



August 7, 2020

Mayor Jesse Arreguin, Chair
Association of Bay Area Governments
Housing Methodology Committee
375 Beale Street, Suite 700
San Francisco, CA 94105

RE: Support for the **Plan Bay Area 2050** Baseline Data Methodology

Chair Arreguin,

The Contra Costa Mayors Conference, representing all 19 cities in Contra Costa county, wishes to convey our appreciation for the Housing Methodology Committee's work on evaluating housing allocation methodologies for the next RHNA cycle (2023-2031).

We recognize that it is a daunting task, not only because of the collective recognition to provide more housing that is affordable to a wide range of income levels but also because we can't forget that *where* we distribute the 441,176 housing unit assignment by California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to the Bay Area is just as important to the overall quality of life for all residents in the Bay Area.

In light of these considerations, the Contra Costa Mayors Conference supports and endorses the use of **Plan Bay Area 2050** as the baseline data methodology because it is consistent with the decades-long region-wide effort to:

1. **Encourage housing development in proximity to jobs**, which would in turn;
2. **Reduce transit and transportation congestion**, helping to alleviate long region wide commutes; and
3. **Reduce greenhouse gas emissions**, consistent with both AB 32 and SB 375.

It is of great concern to Contra Costa communities that the alternative “2019 Baseline Household” method would *reverse* the decades-long region-wide effort to reduce traffic congestion and GHG emissions through a greater jobs-housing balance. We appreciate your consideration of our perspective and recommendation.

Sincerely,

/Signed hard copy to follow via U. S. mail. /

Gabriel Quinto, Conference Chair
Contra Costa Mayors Conference

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