

**MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS
AGENDA**

**Wednesday, May 27, 2020
5:30pm**

VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE ONLY

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5:30 PM Welcome and Introductions

- 1. Call to Order:** MCCMC President Elizabeth Brekhus
- 2. Public Comment** (Limit 3 minutes per person)
- 3. Welcome and Introduction of Guests:** President Elizabeth Brekhus
- 4. Presentations:**
 - 4.a. Congressman Jared Huffman - Update on the federal response to COVID 19
 - 4.b. Dr. Matt Willis, Marin County Public Health Director - Update on local and regional response to COVID19 and recovery efforts
- 5. Committee Reports (written report only – to be published in agenda packet and posted on website, mccmc.org)**
 - 5.a. Association of Bay Area Governments
Attachment 5a - Written reports from Pat Eklund, Novato – April and May Reports
 - 5.b. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District
Attachment 5b - Written report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon
 - 5.c. MCCMC Legislative Committee
Attachment 5c - Written report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon
 - 5.d. Transportation Authority of Marin
Attachment 5d - Written report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon

6. Business Meeting

6.a. Announcement of Upcoming Expiration of Terms of the MCCMC Representative and Alternate Representative to Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board

1. Primary MCCMC Representative to the ABAG Executive Board (*Incumbent, Pat Eklund / Novato, has indicated interest in reappointment, Letter of Interest included as Attachment 6a*)
2. Alternate MCCMC Representative to the ABAG Executive Board (*Incumbent, Joan Cox / Sausalito, has indicated interest in reappointment*)

Two seats with expiring terms: Representative and Alternate Representative, for two-year terms which run from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020. Current incumbents, Pat Eklund and Joan Cox, respectively, have indicated interest in re-appointment. (See attachment 6a)

Expiration of current terms will be announced and letters of interest will be solicited at the May 27 meeting. Consideration and Action to Make Appointments to Represent MCCMC on the ABAG Executive Board for new two-year terms, commencing July 1, 2020 and expiring June 30, 2022, will be made by the City Selection Committee at its next meeting scheduled for June 24, 2020.

6.b. Announcement of Current Vacancy and Request for Letters of Interest for Appointment to the CAL-ID Remote Access Network Oversight Committee:

1. Primary MCCMC Appointee to CAL-ID Remote Access Network Oversight Committee - Currently vacant
2. Alternate MCCMC Appointee to CAL-ID Remote Access Network Oversight Committee – Currently vacant

The Marin County Sheriff's office seeks an MCCMC Elected Official Primary Committee Member and Alternate to serve a two year term commencing July 1, 2020 and expiring June 30, 2022. Currently there is no appointed Alternate and the Primary Committee member seat is currently vacant as incumbent, Ann Morrison, retired from Larkspur City Council. This Committee meets two times per year to vote on or approve budget and funding for the project (funding and placement of RAN equipment, since as the automated fingerprint identification system).

The opportunity for appointment will be announced and letters of interest solicited at the May 27 meeting. Consideration and Action to Make Appointments of a Primary and Alternate to Represent MCCMC on the CAL-ID RAN Oversight Committee for new two-year terms, will be made by the City Selection Committee at its next meeting scheduled for June 24, 2020.

6.c. Nominations for Executive Committee – MCCMC President and Vice President for 2020-21 Term:

- 1: Nominations for MCCMC President for 2020-21
(Eric Lucan, Novato, has indicated interest. See attachment 6c-1)
- 2: Nominations for MCCMC Vice President for 2020-21
(Sashi McEntee, Mill Valley, has indicated interest. See attachment 6c-2)

(Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the May meeting and letters of interest solicited. A vote will be held at the June 24, 2020 regular meeting)

6.d. Review of Draft Agenda for June 24, 2020 MCCMC Meeting To Be Held Via Videoconference

(Attachment 6d: June 24, 2020 Draft Agenda)

6.e. Informational Item Only: Draft Minutes of the April 22, 2020 MCCMC City Selection Committee and Mayors Select Committee Meetings

(Attachment 6e: Draft City Selection Committee Meeting and Mayors Select Committee Minutes – to be approved by the respective committees at their next available meetings)

7:30 PM ADJOURN: to the June 24, 2020 meeting, likely to hosted via videoconference

*Deadline for Agenda Items – June 17, 2020 Please send to: MCCMCSecretary@gmail.com
Please note: a City Selection Committee meeting will also be convened before the start of the June 24th meeting for the purpose of voting on the noted Committee appointments.*

