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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 05, 2016 1:34 PM  
**To:** MTC Info  
**Subject:** LETTER FOR MR. DAVE CORTESE

July 5, 2015

Mr. Dave Cortese:  
Chairman  
Governing Commission  
Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)  
375 Beale Street  
San Francisco, California 94105

Dear Mr. Cortese:

I am greatly disappointed that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) are holding a meeting at 10:30 A.M., Friday, July 8, 2016, at MTC headquarters at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, California 94505

For people who work full-time, a meeting at 10:30 A.M. on Friday, July 8 is extremely inconvenient.

I and, I believe, many other Bay Area residents are concerned about several aspects of MTC and ABAG:

- (1) The directors of MTC and ABAG are not directly elected by voters.
- (2) MTC and ABAG are making decisions about a given Bay Area city's land use. Land-use decisions should be made by local communities, not by unelected officials operating at a regional level.
- (3) I am concerned that MTC and ABAG are supporting the construction of high-rise, high-density housing without voters' permission or voters' consent. I am opposed to the construction of such housing in Orinda, a city that is full and has no room for more housing. In addition, generally after 7:30 A.M. on weekdays there are no spaces in the BART parking lot in Orinda. I am a resident of Orinda.
- (3) I have read news media article about excessive costs associated with MTC's San Francisco headquarters.
- (4) On September 30, 2014, MTC and other regional agencies imposed a Commuter Benefits Plan on firms -- firms with 50 or more full-time employees in the nine-county Bay Area. The plan involves a firm's hiring a Commuter Benefits Coordinator. I believe that Bay Area residents should have voted on such a benefits plan.

The time has come for public officials to be accountable to voters.

The July 8 meeting should be scheduled to take place during a weekday evening. And the meeting place should have ample parking for those of us who drive motor vehicles.

Please explain to me why MTC has to hold a public meeting during traditional work hours -- specifically at 10:30 A.M., Friday, July 8, 2016.

Sincerely,

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