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**From:** Connie Cunningham [REDACTED]  
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**To:** "Therese W. McMillan" [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Urgently call on ABAG to appeal for an increase to our Bay Area Regional Housing (RHNA)

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Dear Therese McMillan, Executive Director

I call on the Association of Bay Area Governments to — at the very least — plan to make the Bay Area more affordable and reduce overcrowding by planning for sufficient housing production

The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) recently announced their initial housing needs target for the next eight-year cycle. If the proposal stands, starting in 2023, cities in the nine-county Bay Area region will need to collectively zone for around 440,000 new housing units, of which 114,000 would be reserved for very-low income and 66,000 for low-income households. These may sound like big numbers, but the data tells us that this is about half what we're going to need.

YIMBY Action and several other housing activist coalitions are calling upon ABAG to appeal this number and apply a higher number that matches the scale of the housing shortage in the Bay Area. For each input ABAG asked for — and HCD agreed to — the bare minimum number to comply with the new state laws, and as a result the final number is much smaller than what a reasonable and forward-thinking body would choose. This is planning to fail.

I urgently call on ABAG to appeal for an increase to our Bay Area Regional Housing (RHNA) goal based on metrics that commit us to actually addressing the housing crisis.

Sincerely,

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Housing Commission, Cupertino (self only)

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