

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY
AREA GOVERNMENTS
Meeting Transcript**

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1 **ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS**
2 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING BUSINESS MEETING**
3 **FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2021, 10:30 A.M.**
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5 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** GOOD MORNING EVERYONE. WELCOME TO THE ABAG
6 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND BUSINESS MEETING. I'M CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER.
7 I'M JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS
8 EXECUTIVE BOARD AND, ALSO, THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BERKELEY. TODAY'S MAIN
9 FOCUS IS REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE ABAG ANNUAL BUDGET AND WORK PROGRAM. I
10 WELCOME OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THERESE MCMILLAN WHO WILL PROVIDE SOME
11 BRIEF REMARKS BEFORE THE PROCEDURE BEGINS. I'LL ASK FOR STAFF TO PLAY THE
12 COVID-19 ANNOUNCEMENT. [RECORDED MEETING PROCEDURES ANNOUNCEMENT] DUE TO
13 COVID-19 THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AS A ZOOM WEBINAR PURSUANT TO THE
14 PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 WHICH SUSPENDS
15 CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT. THIS MEETING IS BEING WEBCAST ON
16 THE ABAG WEB SITE. THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON COMMISSIONERS, PRESENTERS,
17 STAFF, AND OTHER SPEAKERS BY NAME AND ASK THAT THEY SPEAK CLEARLY AND
18 STATE THEIR NAMES BEFORE GIVING COMMENTS OR REMARKS. PERSONS
19 PARTICIPATING VIA WEBCAST AND ZOOM WITH THEIR CAMERAS ENABLED ARE REMINDED
20 THAT THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE VISIBLE TO VIEWERS. COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS
21 OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USE THE RAISE
22 HAND FEATURE, OR DIAL STAR NINE, AND THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE
23 APPROPRIATE TIME. TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE
24 LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBER. IT IS REQUESTED THAT PUBLIC
25 SPEAKERS STATE THEIR NAMES AND ORGANIZATION, BUT PROVIDING SUCH

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1 INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY. WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AT
2 INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5:00 P.M. YESTERDAY WILL BE POSTED TO THE ONLINE
3 AGENDA AND ENTERED INTO THE RECORD BUT WILL NOT BE READ OUT LOUD. IF
4 AUTHORS OF THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK, THEY ARE FREE
5 TO DO SO. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR ALL ACTION ITEMS. PANELISTS
6 AND ATTENDEES SHOULD NOTE THAT THE CHAT FEATURE IS NOT ACTIVE.

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8 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ABAG GENERAL ASSEMBLY
9 DELEGATES, WE WILL HAVE TO TAKE SEVERAL ROLL CALL VOTES ON THE ACTION
10 ITEMS ON OUR AGENDA TODAY. THANK YOU MR. CASTRO FOR CONDUCTING THE ROLL
11 CALLS. I'LL ASK FOR THE ROLL CALL FOR COUNTY DELEGATES FOR QUORUM
12 PRESENCE.

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14 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** NATE MILEY, ALAMEDA COUNTY. KAREN MITCHOFF CONTRA
15 COSTA COUNTY.

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17 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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19 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** STEPHANIE MOULTON PETERS, MARIN COUNTY IS ABSENT. RYAN
20 GREGORY NAPA COUNTY?

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22 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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1 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SHAMANN WALTON, CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO? IS
2 ABSENT. DAVID CANEPA, SAN MATEO COUNTY IS ABSENT. OTTO LEE, SANTA CLARA
3 COUNTY?

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5 **OTTO LEE:** PRESENT.

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7 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** JAMES SPERING, SOLANO COUNTY?

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9 **JAMES P. SPERING:** PRESENT.

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11 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUSAN GOREM, SONOMA COUNTY?

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13 **SUSAN GOREM:** PRESENT.

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15 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** QUORUM OF COUNTY DELEGATES ARE PRESENT.

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17 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** GREAT. LET'S MOVE TO ROLL CALL OF CITIES AND
18 TOWNS?

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20 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ALAMEDA COUNTY: MARILYN EZZY ASHCRAFT IS ABSENT. AARON
21 TIDEMANN, ALBANY?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** HERE. JESSE ARREQUIN?

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25 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** HERE.

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2 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SEAN KUMAGAI IS ABSENT. ALLY MEDINA OF EMERYVILLE IS
3 ABSENT.

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5 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** FRED, MAYOR ASHCRAFT IS HERE.

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7 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ALLY MEDINA EMERYVILLE IS ABSENT. LILY MEI, FREMONT,
8 IS ABSENT. FRANCISCO ZERMENO, HAYWARD.

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10 **FRANCISCO ZERMENO:** PRESENT.

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12 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** TRISH MUNRO, LIVERMORE?

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14 **TRISH MUNRO:** PRESENT.

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16 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MIKE BUCCI, NEWARK? ABSENT.

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18 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** JENNIFER CAVANAUGH, PIEDMONT?

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20 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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22 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** JULIA TESTA, PLEASANTON

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24 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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1 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** VICTOR AGUILAR, SAN LEANDRO? IS ABSENT. GARY SINGH,
2 UNION CITY IS ABSENT. THESE ARE CITIES IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY. JOHNNY
3 RODRIGUEZ, BRENTWOOD? ABSENT. KARL WOLFF CLAYTON?

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5 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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7 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. DOMINIC ALIANO, CONCORD? ABSENT. DAVE FONG,
8 DANVILLE.

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10 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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12 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** JANET, EL CERRITO IS ABSENT. ALEXANDER WALKER
13 GRIFFIN, HERCULES.

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15 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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17 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUSAN CANDELL, LAFAYETTE?

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19 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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21 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MARK ROSS, MARTINEZ? ABSENT. STEVE WOEHLKE, MORAGA?

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23 **SPEAKER:** PRESENT.

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25 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** GEORGE FULLER, OAKLEY.

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2 **SPEAKER:** HERE .

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4 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** AMY WORTH, ORINDA?

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6 **AMY WORTH:** HERE .

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8 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAUREEN TOMS, PINOLE?

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10 **SPEAKER:** HERE .

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12 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** CRAFT, PITTSBURG IS ABSENT. TIMOTHY FLAHERTY, PLEASANT

13 HILL?

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15 **SPEAKER:** HERE .

16

17 **CLERK OF THE BOARD:** THOMAS BUTT, RICHMOND?

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19 **SPEAKER:** HERE .

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21 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** RITA XAVIER, SAN PABLO.

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23 **SPEAKER:** HERE .

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25 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** DAVE HUDSON, SAN RAHMON?

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2 **DAVID E. HUDSON:** HERE.

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4 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** [INDISCERNIBLE] WALNUT CREEK?

5

6 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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8 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** CITY IN MARIN COUNTY. NANCY KEMNITZER, BELVEDERE IS

9 ABSENT. STEPHANIE HELMAN, FAIRFAX.

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11 **SPEAKER:** PRESENT.

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13 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** CATHERINE WAY, LARKSPUR, IS ABSENT. TRICIA OSSA, MILL

14 VALLEY? ABSENT.

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16 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** PAT EKLUND, NOVATO?

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18 **PAT ECKLUND:** HERE.

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20 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** STEVE WILLIAM KIRCHER, ROSS?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

23

24 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** STEVE BURDO, SAN ANSELMO? ABSENT. ELI HILL, SAN

25 RAFAEL?

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2 **SPEAKER:** PRESENT.

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4 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** JILL HOFFMAN, SAUSALITO?

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6 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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8 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** JACK RYAN TIBURON?

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10 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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12 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** CITIES IN NAPA COUNTY. DAVID ORO, AMERICAN CANYON?

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14 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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16 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** CHRIS CANNING, CALISTOGA? ABSENT. BERNIE NAVAEZ, NAPA.

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18 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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20 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** PAUL DOHRING, ST. HELENA?

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22 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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24 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** KERRI DORMAN, YOUNTVILLE?

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1 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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3 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO IS VACANT. CITY IN

4 SAN MATEO COUNTY. GEORGE ROBERTS, ATHERTON

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6 **SPEAKER:** HERE, ELIZABETH LEWIS.

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8 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU.

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10 **SPEAKER:** MAYOR.

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12 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU MA'AM. KAREN CUNNINGHAM, BRISBANE ABSENT.

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14 **SPEAKER:** I'M HERE.

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16 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** KAREN CUNNINGHAM IS HERE. THANK YOU. MICHAEL

17 BROWNRIGG, BURLINGAME.

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19 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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21 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** JOANN DEL ROSARIO, COLMA

22

23 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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1 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MANALO, DALY CITY IS ABSENT. CARLOS ROMERO EAST PALO

2 ALTO?

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4 **SPEAKER:** PRESENT.

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6 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** AWASTI, CRESCENT CITY?

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HERE. DEBRA PENROSE, HALF MOON BAY?

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10 **SPEAKER:** HERE. KRISTINE, HILLSBOROUGH.

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12 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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14 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** DREW COMBS, MENLO PARK?

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16 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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18 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ANDREW, MILBRAE?

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20 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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22 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUE BECKMEYER, PACIFICA IS ABSENT.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** HERE. AND NOTE THAT MAYOR MANALO, DALY CITY IS HERE AND IN THE

25 ATTENDEES.

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2 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. I'LL MOVE HER OVER. CRAIG HUGHES, PORTOLA
3 VALLEY.

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5 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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7 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** DIANE REDDY, REDWOOD CITY? ABSENT. MARTY MEDINA, SAN
8 BRUNO? ABSENT.

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10 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** JOHN DUGAN, SAN CARLOS? ABSENT. RICK BONILLA, SAN
11 MATEO?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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21 VALLEY.

22

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2 BRUNO? ABSENT.

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4 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** JOHN DUGAN, SAN CARLOS? ABSENT. RICK BONILLA, SAN
5 MATEO?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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9 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU, SIR. GOT YOU. WE'LL CONTINUE ON, THESE ARE
10 DELEGATES IN THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY. SERGIO LOPEZ, CAMPBELL.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** HERE. ALSO, I SEE ZAC HILTON FROM GILROY IS IN ATTENDEES.

13

14 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** DARCY PAUL, CUPERTINO?

15

16 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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18 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** REBECCA ARMENDARIZ FROM GILROY?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** I'M THE ALTERNATE FOR PETER MUNOZ.

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22 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** PETER LEROE MUNOZ IS NOT PRESENT?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** I AM PRESENT.

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1 **SPEAKER:** OH? HI, PETER. I DIDN'T SEE YOU.

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3 **SPEAKER:** HI REBECCA.

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5 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** PETER LEROE MUNOZ FOR GILROY. NEYSA FLIGOR, LOS

6 ALTOS?

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8 **NEYSA FLIGOR:** HERE.

9

10 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MATTHEW HUGHES, LOS GATOS?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

13

14 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ANTHONY PHAM, MILPITAS?

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16 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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18 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** JAVED ELLAHIE, MONTE SERENO?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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22 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** YVONNE MARTINEZ BELTRAN, MORGAN HILL?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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1 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ELLEN KAMEI, MOUNTAIN VIEW?

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3 **SPEAKER:** ALLISON HICKS, HERE, REPRESENTING MOUNTAIN VIEW FOR THE MAYOR,
4 ELLEN KAMEI.

5

6 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. GREER STONE, PALO ALTO?

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

9

10 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SERGIO JIMINEZ, SAN JOSE? **SPEAKER:** PRESENT.

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12 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** KEVIN PARK, SANTA CLARA.

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14 **SPEAKER:** HERE. YAN ZHAO, SARATOGA?

15

16 **SPEAKER:** PRESENT.

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18 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** LARRY KLEIN, SUNNYVALE?

19

20 **LARRY KLEIN:** PRESENT

21

22 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** CITIES IN SOLANO COUNTY. TREVOR MACENSKI, BENICIA?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** PRESENT.

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1 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** JAMES ERNEST, DIXON?

2

3 **SPEAKER:** HERE .

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5 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** HARRY PRICE, FAIRFIELD? ABSENT. DEBRA KING, RIO VISTA?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** HERE .

8

9 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MICHAEL SEGALA, SUISUN CITY? ABSENT. JEANETTE WYLIE,

10 VACAVILLE?

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12 **SPEAKER:** HERE .

13

14 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ROBERT MCCONNELL, VALLEJO?

15

16 **SPEAKER:** HERE .

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18 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** CITIES SONOMA COUNTY. MARTA CRUZ CONCEPTION,

19 CLOVERDALE? ABSENT. SUSAN HARVEY COTATI?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** HERE .

22

23 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** LEAH GOLD, HEALDSBURG? ABSENT. DENNIS PASQUE,

24 PETALUMA?

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1 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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3 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** SUSAN ADAMS, ROHNERT PARK?

