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To: [Lara Weisiger](#); [City Clerk](#)
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Hi,

My public comments.

Thank you.

Trish

Good evening,

There has recently been discussion of an alternative way of counting housing units that the City of Alameda and other Bay Area cities will be allocated, which would greatly reduce Alameda's allocation from 4,900 units to 3,252 units. The lesser unit number is arrived at via the Plan Bay Area 2050 Growth Baseline methodology.

It is my understanding that other Bay area cities are urging ABAG to adopt the Plan Bay Area 2050 Growth Baseline methodology, which results in the lower number of units being requested for cities to add.

I would encourage the City of Alameda to join those cities and participate in the ABAG public comment period and hearing on Nov. 12, and agenda items as appropriate before the City Council, and possibly the Planning Board, to request that the City of Alameda's units be reduced as much as possible as we are an island and peninsula community, with limited ingress and egress, and situated between the San Andreas Fault System and the Hayward Fault Zone and a significant portion of Alameda is bayfill and subject to liquefaction during a magnitude 7.1 earthquake on the Hayward Fault. As we all know, we just marked the anniversary of the Loma-Prieta Earthquake of October 17, 1989, which was a magnitude of 6.9.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Trish Spencer

Former Mayor of the City of Alameda and

City Council Candidate