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Subject: DELAY FINAL APPROVAL OF HCD'S REGIONAL HOUSING DETERMINATION



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Honorable Megan Kirkeby Acting Deputy Director, Department of Housing and Community Development and Therese W. McMillan, Executive Director, ABAG:

We are asking MTC/ABAG and HCD to delay giving final approval of the RHND on July 10th. There must be a full opportunity for the people of the West Bay to participate in the process that plays an immense role in their future and quality of life.

It is essential that MTC/ABAG and HCD extend the date for the RHND finalization so as to better assess the impacts of COVID-19, the outward migration of both jobs and California residents, and the current recession that will upend development plans for all types of property.

Most importantly, you are not following the law as defined in California Government Code 65584. The Code requires MTC/ABAG/HCD to explore alternate means of addressing the huge local imbalances in the jobs/housing ratio that has created the highest level of housing prices in the country.

Instead, you stated that it was not worth looking at job caps in jobs-rich cities. You have not explored the beneficial impacts of disbursing more jobs throughout the Bay Area as the Code requires. Instead, we see the concentration of both jobs and

housing growth in the most expensive, congested part of the Bay Area. This makes building BMR units virtually impossible in the region.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION TO EXTEND THE FINAL DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. Government Code 65584.01 that sets the final date of approval as July 10th also states that you must take action to "explore alternative means of resolving intraregional jobs-housing imbalances." We ask that you please delay final approval of the RHND and work with Bay Area communities to find alternative means of resolving the intraregional jobs-housing imbalances.

Sincerely,

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