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5 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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7 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** TED SCHWEDHELM, SANTA ROSA? ABSENT. PATRICK SLATER,
8 SEBASTOPOL? ABSENT. AMY HARRINGTON, SONOMA? ABSENT. SAM SALMON, WINDSOR?

9

10 **SPEAKER:** HERE.

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12 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** QUORUM IS PRESENT.

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14 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** SUPERVISOR MOULTON PETERS IS PRESENT. I SEE
15 HER. AND KAREN CUNNINGHAM?

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17 **SPEAKER:** I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ME MARKED AS PRESENT. THANKS.
18 I'M COMING IN FROM BRISBANE.

19

20 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU.

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22 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** DID I MISS ANYBODY?

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** ANY DELEGATES WHOSE NAMES WERE NOT CALLED? IF
2 SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. ALLI MEDINA FROM EMERYVILLE IS ON THE ATTENDEE
3 SIDE.

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5 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** GOT IT.

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7 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** MR. CASTRO, A QUORUM IS PRESENT?

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9 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** YES, SIR.

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11 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR DELEGATES, CITIES,
12 TOWNS, COUNTY LEADERS IN THE BAY AREA. WE LIVE IN AN INCREDIBLE REGION.
13 PART OF WHAT MAKES THE BAY AREA GREAT IS ALL OF THE WORK YOU DO STEWARDING
14 OUR NATURAL RESOURCES CREATING LIVABLE AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES AND
15 WE'RE FORTUNATE TO HAVE GREAT LEADERS IN OUR BAY AREA ESPECIALLY THIS PAST
16 YEAR GETTING THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT TIME. SO WE'LL MOVE TO PUBLIC COMMENT.
17 THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM. IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA
18 MATTERS? IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. ANY PUBLIC COMMENT MR. CASTRO.

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20 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND
21 RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM.

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23 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** GREAT. THANK YOU. MOVING TO ITEM THREE GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLYMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS. THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM. THERE ARE ANY
25 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY? ANY DELEGATES FROM THE

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1 GENERAL ASSEMBLY? IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. I DO NOT SEE ANY RAISED
2 HANDS. I'LL ASK IF THERE IS ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM THREE, GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY ANNOUNCEMENTS? I DON'T SEE ANY RAISED HANDS. MR. CASTRO?

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5 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND
6 RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM.

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8 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** ITEM FOUR, THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT. ONCE AGAIN
9 I'M JESSE ARREGUIN, THE MAYOR OF BERKELEY AND PRESIDENT OF THE ABAG
10 EXECUTIVE BOARD. AND I WANT TO BEGIN BY THANKING ALL OF YOU FOR BEING HERE
11 TO CONDUCT THIS IMPORTANT BUSINESS FOR THE ASSOCIATION. I WANT TO NOTE
12 THAT THIS IS THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ABAG WHICH WAS FOUNDED IN 1961 TO
13 BRING TOGETHER LOCAL LEADERS ON ISSUES OF REGIONAL IMPORTANCE THE WORK
14 DONE OVER SEVERAL DECADES I WANT TO RECOGNIZE NAPA COUNTY SUPERVISOR BELIA
15 RAMOS WHO IS HERE TODAY. AND THANK YOU FOR ALL JOINING US AS WE DISCUSS
16 AND TAKE ACTION ON OUR WORK PROGRAM AND OUR BUDGET. IN THE YEARS SINCE THE
17 LAST 2020 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WE FACED QUITE A LOT BOTH AS AN AGENCY, AND
18 INDIVIDUALLY AS ELECTED LEADERS. AND AS WE MOVE TOWARDS A SUSTAINED
19 RECOVERY, THE IMPACT OF COVID-19, WE KNOW WILL BE WITH US FOR A LONG TIME,
20 BUT WE ARE ON A PATH TOWARDS A STRONGER MORE RESILIENT REGION. DURING THE
21 WEBINAR THAT WE HAD AT 9:00, A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS TALKED ABOUT OUR HOUSING
22 AND HOMELESSNESS CHALLENGES IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA, WHICH WE KNOW
23 HAVE BEEN MADE MORE ACUTE DURING THE PANDEMIC. THE ROLE WAS NOT ONLY TO
24 UPDATE YOU ON THE RHNA APPEALS PROCESS BUT ALSO THE EXPANSIVE HOUSING
25 RELATED WORK FOR THIS AGENCY THE HOUSING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM,

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1 ABAG RECEIVED \$23 MILLION FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND IS WORKING TO
2 NOT ONLY DISTRIBUTE DIRECT GRANTS BUT DEVELOP A RANGE OF MATERIALS AND
3 ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT YOUR WORK AND THE WORK OF YOUR STAFF AT THE LOCAL
4 LEVEL. THE GA WEBINAR ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE BAY AREA HOUSING FINANCE
5 AUTHORITY, A NEW AGENCY THAT WE HAVE LAUNCHED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MTC, AND
6 THE EXPANDED REGIONAL HOUSING PORTFOLIO WHICH HAS FIVE PILOT PROGRAMS
7 DOORWAY AND PLATFORMS TO CONNECT RESIDENTS WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING
8 OPPORTUNITIES AFFORDABLE HOUSING PIPELINE TRACK RECORD PRODUCTION
9 PRESERVATION STRATEGY ANTI- SERVICES AND NETWORK AND HOMELESSNESS
10 PREVENTION SYSTEM. I WANT TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE INFORMATION IN THE
11 PACKET GOVERNMENT SERVICES PROJECTS PROGRAMS THAT WE PROVIDE ON ENERGY AND
12 WATER CONSERVATION, ESTUARY PROTECTION RESTORATION AND REGIONAL TRAILS. WE
13 WORK TOGETHER ON HOMELESS ECONOMIC RECOVERY TOGETHER AS A REGION. I WANT
14 TO TURN THE FLOOR OVER TO, AFTER I TAKE QUESTIONS, TO THERESE MCMILLAN, TO
15 PROVIDE A BRIEF UPDATE BEFORE WE GET TO OUR BUSINESS. I'LL ASK ARE THERE
16 ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON MY
17 PRESIDENT'S REPORT? IF SO PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. SEEING NO RAISED HANDS.
18 IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT? I DON'T SEE ANY HANDS. MR. CASTRO?

19

20 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND
21 RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM.

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23 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** ITEM FIVE, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT. I
24 WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THERESE MCMILLAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ABAG AND
25 MTC.

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2 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WELCOME DELEGATES. GOOD MORNING. I'M GOING
3 TO DO MY BEST NOT TO REPEAT THE WONDERFUL SUMMARY THAT PRESIDENT ARREGUIN
4 JUST PRESENTED. BUT NOTING THAT, LAST TIME WE MET WAS IN JUNE OF 2020, AND
5 AS YOU MIGHT IMAGINE, THERE IS A LOT THAT HAS BEEN DONE SINCE THAT TIME.
6 AS, YOU KNOW, WAS OBSERVED, THE BAY AREA HAS FACED THIS ACUTE SHORTAGE OF
7 HOUSING FOR MANY YEARS EXACERBATED BY THE UPHEAVAL OF COVID-19. AND SO WE
8 PRESENTED A REAL DEEP DIVE INTO THE WORK WE HAVE BEEN DOING ON HOUSING AT
9 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBINAR THAT PRESIDENT ARREGUIN MENTIONED. AND I
10 WOULD JUST UNDERSCORE, THEY WOULD URGE ALL OF YOU THAT WERE NOT ABLE TO
11 JOIN US FOR THE WEBINAR, TO TAKE A LOOK AT INFORMATION PRESENTED IN THE
12 WEBINAR PACKET. I THINK YOU WILL FIND IT INCREDIBLY USEFUL AND
13 INFORMATIVE. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO JUMP TO PARTICULARLY IS ONE OF THE
14 BUSINESS IS WE FOCUSED ON WHICH IS THE UNPRECEDENTED LEVEL OF TECHNICAL
15 ASSISTANCE THAT WE'RE PROVIDING TO ALL OF YOU. BEGINNING WITH OUR ONGOING
16 HOUSING WORK WITH THE RHNA, THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND OUR
17 RELATED EFFORTS TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR LOCAL JURISDICTIONS IN
18 PREPARING THEIR HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATES. ABAG IS COMMITTED TO HELPING
19 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MEET THE HOUSING CHALLENGES THAT TRANSCEND TOWN, CITY,
20 AND COUNTY LINES. THIS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS FUNDED BY THE REGIONAL
21 EARLY ACTION PLANNING GRANTS PROGRAM. AND IS AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU ALL
22 WITH YOUR IMPORTANT WORK ON THE HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATES. AND WE MADE THE
23 OBSERVATION DURING THE WEBINAR THAT OUR INTENT IS TO HELP YOU SUCCEED IN
24 DOING THAT, AND TO PROVIDE YOU WHATEVER ASSISTANCE WE CAN IN THAT EFFORT.
25 MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE REGIONAL HOUSING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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1 IS AVAILABLE IN THE PACKET FOR THE GA WEBINAR, BUT VERY IMPORTANTLY, THERE
2 IS A LOT OF INFORMATION ON THE WEB SITE. SO I WOULD URGE THAT YOU LOOK AT
3 THAT INFORMATION, AND OF COURSE, IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, LET US, AS STAFF,
4 KNOW. IN ADDITION TO THE MILESTONES, WE HAVE ALL MET ON THE ROAD TO RHNA,
5 ABAG AND MTC ARE ALSO ON TRACK TO COMPLETE WORK ON PLANNED BAY AREA 2050.
6 NOW THIS IS THE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE PLAN THAT ABAG AND
7 MTC ARE REQUIRED, BY BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL LAW, TO ADOPT. THE WORK BEGAN
8 IN SUMMER OF 2019 PROCEEDED BY SIGNIFICANT PREPARATORY WORK BEFORE THEN.
9 AND IT CAME BEFORE BOTH THE ABAG EXECUTIVE BOARD AND MTC FOR UPDATES AND
10 MAJOR DECISIONS SINCE THAT TIME. IMPORTANTLY, THE DRAFT PLANNED BAY AREA
11 2050 DOCUMENT AND ITS ATTENDANT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN WAS RELEASED FOR
12 PUBLIC COMMENT IN LATE MAY, WITH THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, OR
13 THE EIR, RELEASED IN EARLY JUNE. AND ADOPTION IS PLANNED FOR THIS FALL.
14 THE SAN FRANCISCO ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP, THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY TRAIL AND
15 WATER TRAIL, BAYREN AND ABAG POWER, AS WELL AS OUR ACFA FINANCING PLAN
16 HAVE ALL KEPT UP OVER THIS YEARS AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO IN THE YEARS
17 AHEAD. PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS WERE DISCUSSED BY BRAD PAUL DEPUTY EXECUTIVE
18 DIRECTOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES DURING THE WEBINAR AND AGAIN IMPORTANT
19 SUMMARY INFORMATION IS PROVIDED IN THAT PACKET. ABAG AND MTC OFFER MANY
20 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS THAT ARE WELL RECEIVED BY LOCAL AGENCIES,
21 AND A TA ASSESSMENT OF ALL EXISTING PROGRAMS IDENTIFIED. THAT WHILE THE
22 PROGRAMS HELP LOCAL JURISDICTIONS PERFORM SPECIFIC TASKS AND LEVERAGE
23 RESOURCES, WHAT WE HEARD IS THAT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAMS IS OFTEN
24 DIFFICULT TO FIND. SO WE ARE DEVELOPING A NEW AND UPDATED TA WEB PORTAL TO
25 HIGHLIGHT BOTH ABAG AND MTC'S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AND TO MAKE

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1 THEM EVEN BETTER RESOURCES TO YOU AND TO OTHER LOCAL PARTNERS. THE PORT --
2 EXCUSE ME -- THE PORTAL WILL MAKE ALL ABAG AND MTC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
3 PROGRAMS AND PROGRAM MATERIALS EASIER TO FIND AND EASIER TO ACCESS. ALLOW
4 YOU TO CONNECT WITH PEERS IN OTHER TOWNS, CITIES AND COUNTIES, THE HOUSING
5 PORTION IN PARTICULAR WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND JURISDICTIONS
6 DOING THE HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATES AND WILL PROVIDE A SIMILAR AND
7 CONSISTENT EXPERIENCE FOR CUSTOMERS ACROSS BOTH AGENCY'S TA PROGRAMS. THE
8 TWO AGENCIES, OF COURSE, BEING MTC AND ABAG. THE PORTAL WILL BE LIVE ON
9 THE ABAG WEB SITE LATER THIS SUMMER. AND WE'LL BRING TOGETHER THE
10 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RESOURCES FOR HOUSING, RESILIENCE, ENVIRONMENT,
11 ENERGY, AND TRANSPORTATION. FINALLY, ADVANCING EQUITY IS, AND CONTINUES
12 TO BE A TOP PRIORITY FOR ABAG AND MTC. TO HELP BOTH AGENCIES WALK THE
13 TALK, STAFF HAVE ESTABLISHED AN EQUITY CONSULTANT BENCH, INCLUDING TRUSTED
14 COMMUNITY GROUPS AND PRACTITIONERS. THE ARRANGEMENT INCLUDES COOPERATIVE
15 USE LANGUAGE THAT ALLOWS CITIES, TOWNS, COUNTIES, AND OTHER ABAG MTC
16 PARTNERS TO PICK FROM DOZENS OF VETTED FIRMS WITH THE EXPERIENCE IS LENS
17 TO HELP WALK THE EQUITY TALK, AS WELL. TURNING TO THE BUSINESS MEETING,
18 YOU WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON ABAG'S BUDGET AND THE WORK PLAN
19 FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR THAT ALLOWS US TO CONTINUE SERVING YOU IN WAYS I
20 JUST SUMMARIZED. NOW, IN THE INTEREST OF KEEPING THE MEETING ON SCHEDULE,
21 I WILL STOP HERE, BUT HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE BEFORE I
22 TURN IT BACK OVER TO PRESIDENT ARREGUIN.

