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To: [French, Amy](#)
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Subject: Update on Cell Tower applications
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2020 3:02:24 PM

Dear Amy,

Thank you for the response below to my June 1, 2020 email, and for your subsequent responses as well.

As I understand it, these are the answers to the questions I asked you:

1. **My question:** You refer to Crown Castle/Verizon Cluster 1 17PLN-00416 as having six sites. I am only aware of three, all near Town & Country. What are the addresses of the other three sites?

Your answer: The other three sites were on Alma Street, by the train track. They were alternate sites to the original three sites Crown Castle/Verizon had proposed in Town & Country Village.

2. **My question:** What is the status of Vinculums/Verizon Cluster 3 17PLN-00228 (twelve sites in Old Palo Alto and Triple EI)?

Your answer: The status of this application remains "Incomplete." I take note that this application was submitted to the City three years ago.

3. **My question:** What is the status of AT&T 19PLN-00191 (14 sites in University South, Downtown North and Green Acres)?

Your answer: The status of this application remains "Incomplete."

4. **My question:** Have any small cell node cell tower applications been submitted since AT&T submitted 19PLN-00191?

Your answer: Yes. Vinculums/Verizon has applied to install seven new cell towers on street lamps in the Downtown North, Crescent Park, University South and Community Center neighborhoods (Project # 20PLN-00118, known as Vinculums/Verizon Cluster 4). This application "... is under review to determine complete or incomplete status. Garrett Sauls is doing the 10 day rapid review turn-around due to the shot clock." Regarding the design of these towers, "we haven't seen a design like this yet from any carrier (a new style of 5G antennas integrated with the radio units)."

From the plans I've seen, it appears to me that a) some ancillary equipment for these towers will be located underground, and b) that no equipment will be

side-mounted on the exterior of the street lamp poles. But please correct me if I am wrong, Amy.

More generally, if I've misunderstood anything, I would appreciate it if you would let me know.

Thank you for your help.

Regards,

Jeanne

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From: French, Amy <Amy.French@CityofPaloAlto.org>
Sent: Monday, June 15, 2020 12:48 PM
To: Jeanne Fleming <jfleming@metricus.net>
Subject: RE: FYI Crown Castle Cluster 1 withdrawn

Hello Jeanne,

There was no wireless update activity to report on June 1, beyond the withdrawal I communicated to you about. We are looking toward an August date for a Planning and Transportation Commission meeting on Wireless.

Addresses are often not the way to describe a proposed installation. Crown had the three town and country locations, then submitted three alternate locations (alongside the train track screen vegetation, on Alma Street) that do not have addresses. In any case, that application is withdrawn, so there is no need for me to research to further answer your question #1.

I don't know the answers to your questions #2 and #3 but Rebecca Atkinson and Garrett Sauls were forwarded your emailed questions. I will ask if they have knowledge of answers to those two questions.

Regarding your question #4: Today I learned we recently received a fourth cluster from Verizon, proposing 7 nodes. These right of way applications are always given the address 250 Hamilton (city hall's address), as it is a right of way application with no actual address otherwise. The application 20APP-00737 came in through the online permitting system and is being entered into Palo Alto Building Eye and routed to city staff. I imagine it will soon be visible on Building Eye. Garrett Sauls will be processing that application.

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Hello,

This email is to provide you an update specific to one wireless application:
Crown Castle has withdrawn all 6 sites from consideration under 17PLN-00416 Cluster 1.

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Subject: Bay Area RHNA
Date: Thursday, June 18, 2020 11:12:01 AM
Attachments: [Item 10a 3 Attachment B HCD Memo on RHND.pdf](#)
[Item 5a 2 Attachment A Presentation v4.pdf](#)

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I am attaching the HCD determination letter for the Bay Area regional housing need determination.

The total for the 8.5 year period is 441,176 units, which I believe is 135% (more than double) the current target.

Note two points:

- 1) Almost 60% of the units are targeted at low and moderate income households while 40% are for HH making more than 120% of the area median income
- 2) About half of these units are for the projected growth in households and half are to "catch up" on existing shortages under the HCD methodology: to reduce the number of overcrowded and cost-burdened households and to target a normal supply of vacant units.

Palo Alto should expect to get a higher % goal as the current RHNA allocation committee criteria (not final yet) target above average allocations for 1) cities that are high opportunity areas and 2) cities that have an abundance of jobs relative to housing (see slide 9 of the second attachment. I expect Palo Alto would score high on both of these criteria.

A final note.

