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Hello, I would like to submit a comment on Plan Bay Area 2040 as a member of the public and resident of the Bay Area.

I noticed that there is no explicit language committing to using and measuring racial equity in either the Action Plan or the general Plan Bay Area 2040. To truly understand and account for the gravity of displacement, gentrification and the history of inequitable development policies that for centuries have disproportionately impacted and continue to have collateral impacts on communities of color, Plan Bay Area 2040 must use and measure racial equity as a lens and tool.

Many planning bodies across the country recognize the inherently racialized structure of land use and transportation planning, and how communities of color are underrepresented in the planning process. Thus, these planning bodies have chosen to be innovative in their vision by putting racial equity at the forefront, also understanding its connection to being a key tool in achieving the most impact on issues of climate change.

I implore the Plan Bay Area 2040 committee on behalf of the many communities I am a part of in Oakland and the Greater Bay Area to include racial equity as a tool and lens to guide the Action Plan and general Plan Bay Area 2040.

Thank you,

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