

# **DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

Agenda Item #8

# AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: September 11, 2018

Subject: Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Subregion

**Prepared by:** Jon Biggs, Community Development Director

**Approved by:** Chris Jordan, City Manager

# **Attachments:**

1. Cities Association of Santa Clara County Board of Director's Meeting Agenda Report, Date June 14, 2018, with Attachments

2. June 14, 2018 Cities Association Meeting Summary

# Initiated by:

Request for Consideration by Cities Association of Santa Clara County

# **Previous Council Consideration:**

None

# Fiscal Impact:

None anticipated

## **Environmental Review:**

None required for consideration of the subject.

# Policy Question(s) for Council Consideration:

• Does the City Council wish to participate in the formation of a Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Subregion with Santa Clara County and other Cities in the County?

# Summary:

• The Cities Association of Santa Clara County (Cities Association) is seeking input from the City Council on the formation of a RHNA Subregion in Santa Clara County

## **Staff Recommendation:**

Move to participate and support efforts to form a RHNA Subregion in Santa Clara County



**Subject**: Regional Housing Needs Allocation Subregion

# **Purpose**

Provide the City Council with an opportunity to discuss and provide input to the Cities Association on the formation of a RHNA Subregion.

# Background

A section of the City's General Plan Housing Element identifies current and future housing needs. In consideration of future housing needs, State law provides for the Council of Governments (ABAG for Los Altos) to assign a share of the region's housing construction needs to each city and county. For Los Altos, the housing needs assignment was 477 housing units for the current planning cycle, which runs from January 2015 to January 2023. This is the Los Altos RHNA.

As can be expected, many Cities in the State of California find it difficult to meet these housing need allocations for various reasons. One effort by counties and cities to address these shortfalls is to develop a RHNA Subregion. A RHNA Subregion, if formed, provides its participants with flexibility in meeting its State mandated RHNA assignment, in that housing for its RHNA can be developed outside of its boundaries.

# Discussion/Analysis

In 2015 the Cities Association formed a Regional Housing Task Force Subcommittee to develop a framework and process to implement a RHNA Subregion in Santa Clara County. The Subcommittee has developed a RHNA Subregion Overview, a Pros/Cons Information Sheet, Guiding Principles, Resolution of Support and By-laws for such a program. The June 14, 2018 Cities Association meeting covered this topic and the accompanying report and attachments are included as Attachment 1. The June 14, 2018 Cities Association Meeting Summary is also included as Attachment 2.

The full Cities Association is now considering the formation of a RHNA Subregion for the next housing cycle (2023-2031) and is seeking input from the City Council on the topic. The Cities Association has asked that a discussion on this be agendized and the input of the City Council be provided so that the Cities Association Board can vote on this at its meeting in October of this year.

Staff is recommending that the City Council discuss and provide input that will be forwarded to the Cities Association on this program.

# **Options**

1) Provide input that supports efforts to form a RHNA Subregion

**Advantages:** City can participate in the development of this program

**Disadvantages**: None identified

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**Subject**: Regional Housing Needs Allocation Subregion

2) Provide input that does not support efforts to form a RHNA Subregion

**Advantages**: None identified

**Disadvantages**: City would not have a say in the development of this program

# Recommendation

The staff recommends Option 1.

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# Board of Directors Meeting - Agenda Report

Meeting Date: June 14, 2018

Subject: 3c RHNA Subregion Task Force (action)

Initiated by: Board Priority

Previous Consideration: none

Fiscal Impact: n/a

Attachments RHNA Subregion Overview

Pros/Cons

**Guiding Principles** 

Resolution By-laws

Summary: As an effort to improve the implementation of housing across the region,

the Cities Association continues to address and consider the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) subregion option and providing our cities and the county more flexibility to ensure that the state mandated

housing allocations make sense regionally.

The board adopted RHNA subregion as a priority to continue exploration for the next cycle (2023-2031) in which our region can own the responsibility of preparing a sub-regional housing need allocation for the geographic area of Santa Clara County. RHNA is the state mandated process used to identify the total number of housing units that each jurisdiction must accommodate in its Housing Element. For the current cycle (2014-2022) the counties of San Mateo, Napa, and Solano have formed sub-regions. A subregion is required to meet its statutory requirements in the regional allocation process but it can develop its own methodology, issue draft allocations to member jurisdictions, conduct the revision and appeals processes, and issue final allocations. Generally, the cities and the county within the sub region have more flexibility to ensure that the allocations make sense.

