

Proposed RHNA Methodology and Subregional Shares

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Dear members of the ABAG Regional Planning Committee,

I'm writing in to support the proposed RHNA methodology and subregional shares plan that promotes equity.

While I do not understand all of the specific factors that ABAG leaders, staff, and consultants have been weighing as part of this process, I appreciate that it is a complicated process that needs to take into account many different factors. I am pleased to see that the proposed plan emphasizes equity concerns and focuses development on the inner Bay Area and cities that will benefit most from in-fill (while still asking all counties and cities throughout the Bay Area to add more housing).

My family and I live in Alameda, where we appreciate its walkable neighborhoods and business districts and its centrality to job opportunities throughout the inner Bay Area. More households should have the opportunity to live as we do. It will be good for overall carbon emissions, it will be good for our communities, it will be good for the residents and workers who are most impacted by high housing costs, and it will not degrade or take away from what we like about Alameda.

Despite some vocal opponents in smaller newspapers and on mailing lists who appear to be playing a mean "zero sum" game to argue their RHNA allocation onto other jurisdictions, I think there are actually a lot of folks and a lot of elected leaders who understand the need to fairly build more housing throughout the Bay Area, with all jurisdictions taking on the responsibility—and the opportunity—for more housing. Thank you for managing this process and please take this as a public comment in support of the proposed methodology and subregional shares.

Sincerely,

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