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Dear Bay Area Local Elected Officials,

The Bay Area faces many pressing regional challenges such as crowded roadways and public transit, the lingering threat of earthquakes and raising tides, to name a few. But the housing shortage has reached crisis proportions. During our remarkable run of economic expansion since the Great Recession ended in 2010, the Bay Area has added 722,000 jobs but constructed only 106,000 housing units. With housing supply and demand that far out of whack, home prices and rental costs have shot through the roof and a wide swath of our fellow Bay Area residents from long-time residents, newcomers and young people are suffering. As well, more people are being forced to move further away in search of affordability and endure crushing long-distance commutes that also exacerbates congestion and GHG production.

The traffic and housing challenge is well known to you. Perhaps less well known is the effort led by ABAG and MTC to bring together a blue-ribbon panel of local elected officials, housing experts, and leaders from across the Bay Area who worked together for almost two years to build an actionable consensus around (1) increasing housing production at all levels of affordability, (2) preserving existing affordable housing, and (3) protecting vulnerable populations from housing instability and displacement.

This group named itself CASA, the Committee to House the Bay Area and the compact the group committed to each other can be found online at <https://mtc.ca.gov/casa>

Both the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the ABAG Executive Board have authorized their respective Chair and President to sign the compact. In addition, the ABAG Executive Board directed the formation of a task force of elected officials from Bay Area cities and counties to follow, become informed and to engage in the legislative process that is essential for the CASA compact to be implemented. Similarly, MTC's CASA motion included direction to staff to do additional outreach to local elected officials and engage with them during the legislative process.

Accordingly, on behalf of MTC and ABAG, we respectfully invite each county's Boards of Supervisors to appoint one representative and each county's City Selection Committee to appoint two representatives to serve on the CASA Legislative Task Force (Task Force).

To encourage the presence of new perspectives on the Task Force, nominating bodies are encouraged to appoint members who are not currently serving on the ABAG Executive Board or on MTC. The participation of elected officials from a wide range of city sizes is encouraged as well. The Task Force will be chaired by ABAG with a member of MTC serving as the Vice Chair, and each will have an appointment to the Task Force with a goal of creating a well-rounded committee. The Task Force will seek to meet monthly during the current state

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legislative session to receive progress reports and to engage on CASA related legislation. This feedback will be relayed to the Joint ABAG/MTC Legislation Committee, the ABAG Executive Board and MTC. Meetings will be held at the Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco with telephone participation available. The Task Force is subject to the Brown Act. Task Force members are not eligible for per diem.

Please submit nominees via email to ABAG Clerk of the Board, Fred Castro, at [fcastro@bayareametro.gov](mailto:fcastro@bayareametro.gov) and note "CASA Task Force Nomination" in the subject line. Deadline for submitting nominees is March 14, 2019. Appointments to the Task Force will be ratified by the ABAG Executive Board and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at their March meetings.

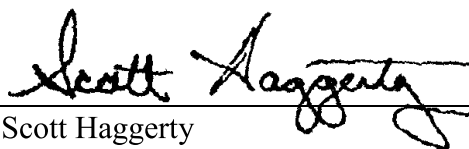
Should you have any questions, please contact Alix Bockelman, Deputy Executive Director of Policy, at [abockelman@bayareametro.gov](mailto:abockelman@bayareametro.gov).

Sincerely,




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 County of Contra Costa, Board of Supervisors  
 County of Marin, Board of Supervisors  
 County of Napa, Board of Supervisors  
 City and County of San Francisco, Board of Supervisors  
 County of San Mateo, Board of Supervisors  
 County of Santa Clara, Board of Supervisors  
 County of Solano, Board of Supervisors  
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 Contra Costa County Mayors Conference  
 Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers  
 Napa County City Selection Committee  
 City and County of San Francisco--Mayor  
 San Mateo County City Selection Committee  
 Cities Association of Santa Clara County  
 Solano County City Selection Committee  
 Sonoma County City Selection Committee