23

24 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU. THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE
25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON HER REPORT? FROM MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY?

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1 IF SO, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. SEEING NO RAISED HANDS. I WANT TO THANK
2 YOU, THERESE, FOR ALL YOUR WORK, AND I WANT TO EXPRESS MY THANKS TO OUR
3 STAFF, OUR CONSOLIDATED STAFF WHO ABLY TRANSITIONED TO A VIRTUAL FORMAT
4 MORE THAN A YEAR AND ALL THE WORK YOU'RE DOING TO SUPPORT OUR AGENCY AND
5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERS OVER THE PAST YEAR. HOPEFULLY OUR NEXT MEETING
6 WILL BE IN PERSON AT THE SAN FRANCISCO METRO CENTER. AND, WITH THAT,
7 UNLESS THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS, WE'LL GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE
8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT. IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT? IF SO PLEASE
9 RAISE YOUR HAND. MR. CASTRO ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

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11 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND
12 RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM.

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14 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** OKAY. SO, WITH -- UNLESS THERE ARE FURTHER
15 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. WE'LL GO TO OUR
16 FIRST ACTION ITEM WHICH IS THE MINUTES. SO, WE'LL MOVE TO ITEM 6A COUNTY
17 APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2020. AND
18 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES OF JUNE 25TH, 2020. IS THERE A MOTION AND A
19 SECOND FROM COUNTY DELEGATES TO APPROVE THESE MINUTES? OR CORRECTIONS?

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21 **JAMES P. SPERING:** SPERING WILL MOVE.

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23 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SPERING.

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25 **ALIX GRIFFIN:** ALIX WALKER GRIFFIN HERCULES.

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2 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** WE NEED A SUPERVISOR TO SECOND THE MOTION.

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4 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** MITCHOFF, SECONDS.

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6 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** SECOND BY MITCHOFF. DISCUSSION FROM COUNTY
7 REPRESENTATIVES ON THIS MOTION. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM 6A COUNTY APPROVAL
8 OF THE SPECIAL MINUTES FOR JUNE 11TH, 2020 MEETING AND JUNE 25TH, 2020
9 MINUTES. MR. CASTRO ANY PUBLIC COMMENT.

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11 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND
12 RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM.

13

14 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE MINUTES.

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16 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** [ROLL CALL VOTE] I REGISTER FIVE AYE VOTES. MOTION
17 PASSES.

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19 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** CITY AND TOWN APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL BUSINESS
20 MEETING MINUTES JUNE 11TH, 2020 MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 25TH, 2020.

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22 **SUSAN ADAMS:** I'LL MAKE A MOTION.

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24 **PAT ECKLUND:** I'LL SECOND IT. PAT EKLUND FROM NOVATO.

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** MOVED BY SUSAN ADAMS AND PAT EKLUND NOVATO. ANY
2 QUESTIONS ON THE MINUTES? ANY DISCUSSION? SEEING NONE. PUBLIC COMMENT?

3

4 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND
5 RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM.

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7 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** ROLL CALL OF THE CITY AND TOWN DELEGATES.

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9 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THESE ARE THE CITIES. [ROLL CALL VOTE. CITIES IN
10 CONTRA COSTA COUNTY. [ROLL CALL VOTE]

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12 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** OF THESE ARE CITIES IN MARIN COUNTY. [ROLL CALL VOTE]
13 CITY IN NAPA COUNTY. [ROLL CALL VOTE]

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15 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THESE ARE CITIES IN SAN MATEO COUNTY. [ROLL CALL VOTE]

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17 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** CITIES IN -- COUNTY. [ROLL CALL VOTE]

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19 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** CITY IN SOLANO COUNTY. [ROLL CALL VOTE]

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21 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** CITIES IN SONOMA COUNTY. [ROLL CALL VOTE] MOTION
22 PASSES. SIX ABSTENTIONS.

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24 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ITEM SEVEN, ADOPTION OF
25 THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND WORK PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021, '22. THIS IS AN

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1 ACTION ITEM AND BRIAN MAYHEW OUR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER WILL GIVE THE
2 REPORT.

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4 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** THANK YOU. AND A VERY PLEASANT GOOD MORNING TO YOU, MR.
5 PRESIDENT AND ALL OF THE DELEGATES WHEREVER YOU MAY BE. I'LL ASK YOU TO
6 APPROVE THE RESOLUTION 05-2021 APPROVING THE ABAG BUDGET AND WORK PROGRAM
7 FOR FISCAL YEAR '21/'22. EXCUSE ME. WE'RE BASICALLY GOING TO SUMMARIZE
8 WHAT IS IN THE PACKET. THE MEMORANDUM, THE BUDGET SCHEDULE, GRANT
9 SCHEDULES, ALL OF THE -- AND THEN THERE IS A SCHEDULE OF MEMBERSHIP DUES
10 AND ALSO YOU HAVE THE WORK PROGRAM ATTACHED AS WELL. WE'RE GOING TO FLIP
11 THROUGH. SO IF WE CAN GET THE PRESENTATION, WE CAN GET IT UNDERWAY. NEXT
12 PAGE. BASICALLY, THERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS. THERE ARE SOME GOOD THINGS TO
13 BE DISCUSSING OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. NUMBER ONE, AND FIRST AND
14 FOREMOST, THE ENTIRE OPEB LIABILITY IS NOW COMPLETELY RETIRED, IT IS IN
15 FACT NOW ABOUT A ONE PLUS MILLION DOLLARS ASSET. THAT'S HAPPENED OVER THE
16 LAST 3 TO 4 YEARS, AND IT'S LITERALLY TAKEN A MILLION DOLLARS SWING OFF
17 YOUR BUDGET, IN ADDITION, YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION, AND
18 IT PAYS YOU BACK FOR WHAT YOU PAY THE RETIREE MEDICAL. THAT'S A BIG
19 CHANGE. THE PERS OBLIGATION IS STABLE NOW GOING UP ROUGHLY 2 MILLION AFTER
20 RESTRUCTURING NOW IT'S DOWN TO 1.6 IT WILL STAY THERE AS FAR AS MOST
21 RECENT ACTUAL AERIAL STUDIES FROM PERS. GRANT PROGRAMS ARE \$100 MILLION
22 NOW GIVEN LIFETIME GRANTS YOU OUGHT TO BE PROUD. ON BOTH SIDES OF THE
23 GRANTS 70 TO 75% GOES DIRECTLY BACK INTO PROJECTS WHICH IS ASTRONOMICAL.
24 YOU ARE MAKING A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO MTC'S OPERATIONS AS OUR JOINT
25 OPERATIONS WILL SHOW. STAFF SUPPORT IS ABOUT \$530,000, CONDO ASSESSMENT

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1 FOR THE COMPONENT OF IT THAT ABAG OWNS, \$367,000 IN OVERHEAD THAT IS
2 EARNED 1.1 MILLION. SO ACTUALLY PRETTY SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION NOW TO THE
3 OVERALL OPERATION OF BOTH PROGRAMS. NOW, TO THE BUDGET. THE BUDGET IS
4 BALANCED AS PRESENTED. IT DOES, ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE REQUIRE A
5 SLIGHT TRANSFER FROM FUND BALANCE WE'LL GO OVER THAT IN A FEW MINUTES.
6 MAIN REVENUE SOURCE IS STILL GRANTS. MEMBERSHIP DUES WENT UP TWO% ABOUT
7 RIGHT WHAT'S FOR THE FORMULA TO BALANCE THE BUDGET THERE IS TRANSFER FROM
8 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS WHICH SHOULD HAPPEN, THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
9 SHOULD BE MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PARENT. AND THERE IS A SMALL
10 CONTRIBUTION FROM FUND BALANCE TO BALANCE OUT THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT
11 FOR THE YEAR. NOW, NEXT PAGE. NOW, HERE, YOU'RE LOOKING AT A COUPLE OF
12 THINGS. NUMBER ONE IS THE ACCRUED PENSION LIABILITY. AND YOU CAN SEE IT
13 WAS GROWING THROUGH 2015 FACIALLY SUBSTANTIALLY. THEN, IT IS STABILIZED
14 OUT SINCE THEN, AND SINCE 2017, THAT DOES MAKE SENSE. -- -- BECAUSE IT IS
15 IN WHAT WE CALL RUN OUT MODE WHERE THERE ARE NO LONGER PEOPLE BEING ADDED
16 TO IT. IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THE FUND ISN'T CLOSED OR SOMEBODY COULDN'T BE
17 ADDED TO IT. IT'S JUST BASICALLY NOT EXPECTING TO ADD MORE PEOPLE AND
18 THEREFORE IT IS RELATIVELY A LOT EASIER TO PREDICT ON A LINEAR BASIS HOW
19 THE LIABILITY IS GOING HAPPEN. I THINK THE SECOND THING TO SEE DOWN THERE
20 IS THE UNFUNDED A ACCRUED LIABILITY HAS STABILIZED AS WELL. YOU CAN'T MAKE
21 ANY PROMISES ON THAT BECAUSE PERS IS QUITE CAPABLE OF CHANGING THEIR
22 ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AS WE ALL KNOW. IT IS A BILL STALE BECAUSE ACTUARIAL
23 DATA IS NOT UPDATED. AS YOU CAN SEE IT IS UPDATED IN A RELATIVELY GOOD
24 PLACE TO DEAL W IF YOU LOOK AT HISTORY, THE LIABILITY IS ROUGHLY STABLE,
25 ABOUT 51 MILLION, IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, THE ASSETS HAVE GROWN FROM

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1 33 MILLION TO ABOUT 35 MILLION NOW. THE UNFUNDED LIABILITY, AGAIN, STILL
2 VERY STABLE, ABOUT 16 MILLION, AND THAT'S WHAT WE WILL BE WORKING ON AS WE
3 GO INTO THE FUTURE. NEXT PAGE. THE PENSION LIABILITY IS SOMETHING TO BE
4 DISCUSSED A BIT. THE LIABILITY CERTAINLY HAS BEEN RESTRUCTURED NOW. ITS
5 FORMER AMORTIZATION WAS TO 2046 THAT HAS BEEN REDUCED TO 15 YEARS ANNUAL
6 PAYMENTS GOING TO 2 MILLION AND SMOOTHING THEMSELVES OUT WOULD HAVE BEEN
7 ROUGHLY \$40 MILLION THE INTEREST COST WOULD HAVE BEEN. NOW WE HAVE THAT
8 LOWERED TO 1.6 MILLION ABOUT 28 MILLION; TOTAL INTEREST COST IS \$12
9 MILLION. POINT IS AS WE HAVE RESTRUCTURED, YOU SEE THE BARS, THAT WAS THE
10 ORIGINAL AMORTIZATION, THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN PERS IN 2016, IF YOU LOOK AT
11 THE LIGHT BLUE BAR LINE YOU SEE THERE, THAT'S THE REAMORTIZED. YOU CAN SEE
12 LITERALLY BY SHORTENING THE AMORTIZATION, MAINTAINING THE PAYMENTS, ARE
13 THE PAYMENTS ARE STILL SLIGHTLY BELOW WHAT THEY WERE IN THE PRIOR YEARS,
14 YOU WIND UP CUTTING THE INTEREST COST FROM, SAY, \$17 MILLION, BY ALMOST
15 VALVE. IT'S NOW DOWN TO ABOUT 8.2 MILLION IN THE LATEST. BY CHANGING THE
16 AMORTIZATION, THAT REALLY HAS DROPPED YOUR TOTAL INTEREST COST AND AGAIN
17 THE PAYMENTS WILL STAY STABLE, ABSENT THE CHANGE IN THE ACTUARIAL. ALL OF
18 THAT IS GOOD FOR FINANCIALMODELLING AND PLANNING AND CERTAINLY BUDGETING.
19 WE DO THINK THAT THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY IN THE MARKETS TO ACTUALLY REDUCE
20 IT A BIT FURTHER. NOT MUCH MORE THAN 2 TO 300,000 A YEAR. BUT THAT'S
21 FAIRLY SIGNIFICANT. WE THINK WE SHOULD TAKE A LOOK AT THE POSSIBILITY OF A
22 FINANCE -- OF FINANCING AND MAKING A LARGE CONTRIBUTION, ONE MASS
23 CONTRIBUTION TO ABAG, AND THEN AMORTIZING IT OVER TEN YEARS, ROUGHLY AT
24 THE SAME AT THE SAME TIMES, AGAIN REDUCING SAME PAYMENTS COST BY ROUGHLY A
25 MILLION SAVING ABOUT 200-TO MAYBE \$300,000 A YEAR. THAT'S SOMETHING WE

