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Dear ABAG Board and Staff,

As a resident of the Bay Area, I support the plan brought forward by the Housing Methodology Committee, as it has taken the input of a diverse set of opinions and backgrounds.

I have heard some discussion on whether the higher numbers for unincorporated areas would conflict with anti-sprawl measures. I believe that ABAG should instead better divide unincorporated areas into smaller chunks, perhaps by Census-Designated places. For example, in Santa Clara County, we would be better separating it to Stanford, Alum Rock, San Martin, and other segments so as not push development into areas like Coyote Valley. This also alleviates inter-city fights over who'd get the additional numbers to make up for unincorporated reductions.

What I do not wish to see are major reductions in resource-rich areas. The proposed RHNA numbers are higher than previous cycles because they recognize the housing crisis we find ourselves in; Plan Bay Area 2050 was initially going to provide an even higher RHND after all. Previous planning failures do not justify shirking our responsibilities to current and future generations to provide an affordable, equitable, sustainable place to live. And we must be affirmatively furthering such actions.

Sincerely, Kevin Ma