

## EXHIBIT 1

May 17, 2017

Mayor Pradeep Gupta, Chair, ABAG Regional Planning Committee  
Mayor Julie Pierce, President, ABAG Executive Board  
ABAG  
375 Beale Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105

RE: ABAG/MTC consolidation and continuation of key ABAG programs

Dear Honorable Gupta and Pierce:

This letter will serve as the City of Alameda's comment letter on the proposed ABAG Budget and Work Plan. The consolidation of ABAG and MTC employees has been an opportunity to coordinate many functions as well as save money on the overlapping goals and mission statements of both agencies. At the same time, it is imperative that the core regional planning services that local governments depend on are continued at their same funding levels – particularly in housing and land use. MTC has shown its commitment to housing and land use in the last decade and the City of Alameda is now requesting that MTC commits to a continuation of budgeting for these essential services as the budget and work program is developed as the transition is finalized. Ensuring a funding commitment of dedicated staff to programs formally led by ABAG is essential. Below are our recommendations for several additions to the budget and work plan to ensure this outcome:

- Designate full time equivalent staff (FTEs) for the specific housing tasks in housing/neighborhoods sections identified in the planning team organization chart, compared to current/historical FTEs implementing these programs at ABAG;
- Designate FTEs dedicated to working with cities on the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process. This includes the initial outreach to cities and completion of the allocation cycle;
- Designate FTEs dedicated to working with cities on refining the land use process in Plan Bay Area, based on local plans; and
- Designate FTEs dedicated to working with the key Bay Area leadership of the Bay Area Planning Directors Association (BAPDA).

The City of Alameda appreciates this opportunity to express our concerns as you refine and finalize the budget and work plan.

Sincerely,

Trish Herrera Spencer  
Mayor

cc: Steve Heminger, MTC Executive Director