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1 THINK SHOULD BE LOOKED AT AS WE GO INTO THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. ONE MORE
2 THING TO ADD TO TRYING TO GET TO, MAKING SURE THE FINANCIAL STABILITY IN
3 THE LONG RUN STAYS STABLE. ON THE NEXT PAGE. THIS IS THE GOOD NEWS
4 STORIES. YOU CAN SEE GOING ACROSS, THERE ARE ABOUT 60 PARTICIPANTS IN THE
5 RETIREE MEDICAL PROGRAM, NOW, AND THAT SHOULD BE STABLE. SINCE WE'RE NOT
6 ADDING ANYBODY TO IT. THE BENEFIT, ITSELF, THE LIABILITY, IS ABOUT 7.-
7 SOMETHING- MILLION. 7.3 MILLION, GIVE OR TAKE A BUCK OR TWO. THE ASSET
8 SIDE OF IT IS ACTUALLY GREATER. IT IS NOW 8.4 MILLION AT THE LATEST STUDY.
9 IT HAS GROWN, NOW -- AND IF WE TAKE JUST THIS STUDY, WE GOT A COUPLE OF
10 DAYS AGO IN A MEETING WITH PERS, THAT ASSET VALUE HAS GROWN TO 10 MILLION.
11 SO IT ACTUALLY THIS IS, BY PREFUNDING AND RETIRING IT OUT, YOU ACTUALLY
12 EARNED MORE MONEY ON THE PENSION, ON YOUR ASSETS, THAN THE LIABILITY HAS
13 RISEN, WHICH IS A GOOD WAY TO AMORTIZE SOMETHING AND TAKE IT OUT. AS YOU
14 CAN SEE, IT WASN'T LONG AGO THAT LIABLE WAS GROWING AND NOW IT'S TURNED
15 INTO AN ASSET AND IT SHOULD STAY THERE. AND, AGAIN, THE PERS 115 TRUST
16 REIMBURSES YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR EXPENSES. SO, NOW YOU NOT ONLY DON'T HAVE
17 500,000 GOING OUT THE DOOR, BUT GOING OUT THE DOOR, IT'S A NET-NET ZERO.
18 YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY FOR THAT. GOOD NEWS STORY. TO THE BUDGET. TOTAL
19 BUDGET AS YOU LOOK DOWN TO THE BOTTOM IS ROUGHLY \$42 MILLION. IT IS DOWN A
20 BIT FROM LAST YEAR. THAT IS SIMPLY THE FACT THAT SOME GRANTS ARE IN RUN-
21 OUT MODE. AS THE GRANTS RUN-OUT REVENUE WILL BE DOWN A LITTLE BIT AS YOU
22 SEE ON THE GRANTS LINE BELOW. THE BUDGET IS BALANCED AS PROPOSED REDUCTION
23 IN OVERALL REVENUES AGAIN JUST GRANT TIMING AND THE '22 BUDGET DOES
24 INCLUDE A \$1 MILLION WATER SAVINGS PROGRAM FUNDED BY A LOAN FROM MTC AND
25 YOU WILL SEE THAT IN THE BAYREN BUDGET. SHALL WE GO ON? NEXT PAGE. ABAG

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1 BREAKS DOWN INTO ONE PARENT GOVERNMENT ABAG ADMINISTRATION AND THE OTHER
2 COMPONENTS ARE PARTIAL REVENUE FUNDS THE MONEY COMES IN AND IT'S SORT OF
3 STOVE PIPED INTO THOSE USE YOU ALL KNOW WHAT THOSE ARE YOU HAVE THEM IN
4 YOUR OWN JURISDICTIONS WE HAVE THEM HERE. WHEN WE LOOK AT THE
5 ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE OF ABAG, THINGS ARE BEGINNING TO GET OUT OF BALANCE
6 AND THIS IS SOMETHING, NOT A CRISIS FOR TODAY, CERTAINLY NOT A CRISIS FOR
7 TOMORROW, BUT IT'S CERTAINLY SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED AND
8 LOOKED AT. THE CORE REVENUE FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE OF ABAG IS THE
9 DUES, WHICH IS ABOUT 2 TO 2 AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS THIS YEAR. AND YOU
10 LOOK AT THE -- WHAT I WOULD SAY, ARE THE CONTRACTUAL CORE EXPENSES, ABAG
11 HAS, SORT OF, SIGNED UP TO PAY, AND THAT WE HAVE GOT ON THE LIST, YOU CAN
12 SEE THAT THIS LIST IS THE PERS, THAT'S IN THERE, THE BEALE ASSESSMENT IS
13 IN THERE, THAT'S THE OWNERSHIP OF THE BUILDING, YOU HAVE TO DO AN AUDIT,
14 YOU HAVE TO HAVE INSURANCE, THERE IS A \$500,000 CONTRIBUTION TO MTC AND
15 \$140,000 CONTRIBUTION TO BART. AS YOU CAN SEE ALL OF THAT ADDS UP BETWEEN
16 THE 2.4 MILLION AND WHAT THOSE SORT OF CONTRACTUAL CORE OBLIGATIONS ARE,
17 ARE OFF BY ABOUT \$500,000. NOW, A LOT OF THAT IS MADE UP BY OVERHEAD
18 TRANSFERS FROM YOUR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, WHICH IS NOT A BAD THING.
19 THAT'S WHEN THE CHILDREN GROW UP, THEY CONTRIBUTE TO THE PARENTS -- I
20 HOPE. BUT, AS YOU SEE, THAT'S ALSO SOMETHING THAT'S NOT COMPLETELY,
21 TOTALLY PREDICTABLE. A GRANT, AS YOU SEE IN THE GRANT REVENUE, IT CAN COME
22 AND GO FROM YEAR TO YEAR. A GRANT PROGRAM CAN COMPLETELY END. WHAT YOU
23 SORT OF WANT TO BE FACING IS THAT, I HAVE THE CORE EXPENSES, THIS IS --
24 YOU KNOW, YOU TAKE THE -- WHAT THE CORE EXPENSES ARE, DIVIDE THAT BY THE
25 POPULATION, AND THAT SHOULD BE THE BASIS OF THE DUES. RIGHT NOW, THEY'RE

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1 NOT REALLY BASED ON ANYTHING, EXCEPT THE FORMULA. SO I THINK THAT THIS IS
2 ONE OF THE THINGS, LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE, THERE ARE TWO OR THREE THINGS
3 THAT WE WOULD RECOMMEND BE CONSIDERED GOING IN, ONE IS SLIGHT REBALANCING
4 OF THE DUES, SO THAT THE CORE EXPENSES ARE COVERED. AND THAT WAY, IF ANY
5 OTHER REVENUE COMES N YOU CAN GO THROUGH, YOU BY THE HAVE A SURPLUS, YOU
6 CAN ALWAYS ADJUST THAT THE NEXT YEAR, AND WE DO THIS MANAGING, OH, OUR
7 CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, EVERYBODY MAKES AN ASSESSMENT AT THE END OF THE
8 YEAR WE TAKE THE ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND THAT'S THE BEGINNING BALANCE FOR
9 THE NEXT YEAR. ANYWAY THAT'S SOMETHING YOU DON'T WANT IS TO GET INTO A
10 DEEP STRUCTURAL DEFICIT GOING INTO THE FUTURE AND BE DEPENDENT ON REVENUE
11 SOURCES THAT MAY NOT BE PREDICTABLE. IT'S NOW A SELF FUNDED OBLIGATION,
12 PERS, AND ASSET. AS YOU LOOK AT THE LIST, YOU SEE THE MEMBERSHIP DUES AND
13 THE OTHER REVENUE, OPEB, YOU SEE THOSE ARE IN BALANCE. OTHER REVENUE IS
14 PRIMARILY THE TRANSFERS FROM PERS TO PAY FOR YOUR OPEB COSTS. THAT'S,
15 AGAIN, A MILLION DOLLARS REVENUE TURN AROUND. SOMETHING TO KEEP IN MIND
16 GOING INTO THE FUTURE AND WE HAVE IDEAS ON THE PENSION AND DUES SIDE JUST
17 TO MAKE SURE YOU STAY COMPLETELY STABLE GOING INTO THE FUTURE. ON TO THE
18 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS. NEXT PAGE. BAYREN ENERGY PROGRAM. THERE IS NOT
19 MUCH YOU CAN SAY ABOUT THIS PROGRAM. IT'S COMPLETELY SELF BALANCING. TO A
20 FINANCE OFFICER, THIS IS A PERFECT ENTERPRISE. THE REVENUE COMES IN
21 REGULARLY. THE EXPENSES ARE FAIRLY PREDICTABLE. AS YOU SEE, 75, ABOUT 75-
22 PLUS% OF THIS GOES DIRECTLY OUT INTO PROJECTS. WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THIS
23 YEAR THAT'S NOT IN THE 2021 BUDGET AS I SAID, IS THE WATER SAVINGS
24 PROGRAM. IT IS QUITE AN AMBITIOUS PROGRAM JUDGING BY THE NUMBER OF
25 PROJECTS I HAVE HAD TO REVIEW. BUT IT IS VERY BENEFICIAL. AND AS IT GETS

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1 GOING, IT SHOULD, LIKE THIS PROGRAM, BE SELF FUNDED. BUT, ANYWAY, GETTING
2 TO THE DETAILS, ARE THE GRANT IS ABOUT 24 MILLION FOR THE YEAR. IT'S
3 NEARLY \$50 MILLION FOR THE TWO YEARS. MOST OF THE EXPENSES GO TO
4 INCENTIVES. I THINK ONLY ABOUT 5% GOES TO SALARY SUPERVISOR -- SALARIES
5 AND BENEFITS. THERE ARE A NEW WATER SAVINGS PROGRAM THAT THEY WANT ME TO
6 REVIEW THE DOCUMENTS ON ALREADY. NEXT PAGE. THE ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP. THE
7 GREAT WORK. THIS ONE NEEDS JUST MORE WORK TO BE COMPLETELY SELF BALANCING
8 IT STILL REQUIRES A BIT OF A TRANSFER BUT IT'S GETTING CLOSE. THEY'LL ADD
9 ABOUT \$12 MILLION IN GRANT REVENUE, CLOSE TO MILLION DOLLARS OVER THE LAST
10 COUPLE OF YEARS. THEY HAVE ABOUT 40 MILLION IN ACTIVE GRANTS IS THIS IS
11 HOW BUSY THIS GETS. 17 ACTIVE PROGRAMS AND FOUR FUNDING SOURCES INVOLVED
12 IN ALL OF THIS. SO WHILE, YOU KNOW, SAVING -- YOU KNOW, ALL OF THIS WORK
13 IS GREAT WORK, IT IS NOT WITHOUT ITS COMPLEXITY, AND THE PEOPLE WHO DO IT
14 ARE TO BE COMPLIMENTED THAT THEY ADMINISTERED THIS PROGRAM. THE DIRECT
15 PAYMENTS TO PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS MAKE UP A BULK OF THE EXPENSES STAFF
16 WILL INCREASE SLIGHTLY MAINLY DUE TO REALLOCATION TO ANOTHER FUNCTION BUT
17 WE DON'T WANT THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE AN IMPACT ON PROGRAM DELIVERY. AND
18 TO THE LAST PAGE. I THINK IT'S THE LAST PAGE. ALL RIGHT, TO THE
19 RESOLUTION THAT ALLOWS US TO ADMINISTER THE BUDGET. ESTABLISHING THE
20 GROUND RULES. WE PLAY THE GAME OVER THE YEAR, IT AUTHORIZES TO US CARRY
21 OVER AND REBUDGET ALL REVENUE AND EXPENSES THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED IN THE
22 PRIOR YEAR BUDGET BUT ARE YET UNSPENT. MOST OF THOSE ARE GRANTS AND
23 CONTRACTS RELATED TO GRANTS. IT DIRECTS THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, AND ALLOWS
24 THEM TO MAKE CHANGES WITHIN THE APPROVED BUDGET. THAT IS WITHIN THEIR
25 DISCRETION RIGHT NOW. IT ALSO AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE BOARD TO AMEND THE