Per the Board's approval in 2015, a Regional Housing Task Force/Subcommittee was formed. Subcommittee is tasked with: a) Developing the framework and process needed to form and implement a subregion in Santa Clara County in the next RHNA cycle (2023-2031); and

b) Reviewing potential options for further regional response.

Recommendation: The Committee would like board members to take the topic of a subregion

back to their individual councils for discussion prior to voting on formation

of a subregion.

# Santa Clara County Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Subregion Overview

# What is a RHNA subregion? (Government Code Section 65584.03)

In recognition of the common interests and mutual challenges and opportunities associated with providing housing, two or more contiguous cities and a county may form a subregional entity for the purpose of allocation of the subregion's existing and projected need for housing among its members in accordance with the allocation methodology established pursuant to Government Code Section 65584.04.

All decisions of the subregion shall be approved by vote as provided for in the rules adopted by the local governments comprising the subregion, or shall be approved by vote of the county and the majority of the cities with the majority of population within the county.

# What are the steps to create a subregion, following the prescribed timelines in State law?

- 1. Each participating jurisdiction adopts a resolution indicating its commitment to participating in the subregional entity.
- 2. For Santa Clara County, the subregional entity could be a committee of the Cities Association with participating cities and the County.
- 3. The Cities Association (or other entity) would enter into an agreement with the Council of Governments (COG, in our case ABAG/MTC) that sets forth the process, timing, and other terms and conditions of the delegation of responsibility by the COG to the subregion.

# What does the subregion do, following the prescribe timelines in State law?

- 1. The subregion determines the methodology for allocating housing need to its participating jurisdictions according to State law (or accepts the methodology factors from the COG as a starting point for further distribution), providing opportunity for public comment and modification prior to adoption of the methodology.
- 2. The COG allocates a share to the subregion based on a proportion consistent with the distribution of households assumed for the comparable time period of the applicable regional transportation plan.
- 3. The subregion allocates the distribution of the RHNA to the participating jurisdictions according to the adopted methodology, providing an opportunity for public comment and modification prior to finalizing the distribution.

What is the estimated cost of a subregion versus typical participation in the RHNA process? Assuming that the subregion does not hire a consultant to create a separate methodology, the costs would be:

- 1. Administrating and documenting the subregion meetings and decisions;
- 2. Conducting the required outreach prior to the subregion making its decisions;
- 3. Communicating with ABAG/MTC as needed; and
- 4. Publishing the required notices.

The Planning Departments of the participating jurisdictions typically absorb the RHNA evaluation without additional staffing or consultant assistance.

# Santa Clara County Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Subregion Overview

# What are other activities that the subregion could assume outside of the RHNA process and State law?

- Foster collaboration between cities within Santa Clara County
  - o Focus on Measure A implementation
  - Facilitate an open dialogue between the jurisdictions, public, and interested organizations on housing issues and opportunities
  - Share best practices regarding rehabilitating existing housing stock, addressing gentrification/displacement, etc.
- Work together to obtain and commit more financial resources to affordable housing production
  - o Support for 2018 ballot measure for affordable housing funding
  - Consider potential legislative efforts to seek meaningful tax credits and other mechanisms

# SANTA CLARA COUNTY RHNA SUBREGION TASK FORCE PROS & CONS OF RHNA SUBREGION FORMATION

Pros	Cons	Example
Creates flexibility & allows cities to trade		Distribute the subregion's numbers or can use ABAG's distribution
Empowers cities to have a say in the regional planning process		Self-determination: a city is able to accept or not accept allocation from another city.
Allows better alignment between local and regional needs		Ability to plan along on transit corridors and near employment.
Can find innovative solutions		Collective problem-solving which may include negotiating credits and creative financing
May facilitate the production of more housing	<u>6.</u>	Utilizes economies of scale and eliminates duplication. Siting housing near supportive services.
Creates a forum for collaboration that leads to innovative solutions		San Mateo County Trade Woodside/Redwood City & Daly City/Colma/County
Creates awareness (and healthy competition)		Creates a forum to share knowledge and success. When one city is doing the heavy lifting, may encourage other jurisdictions to step up to the plate.
If success, may create additional opportunities for collaborative work		Success may be housing or spill over to other technical areas (transportation). May use collaboration for legislative advocacy.
Better development		Cities can work together to build near transit and not

