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## ABAG Committee,

The Bay Area (and California) is suffering from decades of under-building. Planning for barely 400,000 new homes over the next 8 years is a travesty when put in context with the extent of the current housing and homelessness crisis and the effect the current housing crisis has on slowing down our economy (one of the most dynamic in the US). We should be opening up the borders of our cities, towns and counties to all residents who want to make our region their home, not just the privileged few.

Please approve significantly more housing than what is currently being considered... 1,000,000 homes over the next 8 years has a nice ring to it.

We call on the Association of Bay Area Governments to do their duty and — at the very least — plan to make the Bay Area more affordable and reduce overcrowding by planning for sufficient housing production. Please appeal to HCD for a more realistic target to meet our region's needs.

Respectfully,

Ryan Lester