Valley request to de-emphasize the need for greater equity across the Bay Area.

As an island city, we understand that each municipality may have factors that they believe should change their individual numbers, but the Alameda City Council believes strongly that addressing historic inequities in planning, land-use and transportation is a bare minimum for prioritization when it comes to housing allocations and that additional considerations should not have a reduced impact on these factors.

The City of Alameda City Council commends the Committee on their good work to date and your efforts to address long standing in-equities throughout the Bay Area.

Sincerely,


Andrew Thomas,
Director of Planning, Building and Transportation, City of Alameda.

cc. Alameda Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft and City Council
Alameda City Manager, Eric Levitt