# SANTA CLARA COUNTY RHNA SUBREGION TASK FORCE PROS & CONS OF RHNA SUBREGION FORMATION

		necessarily confined by a city boundary.
Creates a forum to discuss sharing of planning resources		Share resources may share in cost to pay consultants for housing element preparation or program ideas (for those who want to share).
	Time, effort & resources which may end in same result.	What if subregion fails to produce a different allocation?
	Lack of trust for fair and equitable process.	Some cities may shirk their responsibility to step up and accept housing.
Increases local control		Ability to control own numbers and improve county-wide performance.
	Loss of political distance from MTC and ABAG	Pressure on community to produce additional housing.
	Lack of clarity of the benefits to accept someone's numbers/housing	City worried about allocation dumping
Still need to plan for housing for all income levels		Can't go to zero. Every jurisdiction still has an allocation in every income level.
	No role model	No other subregion has such large population variances.
Increased use of ADUs		ADUs more feasible with cities with large residential lots.

# SANTA CLARA COUNTY RHNA SUBREGION TASK FORCE GUIDING PRINCIPLES - May 2018

# Vision

For Santa Clara County and its cities to work collaboratively to produce more housing in the Region. have a unified voice in responding to the area's housing needs-- a problem that transcends jurisdictional barriers.

# Benefits

- 1. By working together to plan for housing growth, the stage is set for implementing housing, and more housing will ultimately be built.
- 2. Housing will be planned in the right places, near transportation, jobs, and services.
- 3. Santa Clara County jurisdictions can work together to share resources.
- 4. Collaboration enables collective advocacy on regional and Statewide issues.
- 5. Partnership sets the stage for other cooperation, including sharing Housing Element consultants, sharing expertise, analyses, and policies, and potentially enabling a shared review by the California Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department.
- 6. Collective agreement is reached on strategies and tools to meet the region's housing need, including the potential for trading RHNA numbers.
- 7. Greater flexibility.

# **Guiding Principles**

- Conform with all State objectives included in Section 66584(d), including ensuring that the allocation of affordable homes is allocated to all jurisdictions in the region in an equitable manner.
- Allocate housing growth strategically around major transportation corridors and near employment and services, while respecting infrastructure constraints and the unique natural resources of Santa Clara County.
- 3. Foster collaboration between jurisdictions and develop collective strategies that provide a framework for addressing housing need, including the potential for resource / housing allocation trade-offs.
- 4. Facilitate an open dialogue between jurisdictions, the general public, and interested organizations, including transportation agencies and land use bodies.
- 5. Utilize existing forums for discussion (e.g., Cities Association, City Managers' Association, SCCAPO, etc.).

# Keys to Success

- 1. Taking responsibility for the process and the resulting housing shares.
- 2. Taking into consideration other communities' interests as well as your own.
- 3. Being willing to accept a reasonable housing share, not just the lowest.
- 4. Being willing to consider negotiating trades.
- 5. Recognizing that working together locally is better than abdicating the responsibility to the region and the state.
- 6. Elected leaders in all jurisdictions willing to compromise for regional benefit.

# RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO SUPPORT FORMATION OF A HOUSING SUBREGION OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS TO FACILITATE AND IMPLEMENT COUNTYWIDE HOUSING PRODUCTION CONSISTENT WITH THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION (RHNA) FORMULA CURRENTLY ASSIGNED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS (ABAG)

WHEREAS, Housing Element Law (Gov. Code Sections 65580 – 65589.8) provides for a Regional Housing Need Allocation process (RHNA); and

WHEREAS, to implement such RHNA process in the San Francisco Bay Area, the State of California has delegated to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) responsibility to adopt an allocation methodology, then use the adopted methodology to assign to each jurisdiction in the Bay Area the obligation to zone enough housing development capacity to accommodate production of a specific number of housing units during the period from 2021 through 2029; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 65584.03 provides that certain combinations of local governments may form a subregion to perform RHNA for themselves in order to allocate among themselves the total number of housing units assigned to them collectively by ABAG; and