The HCD determination was not based on the ABAG growth forecast. If it had been, the target likely would have been 100,000--150,000 higher.

Steve

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June 9, 2020

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Dear Therese W. McMillan,

RE: Final Regional Housing Need Determination

This letter provides the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) its final Regional Housing Need Determination. Pursuant to state housing element law (Government Code section 65584, et seq.), the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is required to provide the determination of ABAG's existing and projected housing need.

In assessing ABAG's regional housing need, HCD and ABAG staff completed an extensive consultation process from March 2019 through May 2020 covering the methodology, data sources, and timeline for HCD's determination of the Regional Housing Need. HCD also consulted with Walter Schwarm with the California Department of Finance (DOF) Demographic Research Unit.

Attachment 1 displays the minimum regional housing need determination of **441,176** total units among four income categories for ABAG to distribute among its local governments. Attachment 2 explains the methodology applied pursuant to Gov. Code section 65584.01. In determining ABAG's housing need, HCD considered all the information specified in state housing law (Gov. Code section 65584.01(c)).

As you know, ABAG is responsible for adopting a methodology for RHNA allocation and RHNA Plan for the projection period beginning June 30, 2022 and ending December 31, 2030. Pursuant to Gov. Code section 65584(d), the methodology to prepare ABAG's RHNA plan must further the following objectives:

- (1) Increasing the housing supply and mix of housing types, tenure, and affordability
- (2) Promoting infill development and socioeconomic equity, protecting environmental and agricultural resources, and encouraging efficient development patterns
- (3) Promoting an improved intraregional relationship between jobs and housing
- (4) Balancing disproportionate household income distributions
- (5) Affirmatively furthering fair housing

Pursuant to Gov. Code section 65584.04(d), to the extent data is available, ABAG shall include the factors listed in Gov. Code section 65584.04(d)(1-13) to develop its RHNA

plan, and pursuant to Gov. Code section 65584.04(f), ABAG must explain in writing how each of these factors was incorporated into the RHNA plan methodology and how the methodology furthers the statutory objectives described above. Pursuant to Gov. Code section 65584.04(h), ABAG must submit its draft methodology to HCD for review.

Increasing the availability of affordable homes, ending homelessness, and meeting other housing goals continues to be a priority for the State of California. To support these goals the 2019-20 Budget Act allocated \$250 million for all regions and jurisdictions for planning activities through the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) and Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grant programs. ABAG has \$ 23,966,861 available through the REAP program and HCD applauds ABAG's efforts to engage early on how best to utilize these funds and HCD looks forward to continuing this collaboration. All ABAG jurisdictions are also eligible for LEAP grants and are encouraged to apply to support meeting and exceeding sixth cycle housing element goals. While the SB 2 Planning Grant deadline has passed, ongoing regionally tailored technical assistance is still available through that program.

In addition to these planning resources HCD encourages local governments to consider the many other affordable housing and community development resources available to local governments that can be found at <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/nofas.shtml>

HCD commends ABAG and its leadership in fulfilling its important role in advancing the state's housing, transportation, and environmental goals. ABAG is also recognized for its actions in proactively educating and engaging its board and committees on the RHNA process and the regional housing need, as well as creating tools to aid the public understanding in the process. HCD especially thanks Paul Fassinger, Gillian Adams, Aksel Olsen, Dave Vautin, Bobby Lu, Matt Maloney, and Elizabeth Bulgarin for their significant efforts and assistance. HCD looks forward to its continued partnership with ABAG and its member jurisdictions and assisting ABAG in its planning efforts to accommodate the region's share of housing need.

If HCD can provide any additional assistance, or if you, or your staff, have any questions, please contact Megan Kirkeby, Acting Deputy Director, at megan.kirkeby@hcd.ca.gov or Tom Brinkhuis, Housing Policy Specialist at (916) 263-6651 or tom.brinkhuis@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Acting Deputy Director

Enclosures

ATTACHMENT 1

HCD REGIONAL HOUSING NEED DETERMINATION ABAG: June 30, 2022 through December 31, 2030

<u>Income Category</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Housing Unit Need</u>
Very-Low*	25.9%	114,442
Low	14.9%	65,892
Moderate	16.5%	72,712
Above-Moderate	42.6%	188,130
Total	100.0%	441,176
* Extremely-Low	15.5%	Included in Very-Low Category

Notes:

Income Distribution:

Income categories are prescribed by California Health and Safety Code (Section 50093, et. seq.). Percents are derived based on Census/ACS reported household income brackets and county median income, then adjusted based on the percent of cost-burdened households in the region compared with the percent of cost burdened households nationally.

