



The Town of
Woodside

November 24, 2020

Association of Bay Area Governments and Metropolitan Transportation
Commission's Public Information Office
375 Beale St., Suite 800
San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: Proposed RHNA Methodology and Subregional Shares

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in response to the 6th Cycle RHNA process and the proposed RHNA methodology. Initially, I want to thank ABAG for the time and effort it has put into this RHNA cycle so far.

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The October 2020 Proposed Methodology and Subregional Shares Report (the "Report"), however, fails to take into account the unique challenges faced by jurisdictions within the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). The Town of Woodside, as well as other areas of San Mateo County, is within the WUI, an acknowledgement of the threat of wildfire. This past August, the CZU Lightning Complex fires came within a few miles of the Town of Woodside and, as a result, many of my neighbors received evacuation orders. Wildfire remains one of the biggest threats to Woodside and the Town is taking proactive measures to manage fire fuels within its borders. The Report, however, makes only passing reference to the threat from wildfires and does not adjust the RHNA allocations for communities most at risk.

To properly plan for safe and affordable housing, the RHNA methodology must take into account wildfire threat and make accommodations for those at-risk communities. Woodside remains committed to planning for its fair share of housing, but the RHNA allocation process must consider the unique challenges associated with wildfire risk. Current and future residents of Woodside and communities like it would not be served by substantial new development in wildfire prone areas. In short, a one-size-fits-all approach does not work. I implore ABAG to more carefully consider how its methodology will affect communities with high wildfire risk and make necessary accommodations.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns

Sincerely,



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cc: Town Council