WHEREAS, the City/County of \_\_\_\_\_\_ is interested in exploring the formation of a Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) subregion consistent with the California Government Code Section 65584 *et seq* and acceptable to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to facilitate collaboration with the county and all cities in the County of Santa Clara, to efficiently and effectively deliver housing production goals; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County has directed the review of the benefits of such a subregion and subsequently representatives of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County (CASCC) have formed a committee to evaluate and make recommendations regarding the importance of and opportunities for success through shared housing strategies which could be facilitated by a subregional effort; and

WHEREAS, housing is a countywide challenge, and housing production types, numbers, density, appropriateness and affordability levels can vary in different communities, and the Cities' recognize all production types are important to the housing supply of the County and its related economic and social health; and

WHEREAS, Cities are individually accountable for, and retain full local authority for, identifying sites for housing development and for adopting and implementing housing policies intended to facilitate production of housing to meet local, regional and state policy objectives embodied in the numbers prescribed by ABAG the Sustainable Community Strategy that will be adopted by ABAG and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) in 2021; and

WHEREAS; through mutual cooperation and planning, the production of these housing units may be enhanced through collective efforts and resources, therefore creating a forum for developing countywide policy consensus on matters related to the Sustainable Community Strategy;

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Section 1: That it is in the best interest of the City to join with other cities in Santa Clara County to explore creation of the RHNA subregion and that by working together to plan for housing growth, the stage is set for implementing housing and more housing will ultimately be built to meet the needs of the entire County and its residents.

Section 2: That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to enter into discussions regarding the formation of a RHNA subregion and the development of a workplan and budget, and schedule of actions leading to the countywide, self-administration of the housing needs allocation process, allocating the countywide total housing needs allocation among all the Cities and unincorporated County by consensus; and to bring back a recommendation and resolution for action to join a RHNA subregion, or in the alternative, an explanation detailing the decision not to participate in the RHNA subregion.

# By-laws of the Santa Clara County Subregional RHNA Process

#### **PURPOSE & BYLAWS**

The cities within the County of Santa Clara, and the County of Santa Clara, have adopted resolutions to participate as a Subregion (hereinafter referred to as "Subregion") in the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Process. The Cities Association of Santa Clara County (hereinafter referred to as "CASCC") will act as the representative for the Subregion. The Subregion hereby adopts the following bylaws for the purpose of providing for the orderly conduct of its affairs.

## ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the separate entity established by the resolutions is the "Santa Clara County Sub-Regional RHNA Process" and may be referred to as "Subregion".

# ARTICLE II PURPOSES

Section 1. Subregion shall have the following purposes:

- (a) Plan, organize, and maintain the work of the Subregion and be responsible for its overall operation;
- (b) Advise City Managers, City Councils and the Board of Supervisors of all significant activities of the Subregion;
- (c) Prepare, review, monitor, present to the cities and the County, and facilitate a consensus on the Regional Housing Needs Allocation housing shares for all the cities and the County for the 2021 Housing Element;
- (d) Submit to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) for approval the housing shares for Santa Clara County (cities and County).
- (e) Provide a forum for developing a countywide policy consensus, to the greatest extent possible, on matters related the Sustainable Communities Strategy process of which the Regional Housing Needs Allocation is a part; and a channel for communicating such consensus to the Joint Policy Committee of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Association of Bay Area Governments overseeing the Sustainable Communities Strategy process from time to time when such a consensus is requested or required by the Joint Policy Committee.

Section 2. Subregion shall not participate in or endorse any political activity involving any individual candidate for public office. The selection of officers within Article IV herein shall not be considered a political activity subject to this section.

#### ARTICLE III MEMBERS

Section 1. The County of Santa Clara and each city which has adopted a resolution of participation shall be members of the Subregion.

Section 2. The RHNA Policy Committee (PC) of the Subregion shall consist of a member of the City Council of each participating city to be selected by that city, and one member of the Board of Supervisors to be selected by the Board of Supervisors.

Section 3. Each member City Council and the Board of Supervisors may select one alternate member from its body who shall participate when the regular member is absent.

Section 4. If both the member and the alternate will be absent, the City or County, respectively, may designate a substitute for that meeting and notify CASCC, in writing, of the designation.

Section 5. Any member may withdraw from the Subregion by adopting a resolution and providing a written notice of intention to do so to the chairperson of the PC. The rights and obligations of any such member shall terminate 30 days after acceptance by the PC.