ATTACHMENT 2

HCD REGIONAL HOUSING NEED DETERMINATION: ABAG June 30, 2021 through December 31, 2030

Methodology

ABAG: PROJECTION PERIOD (8.5 years)		
HCD Determined Population, Households, & Housing Unit Need		
Reference No.	Step Taken to Calculate Regional Housing Need	Amount
1.	Population: December 31 2030 (DOF June 30 2030 projection adjusted + 6 months to December 31 2030)	8,273,975
2.	<i>- Group Quarters Population: December 31 2030 (DOF June 30 2030 projection adjusted + 6 months to December 31 2030)</i>	-169,755
3.	Household (HH) Population	8,159,280
4.	Projected Households	3,023,735
5.	+ Vacancy Adjustment (3.27%)	+98,799
6.	+ Overcrowding Adjustment (3.13%)	+94,605
7.	+ Replacement Adjustment (.50%)	+15,120
8.	<i>- Occupied Units (HHs) estimated June 30, 2022</i>	-2,800,185
9.	+ Cost-burden Adjustment	+9,102
Total	6th Cycle Regional Housing Need Assessment (RHNA)	441,176

Detailed background data for this chart is available upon request.

Explanation and Data Sources

- 1-4. Population, Group Quarters, Household Population, & Projected Households: Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 65584.01, projections were extrapolated from DOF projections. Population reflects total persons. Group Quarter Population reflects persons in a dormitory, group home, institute, military, etc. that do not require residential housing. Household Population reflects persons requiring residential housing. Projected Households reflect the propensity of persons within the Household Population to form households at different rates based on American Community Survey (ACS) trends.
5. Vacancy Adjustment: HCD applies a vacancy adjustment (standard 5% maximum to total projected housing stock) and adjusts the percentage based on the region's current vacancy percentage to provide healthy market vacancies to facilitate housing availability and resident mobility. The adjustment is the difference between standard 5% vacancy rate and regions current vacancy rate based (**1.73%**) on the 2014-2018 ACS data. For ABAG that difference is **3.27%**.
6. Overcrowding Adjustment: In regions where overcrowding is greater than the comparable region's overcrowding rate, or in the absence of comparable region the national overcrowding rate. HCD applies an adjustment based on the amount the regions overcrowding rate (**6.73%**) exceeds the comparable region's rate (**3.60%**). For ABAG that difference is **3.13%**. Data is from the 2014-2018 ACS.
7. Replacement Adjustment: HCD applies a replacement adjustment between .5% and 5% to the total housing stock based on the current 10-year annual average percent of demolitions the region's local government annual reports to Department of Finance (DOF). For ABAG the 10-year annual average multiplied by the length of the projection period is .40%, and the minimum **.50%** adjustment is applied.

8. Occupied Units: This figure reflects DOF's estimate of occupied units at the start of the projection period (June 30, 2022).
9. Cost Burden Adjustment: HCD applies an adjustment to the projected need by comparing the difference in cost-burden by income group for the region to the cost-burden by income group for the comparable regions, as determined by ABAG. The very-low and low income RHNA is increased by the percent difference ($66.64\% - 66.00\% = .64\%$) between the region and the comparable region cost burden rate for households earning 80% of area median income and below, then this difference is applied to very low- and low-income RHNA proportionate to the share of the population these groups currently represent. The moderate and above-moderate income RHNA is increased by the percent difference ($16.25\% - 13.10\% = 3.15\%$) between the region and the comparable region cost burden rate for households earning above 80% Area Median Income, then this difference is applied to moderate and above moderate income RHNA proportionate to the share of the population these groups currently represent. Data is from 2012-2016 CHAS.



Update on Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) and Regional Early Action Program (REAP)

ABAG Regional
Planning Committee
May 6, 2020



RHNA Update: Housing Methodology Committee

ABAG Regional Planning
Committee

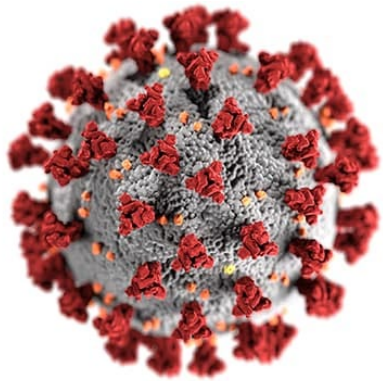
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COVID-19 Pandemic + Likely Recession: Near-Term versus Longer-Term Impacts