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1 BUDGET. IF A NEW REVENUE SOURCE COMES IN. NOW AMEND THE BUDGET MEANS
2 INCREASING FROM THE ASSET SIDE ALSO INCREASE THE LIABILITY SIDE SO THE
3 REVENUE AND EXPENSE WOULD BE BUDGETED AND WE WOULD REPORT THAT. AND THEY
4 HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE THOSE CHANGES. IT AUTHORIZES THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
5 TO EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS OF \$200,000 OR LESS, PROVIDED THE FUNDS ARE
6 AVAILABLE, AND INCLUDED IN THE APPROVED BUDGET. AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
7 GETS A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL OF THESE ACTIONS WHEN THEY'RE TAKEN. SO, THERE
8 IS COMPLETE OVERSIGHT. AND IT AUTHORIZES CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER GUY TO
9 CORRECT ANY OBVIOUS ERRORS IN THE DRAFTING PRESENTATION. YOU WILL AMAZED
10 HOW MANY SOMEBODY WILL FIND AT SOME POINT. ANYWAY. THAT'S THE DOS AND
11 DON'T OF THE BUDGET. IT'S SOLID. THERE ARE SOME THINGS ADMINISTRATIVELY TO
12 LOOK INTO IS DO SOME ANALYSIS AND POTENTIALLY PREEMPTIVE CORRECTING WORK
13 GOING INTO THE NEXT FEW YEARS. ALL OF YOUR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS ARE IN
14 VERY DECENT SHAPE. AND WITH A VERY SLIGHT EXCEPTION, RELATIVELY SELF
15 BALANCING, AND SELF SUPPORTING. AND THEY'RE CONTRIBUTING TO THE HEALTH AND
16 FINANCING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE OF ABAG AND MTC. WITH THAT, I THINK
17 I CAN SHUT UP AND TAKE ANY QUESTIONS, IF YOU HAVE THEM.

18

19 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** OKAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH, MR. MAYHEW FOR ALL
20 YOUR WORK. I WILL ASK, IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION FROM MEMBERS OF THE ABAG
21 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THIS ITEM? IF SO, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND. ANY
22 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR MR. MAYHEW? OKAY, IF NOT, I WILL ENTERTAIN A
23 MOTION FROM THE COUNTY DELEGATES TO ADOPT THE BUDGET AND WORK PROGRAM FOR
24 FISCAL YEAR 2021, 2022.

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1 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** MR. PRESIDENT, MITCHOFF FROM CONTRA COSTA MOVES THE ITEM.

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3 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU.

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5 **JAMES P. SPERING:** SPERING WILL SECOND.

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7 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** MOVED BY MITCHOFF. SECOND BY SPERING. ANY

8 DISCUSSION? ANY PUBLIC COMMENT? I SEE NO RAISED HANDS, MR. CASTRO?

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10 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THERE ARE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND

11 RAISED, AND THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM.

12

13 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** OKAY. UNLESS THERE IS ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS OR

14 COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY DELEGATES, WE WILL CALL FOR A VOTE.

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16 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** YES, THANK YOU, AND TO CLARIFY IT'S ADOPTION OF

17 RESOLUTION 05-2021?

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19 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** YES.

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21 **KAREN MITCHOFF:** CORRECT.

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23 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** VOTE FROM COUNTY DELEGATES. [ROLL CALL VOTE] MOTION

24 PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. 7B CITY AND TOWN ADAPTION
2 OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET WORK PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2021, '22.

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4 **PAT ECKLUND:** PAT EKLUND, I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE APPROVAL.

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6 **SPEAKER:** EMERYVILLE, I WOULD LIKE TO SECOND.

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8 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** OKAY. MOVED BY EKLUND, SECONDED BY

9 [INDISCERNIBLE] OKAY. I SEE MICHAEL BROWNRIGG.

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11 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. I HAVE A QUESTION. IT WAS A TERRIFIC FINANCIAL
12 PRESENTATION. I DIDN'T REALIZE WE WOULD NOT HAVE A SEPARATE CONVERSATION
13 ABOUT THE WORK PLAN ITSELF AND OBVIOUSLY WE'RE NOT HEADING THAT WAY. MY
14 QUESTION S-ONE OF THE POINTS I WOULD HAVE LIKE TO HAVE MADE AND MAYBE THIS
15 WILL BE THE TIME I MAKE IT, IS THAT OUR CITY WOULD LIKE TO SEE RHNA
16 INCLUDE PRESERVATION OF AFFORDABLE UNITS AS COUNTING TOWARDS RHNA NUMBERS.
17 AND I WON'T BORE ANYBODY ON THIS CALL WHY THAT'S STRONG RATIONAL WHY THAT
18 SHOULD BE APPROVED I READ THROUGH THE WORK PLAN AND I DIDN'T SEE THE
19 PRESERVATION CONNECTION MADE. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S APPROPRIATE TO RAISE IT
20 AT THIS POINT BUT I WANT TO BE ON THE RECORD TO SAY WE STRONGLY SUPPORT
21 RHNA TO BE EXPANDED SEEKING EXPANDED PRESERVATION OF EXISTING AFFORDABLE
22 UNIT PRESERVATION OF EXIST OTHER AFFORDABLE UNITS I THINK WE'RE SPENDING A
23 GREAT DEAL OF TIME BUILDING AFFORDABLE UNITS AND LOSING DE FACTO OF
24 AFFORDABLE UNITS. THANK YOU.

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THIS IS THE TIME TO ASK QUESTIONS AROUND THE
2 PROPOSED BUDGET AND WORK PROGRAM. CERTAINLY, YOU RAISED YOUR QUESTION AT
3 THE APPROPRIATE TIME. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK OUR STAFF TO RESPOND. THIS
4 QUESTION HAS COME UP IN THE PAST AROUND, IF YOU BUY A BUILDING THIS'S
5 MARKET RATE AND CONVERT IT TO DEED RESTRICTED AFFORDABLE, IF IT WILL COUNT
6 TOWARDS RHNA? I DON'T KNOW IF MR. PAUL OR?

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8 **BRAD PAUL:** I'LL TAKE A STAB AT IT. THE POINT IS A VERY GOOD ONE. IT'S
9 SOMETHING WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, AS STAFF, INTERNALLY, ALSO WITH A NUMBER OF
10 OUR PARTNERS AROUND THE REGION, AND WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A REAL
11 OPENING TO HAVE A CONVERSATION, SOON, WITH THE HCD STAFF, SOME OF WHAT YOU
12 DO IN PRESERVATION, AS I UNDERSTAND IT COUNTS, BUT NOT NECESSARILY ALL OF
13 IT. WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS OPEN UP A DISCUSSION WITH HCD TO SEE IF THAT CAN
14 BE MODIFIED IN SOME WAY. BECAUSE IF WE DON'T PRESERVE -- THE WAY I EXPLAIN
15 TO PEOPLE, IS IF YOU THINK ABOUT YOUR HOUSING IN YOUR CITY AS A BUCKET, IF
16 YOU ARE POURING DOZENS OF UNITS INTO THE TOP BUT LEAKING HUNDREDS OF UNITS
17 OUT THE BOTTOM, WE'RE JUST GOING TO BE WORSE OFF AS A REGION.

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19 **MICHAEL:** EXACTLY. IF IT IS CAN WE CALL THAT OUT IN THE WORK PLAN FOR
20 ABAG.

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22 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** I DON'T KNOW IF IT SPECIFICALLY NEEDS TO BE IN
23 THE WORK PROGRAM BUT IT'S SOMETHING THEY WILL CERTAINLY WORK WITH OUR
24 STAFF TO ELEVATE THESE CONVERSATIONS WITH HCD.

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1 **SPEAKER:** MICHAEL:

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3 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. WE'RE HAVING THE SAME
4 QUESTIONS HOW ARE WE GOING TO PLAN FOR 9,000 UNITS. PRESERVATION NEEDS TO
5 BE PART OF THAT STRATEGY. THANK YOU FOR BRINGING IT UP. I'M GOING TO GO TO
6 STEVEN.

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8 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. WHEN I LOOK AT THE BUDGET, I SEE EXPENSES IN SOME OF
9 THE ITEMS, SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES. IS THERE ANY CHANCE TO TAKE 5 TO 10
10 MINUTES FOR THOSE ACCOUNTS THAT HAVE VERY SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES
11 EXPLAINED? FOR EXAMPLE, CONFERENCES. YOU KNOW, MAYBE IT'S LOGICAL BECAUSE
12 WE'RE COMING OUT OF THE PANDEMIC, BUT THIS PAST WE ARE, THERE WAS VERY
13 LITTLE IN CONFERENCES, THIS YEAR THERE IS A LOT IN CONFERENCES AND THERE
14 ARE SOME ACCOUNTS THAT CHANGE PRETTY RADICALLY FROM YEAR TO YEAR.

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16 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** I'LL DIRECT THAT QUESTION TO MR. MAYHEW.

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18 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** YOU HIT IT ON THE HEAD WITH CONFERENCES. WE'RE COMING OUT OF
19 HIBERNATION AND GOING BACK TO WORK. WE WOULD EXPECT MORE CONFERENCES AND
20 EXPECT A BIT MORE TRAVEL. A LOT OF THE THINGS ARE RELATIVELY STABLE. YOU
21 SEE SOME CHANGES IN CONSULTING. NOT A LOT OF THINGS SNAPPING UP. INSURANCE
22 WENT UP A BIT. THAT'S OUR INSURANCE ADJUSTER GIVING US SOME NEW COSTS. AND
23 INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR EVERYBODY HAVE BEEN GOING UP. THERE IS A
24 MISCELLANEOUS CATEGORY, PROBABLY THE BIGGEST INCREASE AND THAT'S THE
25 BALANCE. THAT IS A -- THAT'S TO BRING A CONTINGENCY, TO BRING US A

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1 CONTINGENCY FOR THE OPERATING BUDGET, AND THAT WE DID INCREASE RELATIVELY
2 SIGNIFICANTLY. BECAUSE AS WE GO INTO THIS BUDGET FROM LAST YEARS'S BUDGET,
3 IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO DO AN ANALYTIC FROM LAST YEAR TO THIS YEAR BECAUSE
4 SO LITTLE TRAVEL HAPPENED. SO THERE ARE MANY, MANY THINGS THAT REALLY
5 DIDN'T HAPPEN THAT WE'RE REALLY NOT SURE, IN FULL OPERATION, WHAT THAT
6 MEANS. SO WE PUT A BIGGER CONTINGENCY ANGLE IN. SO THAT'S ABOUT THE
7 BIGGEST SHIFT. IF YOU LOOK AT THE DETAILS YOU WILL FIND SOME MAJOR CHANGES
8 IN THE TRANSFER LINES BECAUSE THOSE TRANSFERS ARE GOING TO GO TO THE
9 PARENT. THEY'RE GOING TO GO TO THE -- TO ABAG ADMINISTRATION. SO THERE ARE
10 SOME BIG SWINGS IN TRANSFERS IN. BECAUSE THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS ARE NOW
11 OPERATING IN A SELF-SUFFICIENT MODE, AND THEY CAN AFFORD TO DO IT. THEY
12 CAN AFFORD TO SUPPORT THE ADMINISTRATION OF ABAG. AND WE THINK THAT'S AN
13 APPROPRIATE USE OF THE FUNDS. OTHER THAN THAT THERE'S -- ON THE
14 ADMINISTRATIVE SIDE, THERE ARE NOT A LOT OF SWINGS. IF YOU GO TO THE
15 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, YOU WOULD FIND THE MAJOR CHANGES OF THE BAYREN
16 PROGRAM IS VERY RELATIVE CHANGE IN ANYTHING. REVENUE IS ROUGHLY THE SAME
17 EXPENSES ROUGHLY THE SAME WITHIN A FEW% OF EACH OTHER. A LITTLE BIT OF
18 CHANGE IN STAFF COSTS PROJECTS ARE GROWING, YOU'RE ADDING \$24 MILLION A
19 YEAR IN PROJECTS SO THEY'RE REALLOCATING STAFF RESOURCES THERE. SOMETHING
20 WE AGREE THEY COMPLETELY HAVE TO DO. NO NEW PEOPLE, JUST BEING REALLOCATED
21 FROM OTHER PLACES. THEN YOU GO TO THE ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP, WHICH IS ON
22 PAGE FOUR, THERE YOU SEE A MAJOR SHIFT. RIGHT? BECAUSE THE GRANT, ITSELF,
23 IS WINDING DOWN. THE GRANT, THIS PHASE OF IT IS A SMALLER AMOUNT, SO THE
24 EXPENSES THEMSELVES WILL BE SMALLER. OVERALL, YOU'RE GOING TO SEE A
25 MASSIVE REDUCTION IN EXPENSES, BECAUSE YOUR EXPENSES ARE TIED TO WHAT YOUR

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1 REVENUE IS, AND THE GRANT ITSELF IS ABOUT HALF OF LAST YEAR. THESE ARE
2 MAJOR CATEGORIES. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO GO TO SPECIFICS IF YOU WANT.