Section 6. If any member, or designated representative, fails to attend two consecutive meetings, without notification of the Chairperson or the Executive Director, the Chairperson will notify the City Council or Board of Supervisors to encourage future participation.

# ARTICLE IV- OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the PC shall consist of a chairperson and vice chairperson.

Section 2. The chairperson and vice chairperson shall be elected by the PC and shall serve at the will of the PC.

Section 3. Nomination for officers of the PC shall be made from the floor. Nominations shall be made by voting members of the PC only.

Section 4. The chairperson and vice chairperson must be voting members of the PC.

Section 5. Nominations and election of the chairperson shall precede nominations and election of the vice chairperson. Voting shall be public.

Section 6. The chairperson shall preside at all meetings and may call special meetings when necessary.

Section 7. The vice chairperson shall perform the duties of the chairperson in the absence of the chairperson.

Section 8. A special election shall be called by the Board of Directors if the chairperson and/or vice chairperson is unable to serve.

Section 9. All officers shall serve without compensation.

Section 10. The chairperson or vice chairperson may be removed from office at any time by a majority vote of those members present.

## ARTICLE V STAFF SUPPORT

Section 1. The CASCC Executive Director, CASCC staff and contractors shall provide support to the Subregion and all the established committees.

Section 2. The PC shall have dealings with staff and contractors through the CASCC Executive Director.

Section 3. All participating jurisdictions will share in the cost.

# ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES/ STAKEHOLDER REVIEW

Section 1. The following standing committees shall assist in accomplishing the goals of the SANTA CLARA COUNTY SUB REGIONAL RHNA PROCESS:

- RHNA Policy Committee
- RHNA Technical Advisory Committee
- City Managers Association
- City Councils and Board of Supervisors
- Association of Bay Area Governments

Section 2. RHNA Policy Committee (PC) - 16 Members, one member from each city and the county, composed of elected officials. The primary role is to provide initial policy input to the process, review the RHNA TAC recommendations and adopt a policy consensus for transmittal to the cities and the County for ratification.

Section 3. RHNA Technical Advisory Committee (RHNA TAC) - 16 Members - One member from each city and the county. Composed of senior staff technical experts in the field of housing and land use. Member agencies may flexibly assign different technical experts as a function of the

subject being discussed. However, it is important that there be good communications between the different representatives such that issues do not need to be repeated or there are no conflicting positions from the representatives. Primary role is technical development of the issues and solutions.

Section 4. City Managers Association - Monthly reports will be provided to the City Managers through the City Managers Association. This will allow ongoing input by the City Managers in the process. The final product will be presented to the City Managers for their recommendation to the RHNA PAC for approval of the final product. Primary role of the City Managers is practical assessment of the issues and solutions.

Section 5. City Councils/ Board of Supervisors - Primary role is ratification of the RHNA Final Allocation prior to submittal to Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG).

Section 6. Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) - Final approval of RHNA Final Allocation.

Section 7. An appeals process will be established by the PC in conjunction with ABAG to hear appeals by any cities or the County that disagree with their housing share as allocated by the Subregion.

#### ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

Section 1. The PC shall establish by resolution the date, time, and place for regular PC meetings.

Section 2. The PC may hold special meetings called in accordance with Article IV, Section 6.

Section 3. All meetings of the PC shall be held in accordance with the Brown Act, Government Code section 54950 Ct seq.

# ARTICLE VIII CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Section 1. A quorum shall consist of at least a majority of the members and shall be required for all meetings of the PC.

Section 2. Except as state otherwise in these by-laws, all decisions of the PC shall be by majority vote of those present.

Section 3. Adoption of the Final Regional Housing Needs Allocation shall require:

- 1. consent of a majority of all cities and the County participating in the Subregion, and
- 2. consent of each jurisdiction that has been allocated a greater share of housing than the ABAG default allocation.

Section 4. Upon adoption of the final regional housing numbers, the subregion will share support for outcome and support each other, for example the subregaion releasing a resolution, annual report, and press event.

Section 5. Except as provided in these bylaws, or by a majority vote of those present, Roberts Rule of Order Revised shall constitute the parliamentary authority for the PC.

Section 6. These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of members present and who represent a majority of all cities and the County.

# ARTICLE IX OTHER MATTERS

Section 1. No member shall receive compensation or reimbursement from PC or CASCC for expenses incurred in attending any meeting or other function.