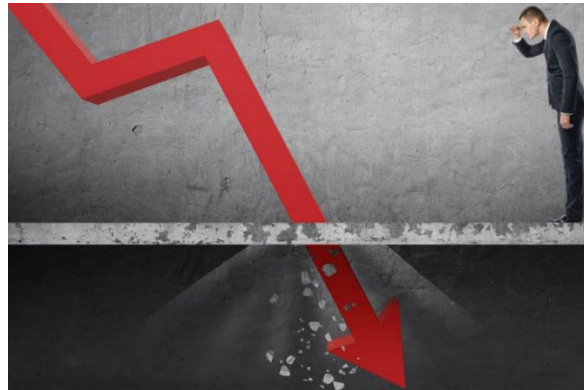
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NEXT 1 TO 5 YEARS

THROUGH 2030



PANDEMIC



(LIKELY) **RECESSION**



RECOVERY

- RHNA: planning for *ongoing* need for housing at all income levels
- Requests for flexibility: delay of RHNA implementation requires action by the State
- ABAG will elevate local government concerns with state agencies and legislators

HMC materials from March & April

- March HMC meeting:
 - What we heard from community-based organizations
 - Results of local jurisdiction survey
 - Plan Bay Area 2050 update
 - Continuing discussion of methodology factors
- Materials sent in April
 - Fair housing report
 - Summary of methodology options from March meeting
 - Revised RHNA schedule

CBO outreach: what community members said

- More housing needed everywhere for everyone
- Support for additional housing in high resource areas, with concerns
- Emphasis on linking jobs to housing and getting communities that haven't stepped up to do more
- Housing near transit is good, but transit availability, reliability, safety and cost are concerns
- Need for funding/financing for affordable housing, re-invest in communities that are under-resourced and support new with resources/services
- Important to enforce RHNA plans with incentives or penalties to ensure housing

Local jurisdiction survey: housing and land use

- Jobs-housing fit: 85% stated their jurisdiction is imbalanced or very imbalanced
- No regional consensus about opportunities
- #1 constraint: construction costs (87% of respondents)
 - Other constraints cited by a majority: availability of vacant land, funding for affordable housing, availability of construction workforce, land suitability, and availability of surplus public land
- Primary challenges to affordable housing: lack of local gap financing and available land

Local jurisdiction survey: fair housing

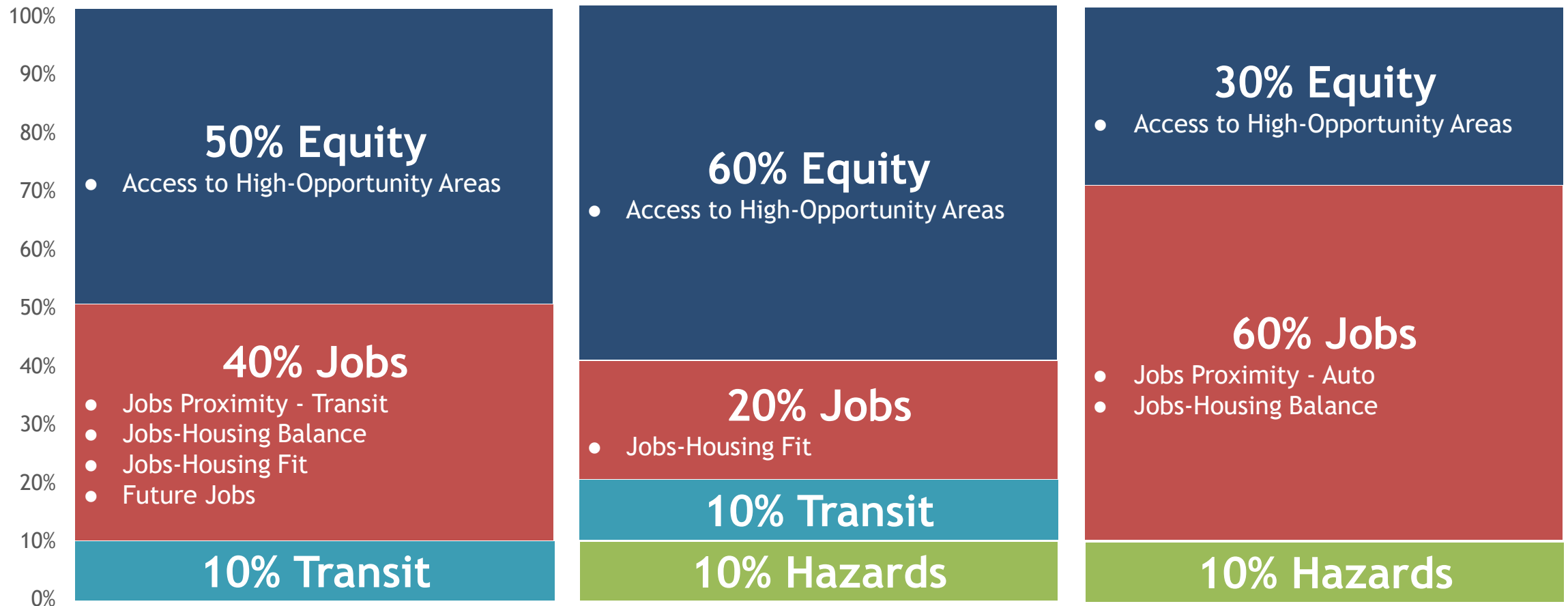
- Top factors contributing to fair housing issues
 - Displacement of low-income and/or person-of-color (POC) residents
 - Community opposition to development
 - Lack of affordable housing, especially larger units
 - Land use/zoning laws