Report on ABAG to MCCMC¹
 April 2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- 1) **Regional Growth Forecast:** The ‘Final’ Regional Growth Forecast will be included in the Draft Blueprint for Plan Bay Area which includes a 1.4M increase in jobs, 2.7M increase in population, 1.3M increase in Households and 1.6M increase in Housing Units from 2015 to 2050. These projections are higher than the Plan Bay Area 2040 (approved in 2017) by an increase of 400,000 jobs; 300,000 households and 300,000 housing units in 2040. Also, these projections are higher than the CA Department of Finance projections provided in January 2020.
- 2) **Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA):** Elise Semorian, Director of Community Development, San Anselmo and Pat Eklund, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Novato serve on the ABAG Housing Methodology Committee which will recommend the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) methodology for 2022-2030. Staff has developed a great tool that shows how the various factors being recommended by staff affect our individual RHNA allocation. Here is the link: <https://rhna-factors.mtcanalytics.org/>.
- 3) **General Obligation (GO Bond):** Housing advocates have requested ABAG and MTC consider placing a General Obligation Bond Measure on the November 2020 ballot to raise \$10 Billion across all 9 counties for housing. 80% of revenues would return to county of origin. It would be administered by Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA) which was created by AB 1487.
- 4) **ABAG/MTC Governance:** In 2017, ABAG and MTC staff consolidated. The MOU between ABAG and MTC also called for, starting in July 2019, a discussion on whether the ABAG Executive Board and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission should be consolidated. A Governance Committee was formed in 2019 and recently agreed to consider consolidating ABAG and MTC committees before discussing a consolidation of ABAG and MTC. Consolidating committees could streamline and maximize staff resources. A conceptual proposal was agreed upon by both ABAG and MTC and will be further developed for future consideration.
- 5) **General Assembly:** Save the date -- June 11, 2020 -- for ABAG’s General Assembly. This General Assembly will be asked to take action on ABAG’s 2020/2021 Budget and approve a Bylaws revision that would allow ABAG Executive Board to increase the budget if we receive grants that were not anticipated when the General Assembly approved the budget.

Regional Growth Forecast: The Plan Bay Area 2050 Regional Growth Forecast identifies how much the Bay Area might grow between the Plan baseline year (2015) and the Plan horizon year (2050), including population, jobs, households, and associated housing units. The forecast also includes important components of that growth, including employment by sector, population by age and ethnic characteristics, and households by income level. During the Blueprint planning phase, the Regional Growth Forecast is being used to identify the total amount of growth. These figures are then integrated into the Bay Area UrbanSim 2.0 land use model; UrbanSim explores how Blueprint planning strategies might affect the local distribution of growth in households and employment.

On April 9, 2020, ABAG/MTC staff conducted a workshop for the ABAG Executive Board on the ‘Final’ Regional Growth Forecast which is:

Table 2: Plan Bay Area 2050 - Final Regional Growth Forecast⁷

	2015	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
<i>Employment (in millions)</i>	4.0	4.7	4.8	5.1	5.2	5.4
<i>Population (in millions)</i>	7.6	8.7	9.1	9.5	9.9	10.3
<i>Households (in millions)</i>	2.7	3.3	3.5	3.7	3.9	4.0
<i>Housing Units (in millions)</i>	2.7	3.4	3.7	3.9	4.1	4.3
<i>Average Household Size</i>	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5

Source: MTC/ABAG from U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey, and modeling results from ABAG REMI 2.3.1; 2020 and 2025 forecasts to be integrated later this month

¹ Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC)

The Regional Growth Forecast is being integrated into the Draft Blueprint, with analysis currently underway using UrbanSim 2.0 and Travel Model 1.5. Staff are also finalizing assumptions this month for the early years of the Final Forecast (2020 through 2029) to integrate the effects of an anticipated economic downturn this year due to COVID-19. If needed, any remaining refinements necessary to fully align with the Final Blueprint can be made prior to the ABAG Executive Board's adoption of the forecast anticipated in the Fall 2020.

As part of the Final Regional Growth Forecast, staff is also assuming that **additional**:

- Transportation revenues would be funded by a sales tax increase;
- Housing revenues would be funded by a business tax increase;
- Economic revenues would be funded by a personal income tax increase; and
- Environment revenues would be funded by a property tax increase.