#### **MEETING SUMMARY – JUNE 14, 2018**

# LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE SUMMARY

The consent agenda consisting of April LAC meeting minutes and confirmation of RM3 votes, was approved with a motion from Peter Leroe-Muñoz (Gilroy) and second by Larry Klein (Sunnyvale). The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Patrick Ahrens, Assemblymember Evan Low's office gave an update on the budget package: The Legislature passed the main FY 2018–19 State Budget Act and some of the associated trailer bills on Thursday, June 14, a day before the constitutional budget deadline establishing the state's financial plan for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

- The final budget largely tracked with Gov. Jerry Brown's May Budget Revise with total spending of \$137.7 billion in General Fund spending, out of a total budget of \$199.7 billion.
- The Rainy Day Fund is projected to grow to \$13.8 billion by the end of the upcoming budget year, which is its constitutional maximum.
- The budget also addresses homelessness, one of the League's 2018 strategic priorities, with \$500 million in one-time Homeless Emergency Aid Block Grants.

# Discussion on bills:

- SB 828 (passed Senate, in Assembly) oppose
- AB 1912 (JPA & pension) liability goes to cities league opposes, oppose if become active
   Unanimous
- SB 834 (state lands prohibits state from leasing new oil or gas drilling) unanimously supports
- SB 831 ADUs: unanimous consent approved to send letter to author that we are interested in bill that incentives production of ADUs but are concerned with:
  - floor area ratio and lot coverage
  - o many of our cities are interested in having the owner as the occupant of the house of which the ADU sits
  - o minimums to be smaller to increase the possibility of more affordable ADU

#### CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE SUMMARY

Consent agenda, consisting of minutes from February 2018 meetings was approved after a motion from Larry Klein (Sunnyvale) and a second from Jeannie Bruins (Los Altos). Motion was approved by a 14-0-1 vote with Paul Resnikoff (Campbell) abstaining.

The Cities Selection Committee appointed:

Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) appointments: (ABAG) Executive Board, terms expiring 6/2020

2 primary appointments: Greg Scharff (Palo Alto) & Liz Gibbons (Campbell).

- 2 alternates appointments: Chris Clark (Mountain View) & Anthony Phan (Milpitas)

  Countywide Redevelopment Successor Agency Oversight Board is a new appointment to the Cities Association of Santa Clara County.
  - The Committee appointed:
    - o Sunnyvale Vice Mayor Larry Klein
    - o San José City Manager Dave Sykes as Alternate

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Consent Agenda consisting of the Board Meeting Minutes from April 2018 were approved.

The Cities Association Ad Hoc Roundtable Committee of Greg Scharff (Palo Alto), Pat Showalter (Mountain View), Larry Klein (Sunnyvale), Mary-Lynne Bernald, Gary Waldeck (Los Altos Hills), Savita Vaidanhyanthan (Cupertino), Steve Tate (Morgan Hill) presented their recommendations to form a Santa Clara/Santa Cruz Airport Roundtable.

In June 2017, the Cities Association of Santa Clara County (CASCC) received a Congressional request from Representatives Eshoo, Khanna, & Panetta asking the CASCC to take a leadership role in forming a regional aircraft noise roundtable. The CASCC formed an Ad Hoc Committee to build the framework of forming a roundtable that works for a region. The roundtable, conceived to include the 21 local jurisdictions of Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties, will work together with San Francisco Airport, Minéta San José Airport, and the FAA, and address the growing concern of aircraft noise in one of the busiest metro-plexes in the country.

#### The Committee recommendation includes:

- Mission Statement: To Address Community noise concerns and make recommendations to the Regional Airports and FAA on noise related issues.
- · MOU to form organization
- Organization is similar to SFO Roundtable
- Self-fund from member jurisdictions
- Work with both SFO & San Jose Airports
- SFO Airport and Roundtable willing to collaborate
- Hire consultant or contract to run the organization
- Initial staff support to be supported by Cities Association of Santa Clara County
- Each member jurisdiction receives 1 vote
- Changes to bylaws require majority of members
- Non-voting members include airport, FAA, pilots' organization
- Any member may withdraw at any time with notice of intent, but forfeit their dues
- Serves as a forum for public

The Board adopted the resolution and draft by-laws, MOU, City/County Resolution.