Methodology factors: overview

- March meeting: small group discussion to choose factors, assign weights to create methodology options
- Staff facilitators guided members through use of online visualization tool:
<https://rhna-factors.mtcanalytics.org/>

Methodology factors: top options

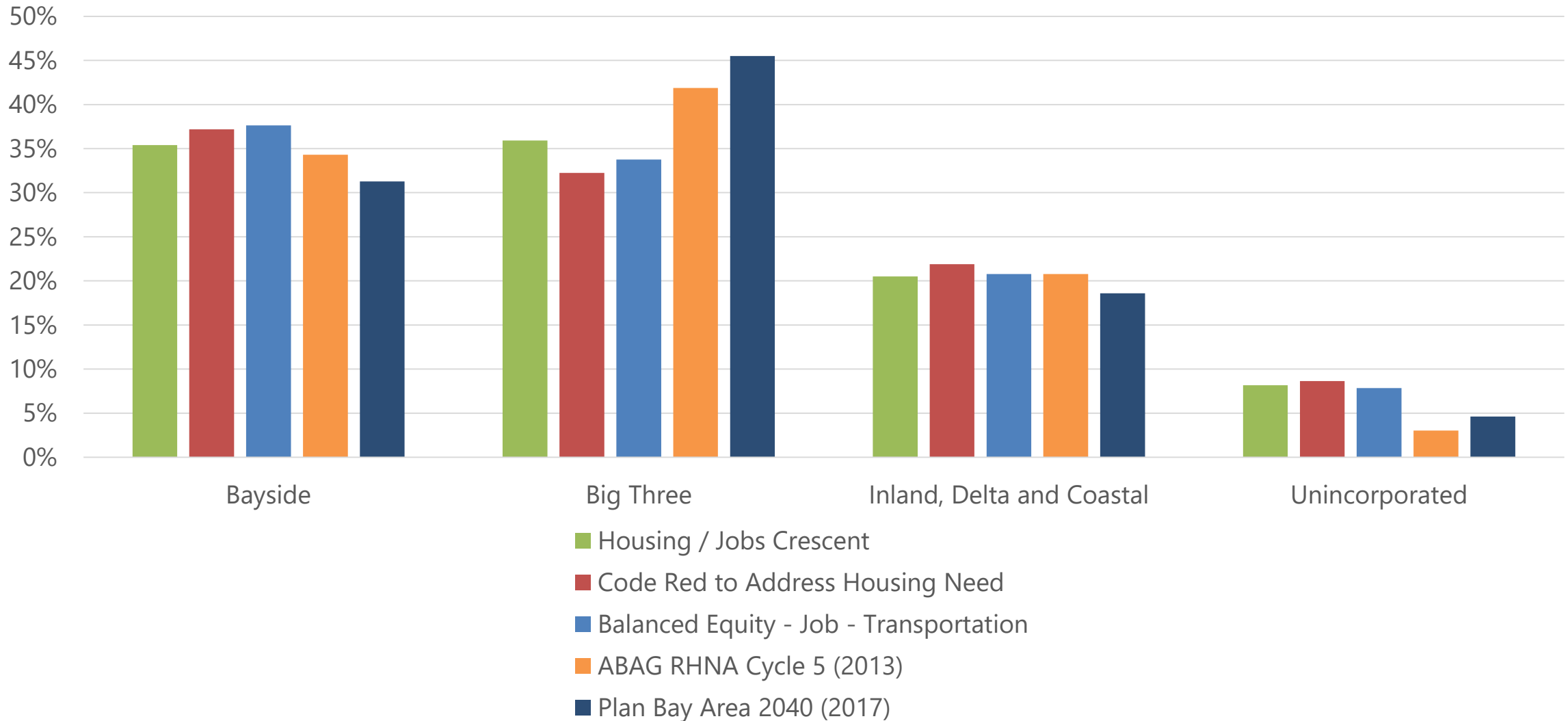
Comparison of three methodology options that received most votes



