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Hi, Our local Alameda newspaper provided this email for sending comments about ABAG/RHNA numbers. I am writing out of concern regarding the current allocation formula and the untenable number of housing units it would require to reach the affordable housing goals. I am sure you have heard this concern from many others and specifically concerns due to rising water levels, liquefaction, traffic, lack of infrastructure to support what would seem to be a 42% increase in units over current units/units in construction/planned already. Sadly our city council appears uninterested in applying for a variance from the current formula to the alternative proposed by Contra Costa County cities. I am requesting that you give serious consideration to citizen concern in your Methodology Committee and Executive Board meetings and decision-making process. While I understand that housing is lagging behind need, I think it is past time to shift the entire paradigm. I think, given the advent of remote working, and the huge income inequality between the bay area/south coast and the rest of the state, that regional job and housing hubs should be planned and developed throughout these low income areas. This would take pressure off of already over built urbanized areas that lack supportive infrastructure and can hardly imagine how to pay for said infrastructure. It will be much less costly to develop in other areas.

Thank you,
Vali Ebert