

May 29, 2012

**CALL FOR COMMENT**

San Francisco Bay Area  
City Managers and Planning/Community Development Directors

Re: Adoption of DRAFT Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) Methodology and Preliminary Subregional Shares for the fifth cycle: 2014 - 2022

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After a yearlong process of workshops with our regional partners, the Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) Methodology has reached its first milestone. On May 17, 2012 the ABAG Executive Board approved the DRAFT Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) Methodology and Preliminary Subregional Shares for the fifth cycle: 2014 - 2022 for all jurisdictions and subregions by income category in the San Francisco Bay Area. The approval begins a 60-day period for jurisdictions to comment on the draft methodology and the subregions to comment on the Preliminary Subregional Shares (Government Code Section 65584.04). The attached memorandum and technical documents reflect the draft RHNA Methodology.

**Opportunity for Public and Local Jurisdiction Input**

To ensure that ABAG staff will have adequate time to incorporate feedback for the next Executive Board Meeting on July 19, 2012, we are recommending that jurisdictions and subregions submit their feedback by **June 30, 2012** to [RHNA\\_Feedback@abag.ca.gov](mailto:RHNA_Feedback@abag.ca.gov) or any questions regarding the draft RHNA Methodology.

If you wish you provide in-person, oral or written testimony on the draft RHNA Methodology, ABAG will hold a public hearing during the Regional Planning Committee meeting on:

Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at 1:00pm  
Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter Auditorium  
101 Eighth Street, Oakland  
(across from the Lake Merritt BART station)

**Opportunity for Additional Local Jurisdiction Input**

On July 19, 2012 the ABAG Executive Board will meet to discuss the feedback received regarding the draft RHNA Methodology and Preliminary Subregional Shares. The Executive Board will also act on ABAG staff recommendations for a Final RHNA Methodology, release the Draft Allocations that result from the Final RHNA Methodology and approve the Final

Subregional Shares. ABAG's release of the Draft Allocations will begin a *Revision and Appeals Process* (see below for an outline of the process and timeline). The subregions will be conducting a parallel process for their jurisdictions. ABAG will provide more detailed procedures and guidelines on release of the Draft Allocations.

By April 2013, ABAG will issue Final Allocations that will be subject to a final adoption by the ABAG Executive Board. From June to July 2013 the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) will review the San Francisco Bay Area RHNA Plan.

Thank you for your involvement in this process. For next steps and other opportunities for public involvement, please see the attached list of events at the end of the enclosed packet.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Kirkey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Ken Kirkey  
ABAG Director of Planning and Research