Methodology factors: top options



Methodology factors: top options



Revised RHNA timeline

Milestone	Revised Deadline
HCD Regional Housing Need Determination	Summer 2020
Plan Bay Area 2050 Draft Blueprint	July 2020
Proposed RHNA methodology, draft subregion shares	Fall 2020
Plan Bay Area 2050 Final Blueprint	December 2020
Final subregion shares	December 2020
Draft RHNA methodology to HCD for review	Winter 2021
Final RHNA methodology, draft allocation	Spring 2021
RHNA appeals	Summer 2021
Final Plan Bay Area 2050	September 2021
Final RHNA allocation	Winter 2021
Housing Element due date	January 2023

Dates are tentative and subject to change

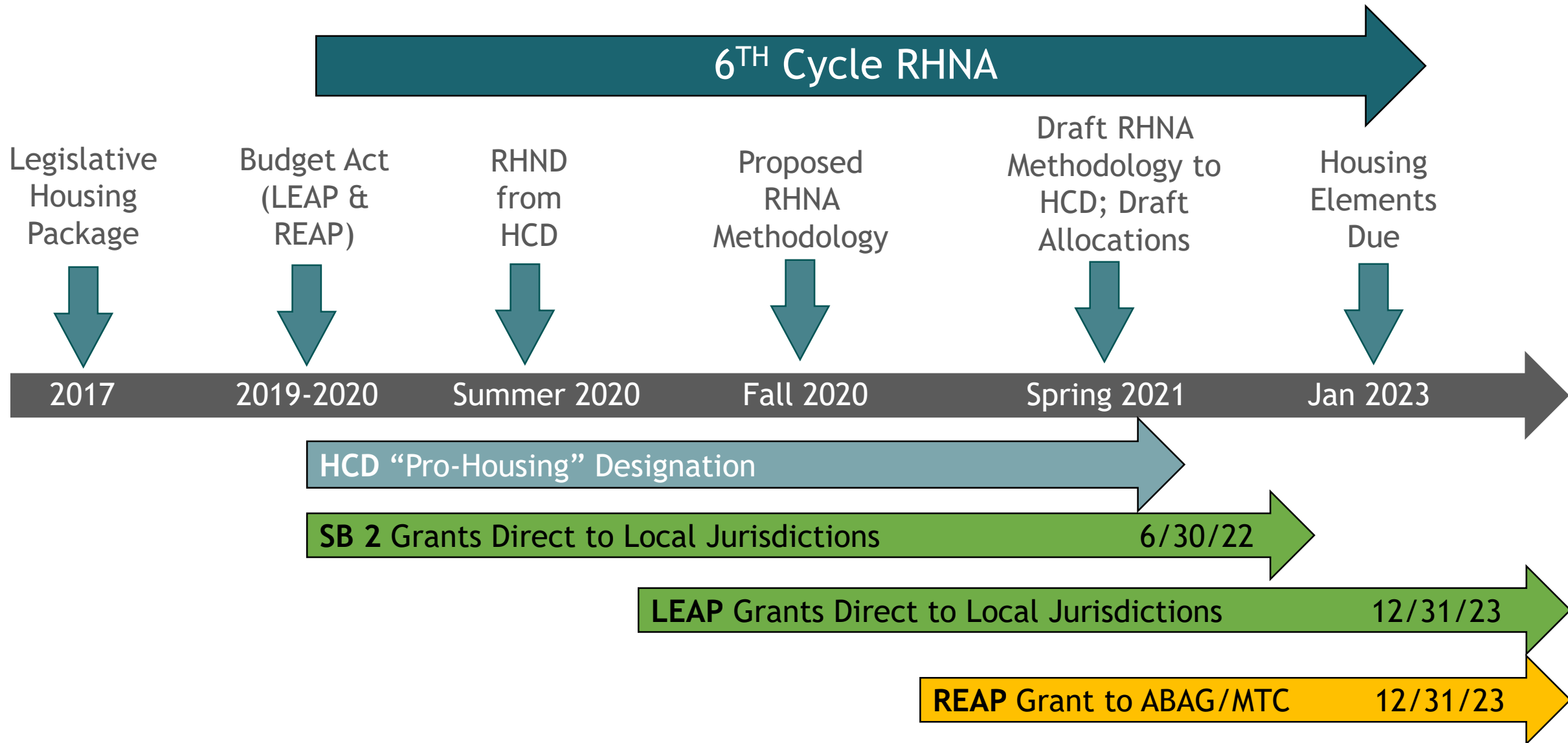


Regional Early Action Planning Grants (REAP) Update

ABAG Regional Planning Committee

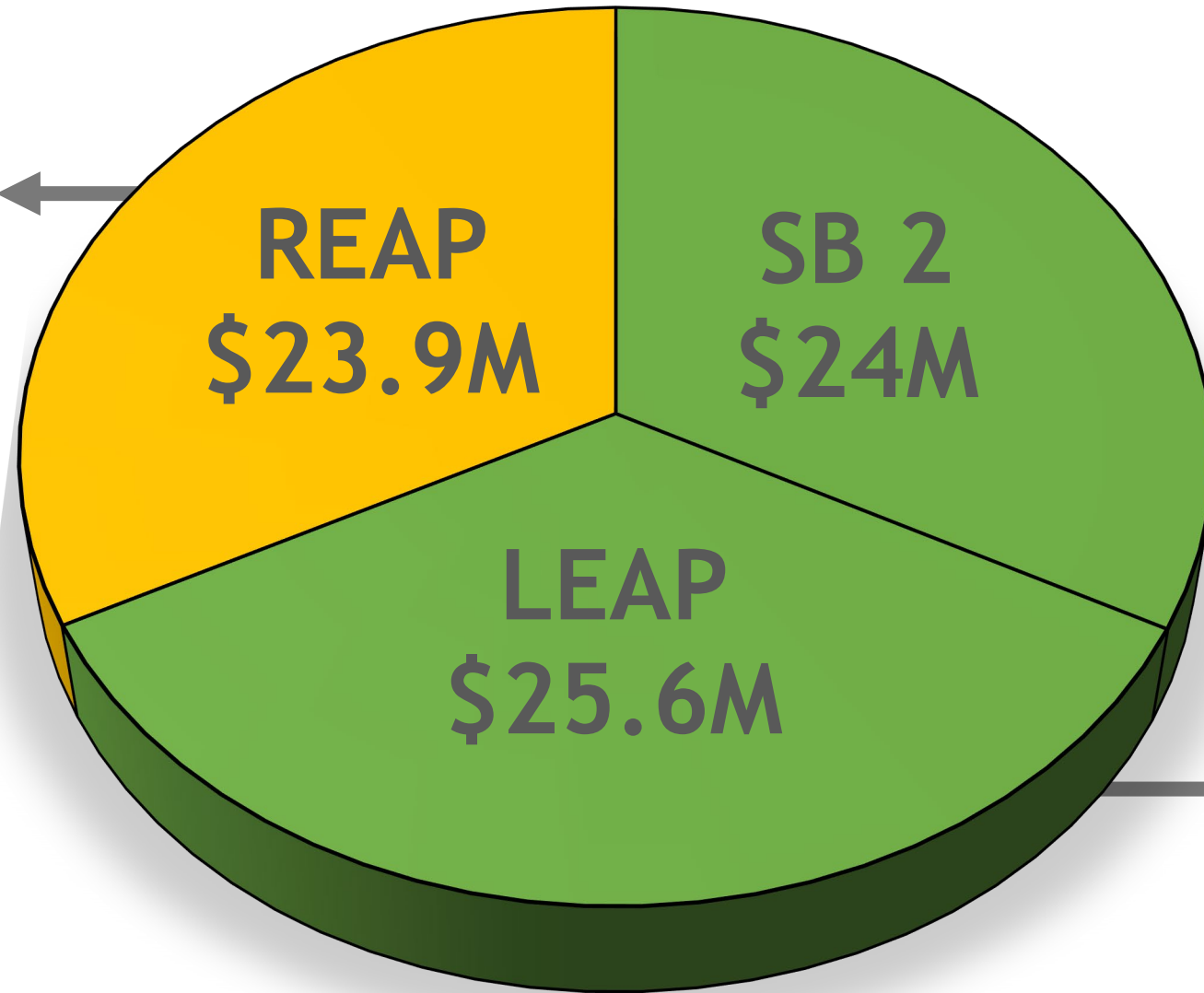
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Deadlines & New Resources



State Funding to the Bay Area to plan for housing

Funding to
Regional
Government



Direct
Funding to
Local
Jurisdictions

REAP Basics

Background:

- One-time regional funding to ABAG
- To assist with implementation of RHNA & accelerate housing production

HCD Administration:

- 25% disbursement (\$5.9M) to ABAG pending contract with HCD.
- ABAG must submit application for the remaining 75% (\$18M) by 1/31/2021.