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4 **STEVEN WOEHLEKE:** SPECIFICALLY, IF I LOOK AT BAYREN ENERGY FOR EXAMPLE,
5 THERE ARE SOME FAIRLY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE INCENTIVES FOR SINGLE
6 FAMILY, MULTI-FAMILY. JUST CROSSING THE TS, DOTTING THE IS, WONDERING
7 ABOUT THE MAJOR CHANGE WONDERING WHY THE MAJOR CHANGES 40% INCREASE 34%
8 DECREASE.

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10 **BRIAN MAYHEW:** YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ASK JENNY MY JOB IS TO BUDGET WHERE
11 SHE TELLS ME TO. WE DON'T GO -- I KNOW THE DETAILS FOR HOW THE PROJECTS
12 WORK, BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW JENNY LAYS OUT WHAT HER BUSINESS PLAN IS GOING
13 TO BE FOR THE YEAR AND WHAT SHE THINKS SHE'S GOING TO DO WITH THAT. THAT
14 WOULD BE THE PERSON TO ANSWER THAT. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THE
15 [INDISCERNIBLE].

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17 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** JENNY, ARE YOU PRESENT?

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19 **JENNY BERG:** I AM PRESENT. THE INCENTIVES HAVE TO DO WITH THE TEN YEAR
20 BUSINESS PLAN THAT WE SUBMITTED TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION WHEREIN
21 THE INCENTIVE LEVELS VARIED ANNUALLY DURING THAT TIME.

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23 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. GOOD. THANK YOU.

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU. WE'LL NOW GO TO RICK BONILLA, FROM
2 SAN MATEO.

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4 **RICK BONILLA:** THANK YOU M CHAIR. I WANT TO THROW A SECOND AT MICHAEL'S
5 DISCUSSION HE BROUGHT UP ABOUT THE PRESERVATION. IN SAN MATEO COUNTY, THIS
6 PROVIDES A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN A
7 DISTRIBUTED WAY. AND IT PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO IT IN A MORE
8 AFFORDABLE AND FASTER WAY. AND WE NEED TO GET THAT KIND OF HOUSING AS
9 QUICKLY AS WE CAN. BECAUSE, WE, LIKE, EVERYBODYELSE ARE GROWING WITH THE
10 HOMELESS AND EASILY DISPLACED POPULATION. AND DISPLACEMENT, THERE ARE TWO
11 KINDS OF DISPLACEMENT, THAT KIND OF HAPPENS THROUGH GENTRIFICATION AND NEW
12 DEVELOPMENTS BUT ALSO AS NEW HIGH PAYING JOBS ARE BEING CREATED THERE IS A
13 GROUP OF WORKERS WHO NEED TO COME TO PROVIDE SERVICE FOR THESE NEW HIGH-
14 PAID JOBS AND TO MORE EXPENSIVE UNITS THAT ARE BEING BUILT THEY DON'T HAVE
15 A CHANCE TO GET DISPLACEMENT BECAUSE THEY ARE ALREADY LIVING THAT FAR AWAY
16 COMES FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE VALLEY THIS CAUSES VMTS WE'RE LOOKING FOR
17 WAYS TO MAKE THE WHOLE BIG PICTURE WORK. THANK YOU. I WANT TO ADD THOSE
18 COMMENTS.

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20 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU. GREER STONE FROM PALO ALTO.

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22 **GREER STONE:** THANK YOU CHAIR. I WANT TO CONCUR WITH COUNCILMEMBER BROWN
23 ON THE POINT HE BROUGHT UP. THANK YOU FOR THOSE POINTS I FEEL'S AN
24 IMPORTANT PIECE OF THE PUZZLE. AND I WANT TO THANK STAFF FOR THE WORK PUT
25 INTO THE REPORTS TODAY THAT MUST HAVE BEEN A LOT OF WORK. ARE WE GOING TO

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1 BE ASKED TO VOTE ON THE SINGLE MOTION ON THE BUDGET AND WORK PLAN OR IS
2 THE VOTE GOING TO BE SPLIT ON THE TWO.

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4 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** IT IS USUALLY A SINGLE MOTION BUT I'LL DEFER TO
5 OUR GENERAL COUNSEL AS TO WHETHER IT WOULD NEED TO BE ONE OR TWO? IS MS.
6 KANE PRESENT?

7

8 **KATHLEEN KANE:** YES. IT CAN BE DONE IN ONE MOTION AS LONG AS IT'S CLEAR
9 WHAT THE MOTION COMPRISES BUT IT'S UP TO THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD IF
10 YOU WANT TO SPLIT IT.

11

12 **PAT ECKLUND:** AND THE MAKER OF THE MOTION WAS FOR THE WORK PLAN AND THE
13 BUDGET, AT THE SAME TIME.

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15 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** OKAY.

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17 **GREER STONE:** THANK YOU FOR THAT CLARIFICATION. I HAVE TWO QUESTIONS IF
18 STAFF CAN ELABORATE. ONE, ON PAGE 36 OF ATTACHMENT D, I WAS WONDERING IF
19 STAFF CAN ELABORATE ON WHAT REASONABLY LOCAL FLEXIBILITY PROVIDED WOULD
20 MEAN UNDER THE 2021/'22 LEGISLATION GOALS?

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22 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** I THINK THIS RELATES, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, TO
23 THE LEGISLATIVE WORK PLAN THAT WAS ADOPTED, JOINTLY, WITH MTC. WE HAD A
24 LOT OF DISCUSSION ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR POINT, IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN.

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1 [LAUGHTER] AND WE HAVE REALLY KIND OF FINE TUNED THE LANGUAGE. I THINK
2 WE'RE ALL TRYING TO FIND THE -- WHAT PAGE WAS THAT, AGAIN? PAGE 36?

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4 **GREER STONE:** PAGE 36. YES.

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6 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** I WILL SHARE SCREEN. THE WONDERS OF TECHNOLOGY.

7 OKAY. SO --

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9 **GREER STONE:** THE SECOND BULLET POINT UNDER '21, '22 GOALS. HIGH QUALITY
10 TRANSIT AND HIGH-RESOURCE AREAS WITH REASONABLE LOCAL FLEXIBILITY
11 PROVIDED. I'M WONDERING IF WE CAN GET A LITTLE MORE DETAIL ON WHAT THAT
12 MEANS, REASONABLE LOCAL FLEXIBILITY PROVIDED.

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14 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** STAFF, DO YOU HAVE ANY INSIGHTS?

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16 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** I AM -- THIS IS THERESE MCMILLAN, I'M TRYING TO FIND IT.

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18 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** IT'S ON SCREEN, THERESE.

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20 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** OH, OKAY. SORRY. JUST THE WHOLE THING. OKAY, HOUSING AND
21 HOMELESSNESS (READING).

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23 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** CAME OUT OF THE HOUSING LEGISLATE WORK PLAN.

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1 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** WE WERE RESPONDING TO A SUITE OF BILLS SPEAKING TO THIS
2 ISSUE, AND THERE WAS CONCERN ABOUT THE DEGREE OF PRESCRIPTIVENESS THAT
3 MIGHT HAVE BEEN ATTACHED TO ANY OF THE SPECIFIC PIECES OF LEGISLATION, AND
4 THE LANGUAGE WAS THAT WE WANTED TO DEFINITELY ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF
5 HOUSING, BUT RECOGNITION THE CLASSIC ONE SIZE DOESN'T FIT ALL, AND THE
6 NEED TO PROVIDE LOCAL FLEXIBILITY, DEPENDING ON PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES
7 THAT MIGHT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED. THAT'S MY RECOLLECTION OF IT.

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9 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** YEAH I THINK -- YOU'RE HELPING REFRESH MY
10 MEMORY, AND SOME OF THE EXECUTIVE MEMBERS ON THE BOARD MAY REMEMBER THAT
11 AS WELL, THIS WAS BROUGHT UP AT THE JOINT COMMITTEE, AS THERE IS
12 DISCUSSION AROUND LEGISLATION AROUND INCREASING HOUSING PRODUCTION THAT
13 PRESERVING LOCAL AUTHORITY AROUND OBJECTIVE ARE STANDARDS, HISTORIC
14 PRESERVATION, WHERE DENSITY COULD BE CITED, THOSE ARE THANKS WE WANT TO
15 ADVOCATE FOR AS AN AGENCY, AND NOT TO TIE THE HANDS THE LOCALITY
16 GOVERNMENT TO HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY NEEDED TO MAKE DECISIONS AROUND WHERE
17 GROWTH CAN BE CONCENTRATES OR HOW DEVELOPMENT CAN BE DONE. OH, NO, MS.
18 EKLUND FURNISHINGS REMEMBER FROM THE DISCUSSION?

19

20 **PAT ECKLUND:** ABSOLUTELY. I WAS FAIRLY ADAMANT THAT WE NEED TO TRY TO
21 MAINTAIN LOCAL CONTROL. I MEAN, THAT'S WHAT THE LEAGUE AND SUPPORTIVE
22 CITIES IS ACTIVELY WORKING TOWARDS AND I SPOKE TO THE ABAG AT THE LEAGUE,
23 AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD DID AGREE WITH THAT CONCEPT.

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1 **GREER STONE:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE HAVING THAT LANGUAGE IN THERE PALO
2 ALTO WE PASSED A RESOLUTION A FEW YEARS BACK REAFFIRMING OUR RIGHT TO
3 LOCAL CONTROL. THIS IS GOOD ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE. AND JUST ONE MORE
4 QUESTION. ON PAGE 13 OF ATTACHMENT D, THE '21, 'TWO GOALS STATES TO DEFINE
5 RHNA FINAL AND SEEK -- DOES THE EXECUTIVE BOARD NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO
6 MAKE THE FINAL APPROVAL OF THE PLAN WITHOUT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MAKING THE
7 FINAL AUTHORITY APPROVING THIS WORK PLAN?

8

9 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THAT'S A LEGAL QUESTION. I THINK UNDER STATE
10 HOUSING ELEMENT LAW, THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS MUST APPROVE THE RHNA
11 ALLOCATION. BUT I'LL DEFER TO THERESE OR KATHLEEN KANE.

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13 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** KATHLEEN, ARE YOU ONLINE TO ADDRESS THAT POINT?

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15 **KATHLEEN KANE:** I AM. AND I JUST DIDN'T WANT TO JUMP ON YOU THERE. YES,
16 IT'S CLEANER TO HAVE THAT DELEGATION FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE
17 EXECUTIVE BOARD. I DON'T THINK WE HAVE LITIGATED THE QUESTION ABOUT
18 WHETHER THE EXECUTIVE BOARD COULD DO IT ON ITS OWN IF IT WASN'T DELEGATED
19 BUT WEED WANTED TO TIE IT INTO THIS ACTION SO THAT IT WAS CLEAR.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** SO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY COULD BE THE ONE TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE
22 THE FINAL APPROVAL?

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24 **KATHLEEN KANE:** THEORETICALLY YES. I THINK THE PROBLEM IS THE LOGISTICS
25 AROUND GETTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOGETHER AND THE QUORUM AROUND TIME

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1 REQUIRED TO DO THAT. I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY OTHER COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT WHO
2 DO IT THROUGH THE WHOLE AS ASSEMBLY AS OPPOSED TO THROUGH A SUBORDINATE
3 BODY. I WOULD HAVE TO RESEARCH THE QUESTION.

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5 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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7 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** KAREN CUNNINGHAM?

