

ABAG's Plan Bay Area 2050

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I am writing with enormous concern that your Plan Bay Area 2050 requires an unparalleled concentration of jobs and housing in already jobs-rich areas like Palo Alto and you've given no effective public discussion as required by CA Codes concerning the consequences of concentrated growth.

I've lived here for 50 years and I'm in a 4-story condominium building. I don't have anything against concentrated housing such as condos and apartment buildings. The problem is Palo Alto can't absorb more growth. I'm constantly thinking about leaving because the traffic and its attendant noise and air pollution is devastating our Peninsula communities. We cannot absorb more growth. It is shameful that the growth you propose ignores affordable housing, housing speculation, the historic droughts, the drain on our power grid, density and changing work patterns!

You should be working on seamless public transportation, promoting growth where there is room to grow and thrive, and you should NOT be stealing our local zoning control.

It is shameful that the process ABAG used to arrive at your jobs and housing concentrations in the South Bay was done by in-house technical committees using their own models with no effective public discussion as required by Code — despite repeated requests for such open discussions.

I say NO to Plan Bay Area 2050. Do not ruin our lives.

Sincerely,

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