Next Steps:

- **Spring 2020:** Needs assessment of local jurisdictions for next Housing Element updates
- **Summer 2020:** Program design
- **Fall 2020:** Apply to HCD for remaining 75%
- **By Early Winter 2020:** Launch new regional housing program

ABAG/MTC Committed to Using REAP:

- **To enhance the RHNA process** by supporting the Housing Methodology Committee and increasing engagement with local electeds, staff, and stakeholders
- **To develop a new regional housing technical assistance program**
 - Technical assistance to jurisdictions to develop compliant **housing elements**.
 - Technical assistance to support **community engagement** strategies related to “3 Ps” of housing: Protection, Preservation, and Production

What should a
regional housing
technical assistance
program look like?

Needs Assessment & Program Design

Needs Assessment: Who We've Talked To

Outreach to Date:

- ABAG General Assembly
- League of Cities City Managers Conference
- Bay Area Planning Directors Association (BAPDA) - Steering Committee
- Small group discussion with every Planning Director in the Bay Area
 - Pre-existing county-based Planning Directors' meetings

Additional Outreach Planned:

- Local Elected Officials via Mayors' Conferences and League of Cities Sub-regional Meetings (to the extent feasible per COVID-19)
- Webinars
 - Overview of REAP for Local Electeds and General Public
 - Deep-dive on Housing Element Site Selection process for Local Staff
- Stakeholders and General Public

Needs Assessment: What We've Heard

Collaborative & Cohort-Based Approach

- Knowledge sharing on policies and best practices, site analysis and strategies, funding, etc.
- Tailored for variety of contexts

Regional Consultant Pool

- Economies of scale
- Reduced administrative burden on local staff
- Flexibility to craft locally-appropriate policies and programs

Regional Coordination with HCD

- Template Documents
- Data Packets
- Pre-Approved Site Feasibility Analysis?

Housing Leadership Development & Community Engagement

- Data-Driven Messaging
- Outreach and Education
- Focus Groups and Listening Sessions

Next step: RFP for Master Consultant

“ABAG seeks to retain a master consultant to assist with its REAP program design, budgeting and implementation, including the recruiting and oversight of additional consultants.”

Proposals shall not exceed \$200,000, however, proposals may also include descriptions of additional proposed services and pricing should additional funding become available.

See <https://MTC.bonfirehub.com> for details.

Thank You

For more information contact

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From where I sit I see the Staff pushing the agenda to the City Council, then the Council has to respond.

I always thought the the Council, who residents do elect, are in charge of the staff. It certainly doesn't look like that to me. Over the years the Staff has really NOT included/respected citizen committees, certainly has all but ignored their opinions, and their experience and knowledge.

Now with the June agenda, organized by the staff, you are pushing an exhausted Council, who have since May 4th, two meetings a week lasting over 11 hours. Now huge decisions that supposedly have to be made before the summer break on June 29th. Some council members also have full time jobs.

My opinion is that we NEED to keep the President hotel as low income housing, not a high class hotel, of which we already have many! Plus again no parking etc.

Pre-screening for a major project at 3300 El Camino Real from what I see has not been vetted, what about the toxic gases that would be released near homes if this project would be approved. First we do not need more office buildings, we need LOW income housing, not market rate. Isn't it time for the developers who actually make these decisions to be held accountable to the environment and how it affect the surrounding community. There should be no allowance for any such toxicity.

Foothills Park, Since Palo Alto residents paid for the park we have the final say in opening it up to others. Especially since other cities didn't join to help buy the land. Plus residents of P. A. have repeatedly been opposed to this, others can join as friends.

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Subject: PG&E Liability on city-owned poles
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Hi Planning Commission -

Tom Ting is 100% incorrect about who has liability for poles owned by the City. If cities were liable, they would have been found liable in the huge number of lawsuits that followed the California wildfires.

PG&E is liable for safety hazards where ever their equipment can be found. They are responsible for maintaining the safety of their equipment, no matter who owns the poles.

If our contract provides otherwise, we have a profoundly terrible contract that must be renegotiated. I am guessing that what is more likely is that our city staff is listening to guidance from the highly paid PG&E lawyers.

This must be fixed.

Thank you,
Rebecca

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