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9 **SPEAKER:** MAYOR CUNNINGHAM FROM BRISBANE. I WANT TO CONCUR AND REITERATE
10 THE STATEMENTS OF RICK BONILLA, RIG, AND STONE, AND WONDER HOW QUICKLY WE
11 CAN GET SOMETHING MOVING WITH THIS. WE MAY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUY
12 MULTI-UNIT MARKET RATE BUILDING AND DEDICATE IT TO, TOTALLY, LOW INCOME
13 HOUSING. BUT I THINK TIMING IS OF THE ESSENCE, AS MENTIONED, AND I WOULD
14 LIKE TO KNOW, FROM THE BOARD, WHEN WE COULD START TALKING ABOUT THIS
15 SERIOUSLY.

16

17 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** I'LL GO TO THERESE AND BRAD. BUT I'M GLAD THAT
18 THERE ARE DISCUSSIONS GOING ON RIGHT NOW. AND I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HOW
19 WE CAN ELEVATE THAT AND ACCELERATE THOSE DISCUSSIONS, AND WHAT ROLES WE
20 CAN PLAY AS ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THE REGION TO ALSO ADVOCATE TO STATE HCD.

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22 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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24 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THERESE?

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1 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** I WOULD TAKE THAT DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD, WORK WITH
2 STAFF AND REPORT BACK TO THE ABAG -- YOUR ABAG HOUSING COMMITTEE I WOULD
3 BE AN APPROPRIATE PLACE TO BEGIN TO THINK ABOUT THE ONGOING CLARIFICATIONS
4 AND ADVOCACY WITH HCD. I THINK WHAT I -- YOU KNOW, AGAIN, WANT TO
5 EMPHASIZE IS, WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS CLARIFY WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED
6 WITH, IN-STATE LAW N THIS SPACE, AND SO, YOU KNOW, THIS ISN'T SOMETHING
7 THAT ABAG CAN COMPLETELY CONTROL ON ITS OWN. AS A POLICY, SO I JUST WANT
8 TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE UNDERSTOOD THAT. BUT WE HAVE BEEN VERY CLEAR THAT
9 MAXIMIZING THE THREE PS, AND PARTICULARLY, THE OPPORTUNITIES ATTACHED TO
10 PRESERVATION OF EXISTING HOUSING STOCK AND DEALING WITH OUR AFFORDABLE
11 HOUSING CRISIS IS AN INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT PIECE, AND IT'S CONSISTENT WITH
12 HAVING THE TYPES OF DISCUSSIONS WE'RE HAVING WITH HCD. SO WE CAN BRING
13 MORE DETAILS BACK TO THE ABAG HOUSING COMMITTEE AND THEN REPORT BACK UP TO
14 THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

15

16 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** YEAH. MY REQUEST WOULD BE THAT WE BRING -- IF
17 WE'RE MEETING THIS MONTH -- THAT WE TRY TO HAVE THIS ON THE AGENDA SO THAT
18 WE CAN TAKE THAT ACTION, AND SORT OF MOVE THE DISCUSSION FURTHER. THANK
19 YOU.

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21 **SPEAKER:** MUCH APPRECIATED.

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23 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** RICHA? FOSTER CITY?

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1 **SPEAKER:** I WOULD REITERATE WHAT SOME OF THE PREVIOUS MEMBERS HAVE SAID
2 WITH REGARDS TO THE REQUEST FROM MICHAEL BROWN, I WOULD ALSO REQUEST
3 INTEREST IN UNDERSTANDING FIGURING OUT THE POSSIBILITY INCLUDING
4 PRESERVATION TOWARD RHNA COUNT. SPECIFICALLY IN FOSTER CITY, LAST YEAR, WE
5 DEALT WITH PRESERVATION OF SOME AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS, AND IT WAS
6 EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR US TO AVOID DISPLACEMENT OF SEVERAL MEMBERS OF A
7 COMMUNITY WHO ARE ELDERLY, AND DISABLED IS THINGS OF THAT NATURE. SO, I
8 WOULD REQUEST TO BE KEPT IN THE LOOP ON THE DISCUSSIONS AND PROGRESS AND
9 DEVELOPMENT, AND AS I HEARD IN THE SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS, THIS APPEARS
10 TO BE BECOMING A HIGHER PRIORITY ITEM. SO I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO
11 ADVOCATE FOR THAT, OFFER MY SUPPORT, AND WOULD REQUEST AN UPDATE. THANK
12 YOU.

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14 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU. WELL, AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE
15 EXECUTIVE BOARD, MY COMMITMENT IS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE MOVE THIS FORWARD,
16 THIS MONTH, AND WE CAN PROVIDE AN UPDATE TO ALL THE DELEGATES, AND THE
17 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS ON WHEN THAT ITEM COMES TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. I
18 THINK THERE MIGHT BE SOME ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES FOR US, AS ELECTED
19 OFFICIALS. I MEAN, ULTIMATELY, THIS MAY REQUIRE, AT SOME POINT IN THE
20 FUTURE, A BILL TO CLARIFY THE LAW. THERE IS SOME FLEXIBILITY AND
21 INTERPRETATION. AND I THINK THIS'S THE PRESSURE POINT WE WANT TO LEVERAGE.
22 SUE, FROM PACIFICA.

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24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. SUE, MAYOR OF PACIFICA. I WOULD LIKE TO ECHO CONCERNS
25 OF MY COLLEAGUES AND EXPAND ON THEM IN REGARD TO THE LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS

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1 THAT ARE BEING READY RIGHT NOW AND REQUEST FOR AN ARTICULATION BETWEEN HCD
2 AND THE COASTAL COMMISSION. WE HAVE HAD AN INSTANCE, RECENTLY, IN
3 PACIFICA, AND I KNOW OF IN MANY COASTAL COMMUNITIES. I ALSO SIT ON THE
4 COASTAL CITIES LEADERSHIP TEAM FROM THE LEAGUE OF CITIES. THERE HAS BEEN
5 AN INTERESTING PARLAY, AND INTERPLAY BETWEEN DIFFERENT AGENCIES AT THE
6 STATE LEVEL. SO I WANTED TO KNOW HOW ABAG IS ADDRESSING, IN ITS WORK PLAN
7 -- AND I APOLOGIZE IF IT'S PLAINLY OBVIOUS AND I MISSED IT -- MAYBE MR.
8 PAUL CAN EXPLAIN OR ADDRESS IF THERE IS EFFORT IN DIRECTING HCD AND
9 COASTAL COMMISSIONED IN TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOWTO HAVE THOSE TWO
10 AGENCIES MESH? OUR RECENT EXPERIENCE HAD TO DO WITH THE ADUS, AND ADUS CAN
11 BE VISITOR SERVING, SHORT-TERM RENTALS. THEY CAN BE HOUSING. AND WHAT WE -
12 - WHERE WE HAD A CHALLENGE WAS IN GETTING OUR STATE-MANDATED ADU POLICY,
13 WHICH WE HAD ALREADY HAD ONE, AN ORDINANCE ON THE BOOKS, BUT TO GET IT
14 APPROVED BY THE COASTAL COMMISSION SO THAT SOME ADUS COULD BE BUILT, TOOK
15 15 MONTHS. AND WE ANTICIPATE, WITH THE NUMBER OF HOUSING BILLS THAT ARE
16 CURRENTLY ON THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA, THERE WILL BE CONTINUING, I THINK,
17 NEED FOR ARTICULATION BETWEEN THOSE TWO GROUPS, AND TO WHAT DEGREE CAN
18 ABAG FACILITATE THAT? AND TO WHAT DEGREE, AS YOU MENTIONED, PRESIDENT
19 ARREGUIN, CAN ELECTED'S SUPPORT THAT, AS WELL.

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21 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THERESA? BRAD? DID YOU UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION,
22 WHICH IS AROUND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COASTAL COMMISSION AND HCD
23 RELATIVE TO HOUSING PLANNING. AND ENSURING GREATER COORDINATION AND
24 CLARITY?

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1 **THERESE MCMILLAN:** I WAS TRYING TO UNMUTE. SORRY IT TOOK ME A FEW CLICKS TO
2 DO THAT. AGAIN, I THINK WHAT WAS JUST PRESENTED IS INDICATIVE OF A
3 CONTINUED -- WHAT'S THE WORD I'M LOOKING FOR, CONTINUED RECOGNITION AND --
4 AND, YOU KNOW, SUPPORT FOR HAVING OUR STATE AGENCIES COLLABORATE AMONG
5 THEMSELVES ON A WHOLE HOST OF ISSUES. WE HAVE BEEN -- SO WHILE YOU HAVE
6 POINTED OUT THE PARTICULAR LACK OF COORDINATION BETWEEN THE COASTAL
7 COMMISSION AND HCD ON, YOU KNOW, A PARTICULAR APPROVAL FOR ADU, WE SEE --
8 AND IT'S NOT UNIQUE TO STATE AGENCIES. IT HAPPENS WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES.
9 IT HAPPENS WITH LOCAL AGENCIES. A LACK OF THE RIGHT HAND SPEAKING TO THE
10 LEFT HAND, WITH THE SAME CLARITY ON A PARTICULAR ISSUE, WHETHER IT'S FISH
11 AND WILDLIFE, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON A PARTICULAR
12 PROJECT, OR, YOU KNOW, THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD, YOU KNOW, NOT -
13 - YOU KNOW, AND THEIR DIRECTIVES, RUNNING CROSS-WISE, WITH HCD, IN
14 DETERMINING AN OVERALL GROWTH PLAN THAT SUPPORTS NOT ONLY MOBILITY BUT
15 ALSO HOUSING AFFORDABLE. I MEAN, WE STRUGGLE AND TRY TO UNTANGLE THAT ON
16 AN ONGOING BASIS. SO I GUESS I WOULD SAY THAT THE WORK THAT WE ARE DOING
17 WITH OUR STATE PARTNERS -- AND WE DO NEED TO RECOGNIZE THEM AS PARTNERS,
18 NOT ADVERSARIES -- IS TO POINT OUT WHERE THOSE CONFLICTS EXIST AND COME UP
19 WITH SOLUTIONS EXIST ADMINISTRATIVELY OR POTENTIALLY LEGISLATIVELY HOW TO
20 CLARIFY AND IDENTIFY THOSE COMPLEX ISSUES AND SOLVE THEM. I TAKE SERIOUSLY
21 APPRECIATIVELY YOUR OBSERVATION BECAUSE THIS'S ALWAYS SOMETHING THAT WE'RE
22 HAVING TO WORK AS AN OVERLAY AND I WOULD JUST SAY THAT'S INFUSED
23 THROUGHOUT ABAG'S WORK PLAN, AND QUITE FRANKLY, MTC'S WORK PLAN AS WELL.
24 BECAUSE PLANNED BAY AREA 2050, IF THERE WAS ONE OF THE CORE RESOUNDING
25 THEMES, THROUGH THERE, WAS THAT INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION IS

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1 ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESS IN MAKING IMPROVEMENTS IN TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING,
2 THE ECONOMY, RESILIENCE, OUR ENVIRONMENT, AND THAT LIFTING THAT UP AS A
3 MAJOR PLANK GOING FORWARD IS KEY.

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5 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** OKAY. THANK YOU. SAM SALAMON?

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7 **SAM SALAMON:** I HOPE THIS IS THE TIME, THE WORK PLAN THAT ABAG IS
8 UNDERGOING AND THE NUMBERS, I WANT TO STRESS HOW UNCOMFORTABLE IT IS TO
9 JOIN YOU TODAY IT HAS TO DO WITH THE EQUITY ADJUSTMENT. I CALL IT THE
10 EQUITY PENALTY OUR TOWN HAD 50% INCREASE IN HOUSING NUMBERS UNDER THE RHNA
11 BASED ON WHAT I PERCEIVED WAS PRETTY MUCH AN ARBITRARY DECISION THAT
12 DIDN'T HAVE MUCH ROOM FOR ANY INPUT AND I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S GOING TO BE
13 ATTAINABLE. AND I FEEL BAD THEY LIVE IN A TOWN THAT NOW HAS THIS STIGMA OF
14 BEING -- I DON'T KNOW -- WHAT DO YOU CALL IT? WHITE. RACIST? BECAUSE IT'S
15 NOT TRUE. WE'RE FACED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRAINTS BECAUSE WE LIVE ON
16 THE EDGE OF ABAG'S JURISDICTION, NOT IN THE CENTER, NOT EVEN IN THE
17 MIDDLE. AND SO THINGS ARE DIFFERENT HERE. WE HAVE WATER PROBLEMS, WHICH
18 YOU ALL DO AND I KNOW WE ALL HAVE THIS, THE SAME ARGUMENTS ABOUT THE
19 NUMBERS. BUT, I THINK WHAT'S HAPPENED IS YOU HAVE MADE IT UNATTAINABLE FOR
20 US. EVEN IF WE TRY AS HARD AS WE CAN. WE HAVE HAD NO GROWTH. BUILDERS
21 HAVEN'T WANTED TO BUILD HERE BECAUSE OF THE COST. I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE CAN
22 DO. I JUST WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT. I HAVE ALWAYS ENJOYED THE ABAG
23 CONFERENCES AND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME. I THINK ABAG
24 HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR 25 YEARS. SO I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED FOR 25 YEARS,
25 TO A CERTAIN DEGREE. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO ME.