Staff analyzed the strategies in Blueprint Basic along with the effects of these additional taxes and the additional strategies included in Blueprint Plus. Staff's forecast is higher than the CA Department of Finance (DOF). The DOF projections are based on demographics; whereas, ABAG/MTC staff's projections also include economic growth.

Staff will also provide the Final Regional Growth Forecast assumptions and results to California Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) as part of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process. HCD will review MTC/ABAG projections and compare those with Department of Finance (DOF) projections to determine the regional housing needs (RHND) for the Bay Area. Per statute, if the MTC/ABAG forecast is within 1.5 percent of the DOF forecast, the MTC/ABAG forecast will be used as the base for HCD to calculate Bay Area housing needs target. Otherwise, following consultation with MTC/ABAG staff, HCD will determine which forecast to use for the RHND.

Several Board members along with other elected officials in the Bay Area expressed concerns about these projections since they were developed prior to COVID-19. Staff has agreed to adjust the 2020-2029 projections to accommodate the changes anticipated with this pandemic, but believe that the 2050 forecast should not change. This final forecast will come to the ABAG Executive Board for approval in the Fall of 2020.

Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) 6th Cycle 2022-2030: Last year, ABAG formed the Housing Methodology Committee (HMC) to recommend an allocation methodology for dividing up the Bay Area's Regional Housing Need Determination among the region's 110 jurisdictions (101 cities and 9 Counties). Marin County has two representatives -- Elise Semorian, Director of Community Development, San Anselmo and Pat Eklund, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Novato.

Staff reported each of the following points:

- The Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) methodology is a formula that calculates the number of housing units assigned to each city and county, and the formula also distributes each jurisdiction's housing unit allocation among four affordability levels.
- The HMC will need to select key factors to serve as the main components of the methodology. The factors function as levers that "drive" the allocation from the regional total to the jurisdiction share.
- While the RHNA process focuses on housing need, staff recognizes that identifying need is as much art as science. Ultimately, the allocation assigned to jurisdictions will be based on the factors that HMC members and ABAG's Executive Board consider most important.

ABAG staff is proposing to assign each jurisdiction a share of the total Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND) from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) based on the jurisdiction's size (in terms of households) as a share of the region's total households. This baseline allocation means that a larger jurisdiction will receive a larger allocation, but each jurisdiction starts out with an equal share of the total housing need relative to jurisdiction size. Then, the baseline would be adjusted either up or down by the following factors: Access to High Opportunity Areas; Divergence Index; Job Proximity (Auto and Transit); Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT); Jobs-Housing Balance; Jobs-Housing Fit; Future Jobs; Transit Connectivity and Natural Hazards.

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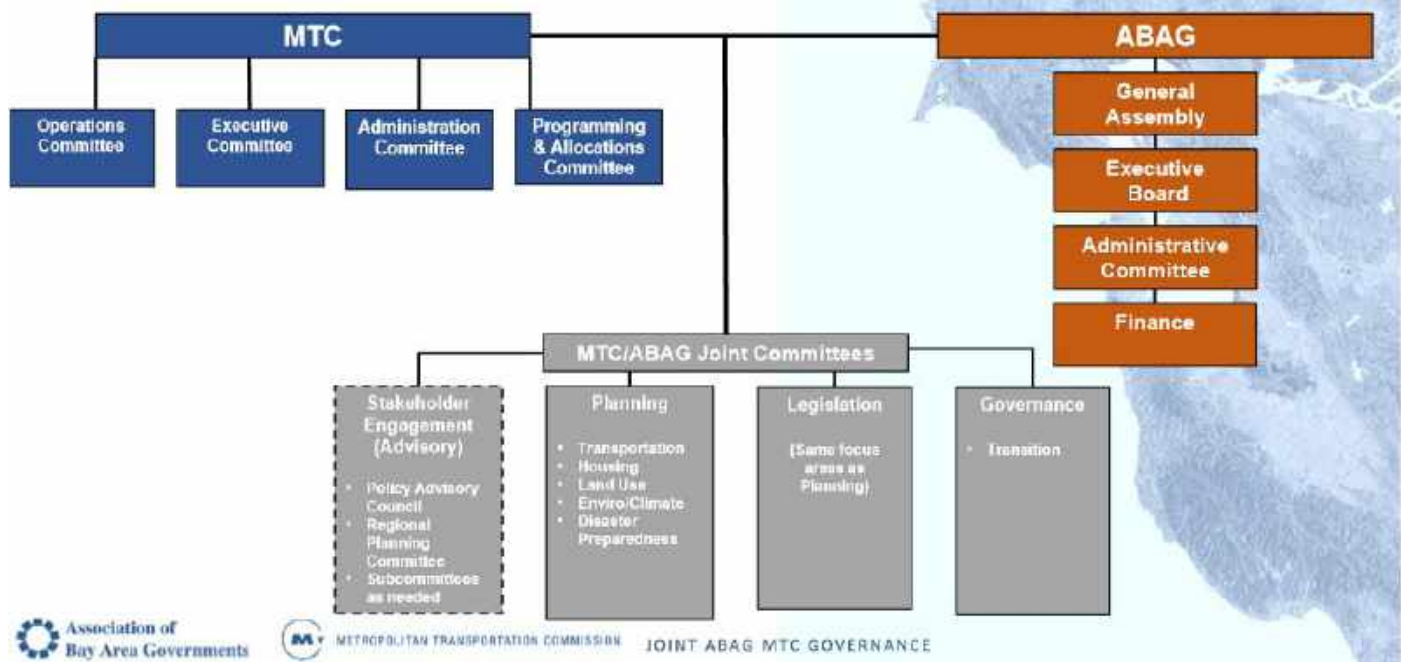
A final decision on whether the ballot measure will be placed on the ballot in November 2020 will be made by ABAG and MTC in May 2020. If the measure is placed on the ballot, each County would need to develop their expenditure plans since 80% of the funds would go back to the county of origin. If the measure passes, it would be administered by Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA) which was created by AB 1487.