"Whereas the Board of Directors of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County does hereby support and will initiate formation of an intergovernmental partnership between the cities and counties of Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties, Norman Y. Minéta San Jose International Airport (SJC), San Francisco International Airport (SFO), and the FAA, that will serve as a permanent aircraft noise mitigation entity representing all affected communities in the Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties, and invite the jurisdictions, cities and counties within Santa Clara County and Santa Cruz County, to partner in the formation of the Santa Clara/Santa Cruz Roundtable."

**Vehicle Dwellers**: Board Member Pat Showalter (Mountain View), Kimberly Thomas (Office of the City Manager, Mountain View), Tom Myers (Community Services Agency for Mountain View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills) discussed Homelessness and a growing segment of the population of vehicle dwellers

- Importance to discuss how the effects of local ordinances may impact the movement of this population
- The problem is the direct result of housing affordability issue

Survey responses from cities attached.

Presentations can be viewed here:

- Intro to CSA https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p KTWkdT-yY
- News story from CBS on the current crisis <a href="https://www.cbsnews.com/news/silicon-valleys-housing-boom-is-creating-a-homeless-crisis/">https://www.cbsnews.com/news/silicon-valleys-housing-boom-is-creating-a-homeless-crisis/</a>

# Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Subregion formation report:

Los Gatos Town Manager Laurel Prevetti presented on behalf of the Subregion Taskforce Committee (Showalter, Scharff, Jones, Supervisor Chavez).

- Subregion Overview
- Pros/Cons of forming a subregion
- Guiding principles
- By-laws
- Resolution

#### Important items to note:

- The subregion approach would include the "low cost" approach and utilizes current structures already in place (Cities Association, SCCCMA, SCCAPPA/Planning Directors).
- No one would be forced to do anything if they didn't want to do
- Taskforce recommends accepting the methodology/numbers from ABAG

# Questions that the Board is interested in knowing:

- How many subregions have been formed in all of California during the last two cycles? (Not just Bay Area)
- Of those subregions, how many had allocations that differed from the original allocation from the COG?
- Of those with different allocations, how many cities within the subregion had different allocations?
- There was interest in the specific trades that occurred in San Mateo County for both cycles. The
  Board recalled that in one trade, Redwood City wanted as many units as possible but they were
  unclear on the details. There was also recollection that only Woodside and Redwood City did a
  trade.

The RHNA Subregion Taskforce is asking the Board Members to discuss the subregion and share the documents with their Councils for direction regarding forming a subregion. The CASCC Board will vote on formation of the subregion in October.

# The Board ratified action from the **Legislative Action Committee**:

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  - many of our cities are interested in having the owner as the occupant of the house of which the ADU sits
  - o minimums to be smaller to increase the possibility of more affordable ADU

# New Business: 2018-2019 Budget

Rod Sinks gave an overview of the Budget. As the Board is taking on more Regional issues including RHNA and the Roundtable, the Executive Director job has become a full-time job. This budget is a change from past budgets and creates the Executive Director as a full-time job. The Executive Board recognizes that the timing for the increase isn't the best. Larry Klein spoke to some changes in the budget from past practice. General meetings are now budgeted, Board Priorities budget has been increased, website redesign included, and insurance. The Board unanimously approved the budget.

# City Manager's Report by Aarti Shrivastava (ACM, Cupertino/SCCCMA)

Attended the Joint City Managers meeting with San Mateo/Santa Clara Counties with presentation on

- cities moving toward District Elections
- ICMA Talent Initiative what cities can do to attract and retain talent.

# Joys and Challenges:

- Debi Davis: reported on the move to district elections in Santa Clara. The citizens rejected Measure A to move to district elections.
- Greg Scharff Palo Alto approved new public safety building and a 636 parking garage on California Avenue
- Los Altos There is a citizens' initiative "save our parks": can't sell or lease any city owned property that is larger than 7500 square feet without going to a vote of the citizens. Council is putting together an alternative initiative and hopes to work with the group and find common ground.
- Rod Sinks Cupertino is having substantive conversations regarding Vallco. Majority of council will support 2400 housing units at Vallco/SB 35 claim. 35 units per acre. Cupertino engaged in a very robust process.
- Burton Craig The Monte Sereno City Council voted 3-2 Tuesday night to allow 36 homes to be built at the Hacienda Inn on Highway 9, a scenic California highway.

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