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2 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU, SIR. I'LL GO MAYOR ASHCRAFT?

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4 **MARILYN EZZY ASHCRAFT:** THANK YOU PRESIDENT ARREGUIN. I AM INTRIGUED BY THE
5 IMPRESSION OF THE SUGGESTION TO ELEVATE THE PRESERVATION OF AFFORDABLE
6 HOUSING TO POSSIBLY BE COUNTED FOR THE RHNA NUMBERS I AM CURRENTLY THE
7 CHAIR OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES STATEWIDE POLICY COMMITTEE ON
8 HOUSING COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND I COMMIT TO RAISING THIS
9 WITH THE LEADERSHIP, AND IF LEGISLATION IS NEEDED, I THINK WE COULD
10 PROBABLY FIND SOME LEGISLATIVE PARTNERS TO CARRY A BILL. SO, THANK YOU TO
11 ALL WHO BROUGHT THIS UP.

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13 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** MAYOR EKLUND?

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15 **PAT ECKLUND:** PRESIDENT ARREGUIN, I GUESS I RAISED MY HAND, BECAUSE I'M
16 CONCERNED ABOUT THE TIME.

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18 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** YES.

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20 **PAT ECKLUND:** IT'S ALMOST 1215. WE'RE GOING TO START LOSING DELEGATES AND
21 I'M NOT SURE IF WE'RE GOING TO LOSE A QUORUM OR NOT.

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23 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** ME TOO.

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1 **PAT ECKLUND:** I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT WE CONSIDER AND HAVE THE
2 EXECUTIVE BOARD DISCUSS HAVING THIS SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
3 DELEGATES EARLY NEXT YEAR, AFTER THE FINAL RHNA NUMBERS ARE APPROVED, AND
4 HAVE BOARD DISCUSSION ABOUT WHERE WE ARE IN OUR HOUSING ELEMENTS AND WHAT
5 KIND OF HELP ABAG CAN GIVE TO THE CITIES, ESPECIALLY THE CITIES, AND THE
6 COUNTIES.

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8 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** YES.

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10 **PAT ECKLUND:** BUT I'M CONCERNED, EVERY FEW MINUTES, AND ANOTHER HAND GETS
11 RAISED, AND I KNOW WE HAVE ALREADY LOST A COUPLE THAT HAD TO LEAVE AT
12 NOON. AND I'M CONCERNED THAT WE'RE GOING TO NOT BE MAKING A QUORUM. SO I
13 WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE CLOSE THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

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15 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** I DO WANT TO GET TO THE POINT LAST RAISED
16 HANDS.

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18 **PAT ECKLUND:** OKAY. THEN WE NEED TO AT SOME POINT CUT IT OFF.

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20 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** LAST THREE RAISED HANDS. I'M GOING TO OFFER A
21 FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THE MAKER TO ADD THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE UNDER PAGE
22 36, UNDER GOALS AND PRIORITIES FOR LEGISLATION." EXPLORE IMPLEMENTATION
23 FLEXIBILITY WITH STATE HCD AROUND COUNTING UNITS REQUIRED AND PRESERVED
24 FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND RHNA COMPLIANCE AND ALSO EXPLORE MULTI-AGENCY

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1 COORDINATION AND RHNA IMPLEMENTATION HOUSING PLANNING INCLUDING COASTAL
2 COMMISSION AND STATE HCD.

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4 **PAT ECKLUND:** AND OTHER STATE AGENCIES, AND AS THE MAKER OF THE MOTION I
5 WOULD ACCEPT THAT CHANGE.

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7 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THAT'S WHAT WE HEARD TODAY.

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9 **PAT ECKLUND:** YES IT WAS.

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11 **SPEAKER:** SECONDER AGREES.

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13 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU.

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15 **ALLY:** I FEEL AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND STRENGTHENING TECHNIQUES TO BE
16 FOCUSING ON ADEQUATE HOUSING WE NEED TO BUILD DENSELY AND INFILL. THAT'S
17 MY COMMENT. THANK YOU.

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19 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** I'M GOING TO GO TO SUSAN HARVEY.

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21 **SPEAKER:** I'LL ADD WHEN WE LOOK AT THE STATE COORDINATION, WE REALLY NEED
22 TO CONSIDER WATER. WE'RE HAVING A SEVERE DROUGHT IN THE STATE OF
23 CALIFORNIA, AND PASSING ALL THESE WITHOUT HAVING WATER FOR THEM DOES MAKE
24 IT DIFFICULT. I'LL LEAVE IT QUICKLY AT THAT.

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU. VERY GOOD POINT. YVONNE?

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3 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO SAY ON OUR LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS THAT WAS
4 HIGHLIGHTED TALKING ABOUT HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS WHERE IT TALKS ABOUT
5 SUPPORT LEGISLATED -- LEGISLATION TO BOOST HOUSING DENSITY NEAR JOBS RICH,
6 HIGH QUALITY TRANSIT, AND HIGH-RESOURCE AREAS WITH REASONABLE LOCAL
7 FLEXIBILITY PROVIDED. I WOULD HOPE THAT WE WOULD INCLUDE IN THERE, TOO,
8 I'M FROM MORGAN HILL, AND WHILE WE DO HAVE A CALTRAIN STATION AS WELL AS
9 GILROY AND SOUTH SANTA CLARA COUNTY WE DO NOT REALLY HAVE ANY SERVICE
10 THERE, AND I THINK IT'S REALLY -- IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT EQUITY, IT IS
11 INEQUITABLE TO PUT THAT CONSTRAINT ON US TO PROVIDE THE HOUSING WHEN WE
12 DON'T HAVE, WE'RE NEATH -- HAVE HIGH QUALITY TRANSIT, OR JOBS RICH. AND SO
13 I HOPE THAT WE'LL LOOK AT NOT JUST SUPPORTING THAT, BUT ALSO DEFINING AND
14 CLARIFYING THAT. BECAUSE IT REALLY IS A QUESTION OF EQUITY. THANK YOU. AND
15 TO THAT POINT, I WOULD ABSOLUTELY SUPPORT ELEVATING THE PRESERVATION,
16 WHICH SHOULD NOT MOOT OUR PRODUCTION. THANK YOU.

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18 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** JAVED?

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20 **SPEAKER:** POINTS RAISED AT THE BUSINESS MEETING, WHICH WAS TO ALLOW INSTEAD
21 OF RHNA NUMBERS GOING TO THE CITY THEY SHOULD GO ACROSS THE COUNTY THAT
22 CAN HELP CITIES THAT REALLY CAN BUILD AND WORK OUT DEALS WITH OTHER CITIES
23 WITHIN THE COUNTY IF YOU CAN PROPOSE THAT AND ADD THAT TO CONSIDER THAT
24 RHNA ALLOCATION BE CONSIDERED ACROSS THE BUYER COUNTY WITH THE CITIES THAT

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1 HAVE THEIR CURRENT NUMBER BEING ABLE TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE OTHER CITIES
2 THAT CAN BUILD MORE HOUSING.

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4 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** YOU KNOW, I APPRECIATE THE POINT. THAT WILL
5 REQUIRE A CHANGE IN STATE LAW. THERE IS AN ABILITY TO CREATE A SUBREGION.
6 I THINK THAT KIND OF CONVERSATION AROUND SORT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF RHNA
7 AFTER THE ALLOCATIONS ARE APPROVED, AND POTENTIAL ADJUSTMENT IN STATE LAW,
8 OR ADVOCACY, COULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT MAYOR EKLUND
9 SUGGESTED.

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11 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S A GOOD SOLUTION, MAYBE THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE COULD
12 CONSIDER THAT.

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14 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU. I THINK IT'S A GOOD POINT. KATHLEEN
15 CANE.

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17 **KATHLEEN KANE:** PROCEDURAL ISSUE WITH THE AMENDMENTS, THE WORK PLAN THAT IS
18 UNDER CONSIDERATION WITH THIS MOTION WOULD BE DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE THAT
19 WAS ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY MOTION.

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21 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** I SEE.

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23 **KATHLEEN KANE:** IF WE COULD, I WOULD SUGGEST THE DIRECTION --

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1 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** WE SHOULD, RATHER THAN AMENDING, WE SHOULD
2 REFER THIS TO THE GENERAL -- TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, AND NOT IN THE WORK
3 PLAN, BUT REFER THIS TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

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5 **KATHLEEN KANE:** YES.

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7 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** -- FOR, AS PART OF OUR ADVOCACY PLATFORM.

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9 **KATHLEEN KANE:** EXACTLY, AND I THINK YOUR SUPPORT OF THAT AND OF MS.
10 MCMILLAN IS CLEAR.

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12 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** I WOULD LIKE TO WITHDRAW MY FRIENDLY AMENDMENT
13 AND MAKE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, THAT AS PART OF THE ACTION ON THE BUDGET
14 AND WORK PROGRAM, WE WILL REFER TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, FROM THE GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY TO INCLUDE THE LANGUAGE THAT I HAD READ, AS PART OF OUR ADVOCACY
16 PLATFORM. IS THAT ACCEPTABLE.

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18 **PAT ECKLUND:** AND THAT WAS THE INTENT OF THE MAKER OF THE ORIGINAL MOTION.

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20 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU.

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22 **SPEAKER:** AND I AGREE, AS THE SECONDER.

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24 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** WE'LL GO TO MATTHEW AND THEN I'LL CALL THE
25 ROLL.

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2 **MATTHEW:** I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR MR. ELEHI SUGGESTION
3 ABOUT GOING TO COUNTY-WIDE. I THINK IT WOULD RESULT IN THE ACTUAL BUILDING
4 OF UNITS RATHER THAN BUILDING OF NUMBERS.

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6 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** THANK YOU. OKAY. SO WITH THAT, I'M GOING TO
7 ASK, IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT? I DON'T SEE ANY RAISED HANDS. ANY
8 WRITTEN COMMENTS M CASTRO?

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10 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** NO WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED FOR THIS ITEM.

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12 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** WITH THAT, THE MOTION IS TO ADOPT THE BUDGET
13 AND WORK PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021, AND 2021 AND TO REFER TO THE ABAG
14 EXECUTIVE BOARD TO IMPLEMENTATION FLEXIBILITY WITH STATE HCD AROUND COUNTY
15 UNITS REQUIRED TO PRESERVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND TO EXPLORE MULTIAGENCY
16 COORDINATION WITH RHNA IMPLEMENTATION HOUSING AND WORKING WITH STATE
17 AGENCIES. ROLL CALL.

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19 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** [ROLL CALL VOTE].

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21 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THESE ARE CITIES IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY. [ROLL CALL
22 VOTE].

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24 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THESE ARE CITIES IN MARIN COUNTY. [ROLL CALL VOTE].

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1 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THESE ARE CITIES IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY. [ROLL CALL
2 VOTE] .

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4 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THESE ARE CITY IN SOLANO COUNTY. [ROLL CALL VOTE] .

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6 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** CITY IN SONOMA COUNTY. [ROLL CALL VOTE] . 65 AYES, ONE
7 ABSTENTION, MOTION PASSES.

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9 **JESSE ARREGUIN, PRESIDENT:** OKAY. THANK YOU ALL. THANK YOU FOR THE GOOD
10 DISCUSSION. I THINK WE HAVE A LOT OF VERY HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS, AROUND
11 AREAS TO EXPLORE, IN TERMS OF OUR ADVOCACY AND LEGISLATIVE WORK AROUND
12 RHNA. AND THESE ARE THINGS THAT WE WILL -- THAT HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE
13 EXECUTIVE BOARD, WE'LL DISCUSS FURTHER. AND THAT COMPLETES OUR BUSINESS
14 FOR TODAY. SO, I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR JOINING US THIS MORNING AND
15 AFTERNOON. AND THANK OUR STAFF FOR ALL THEIR WORK, AND WITH THAT, THE NEXT
16 -- THIS MEETING OF THE ABAG GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS ADJOURNED. OUR NEXT
17 GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL BE ANNOUNCED. AND, THANK YOU ALL. PLEASE BE SAFE.

18 [ADJOURNED]

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