ABAG/MTC Governance: In 2017, ABAG and MTC agreed to consolidate and executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to begin with consolidating staff as the first step and entered into a Contract for Services which was approved by both Boards. In the MOU, it also called for:

“No later than July 1, 2019, ABAG and MTC will begin discussions on whether the two agencies should restructure their governing boards to better serve the region and to better utilize the consolidated staff. These discussions may be conducted directly through the Executive Board of ABAG and the Commission of MTC, or their respective designated policymakers or designated policy bodies. Both parties retain the sole individual discretion to decide whether or not to merge the two governing boards.”

In 2019, the Joint ABAG MTC Governance Committee was formed. On April 10, 2020, the Joint Committee recommended merging some of the ABAG and MTC committees to streamline the work and to postpone the discussion of merging the governing boards until the committee structure was decided. Following is the proposed committee restructure that was discussed at the April 22, 2020 MTC meeting; and the April 23, 2020 ABAG Executive Board meeting.

Consolidated Committee Framework: View from the Top



UPCOMING MEETINGS²

- **May 6, 2020 -- ABAG Regional Planning Committee, 3:00 to 5:00 pm**
(will be conducted via webcast, teleconference, and Zoom)
- **May 8, 2020-- Joint ABAG/MTC Legislative Committees, 9:30 am**
Joint ABAG Administrative/MTC Planning Committee, 9:40 am
(will be conducted via webcast, teleconference, and Zoom)
- **May 13, 2020-- MTC Policy Advisory Council,**
- **May 14, 2020-- ABAG Housing Methodology Committee, 9:00 to 12:00**
(will be conducted via webcast, teleconference, and Zoom)
- **May 21, 2020-- ABAG Finance Committee, 5:00 pm**
ABAG Executive Board, 7:00 pm
(will be conducted via webcast, teleconference, and Zoom)
- **May 27, 2020-- MTC Commission, 9:30 am**
(will be conducted via webcast, teleconference, and Zoom)
- **June 3, 2020-- ABAG Regional Planning Committee, 1:00 pm**
- **June 11, 2020-- General Assembly, Location and Time TBD**
- **June 12, 2020-- Joint ABAG/MTC Legislative Committees, 9:30 am**
Joint ABAG Administrative/MTC Planning Committee, 9:40 am
- **June 9, 2020-- Regional Advisory Working Group, 9:30 am**
- **June 18, 2020-- ABAG Finance Committee, 5:00 pm**
ABAG Executive Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- **June 24, 2020-- MTC Commission, 9:30 am**
ABAG/MTC Governance Committee, 11:30 am

If you have questions, contact Pat Eklund, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Novato at 415-883-9116; pateklund@comcast.net).

² All meetings are held at 375 Beale Street in San Francisco, unless noted otherwise.

Report on ABAG to MCCMC¹

May 2020

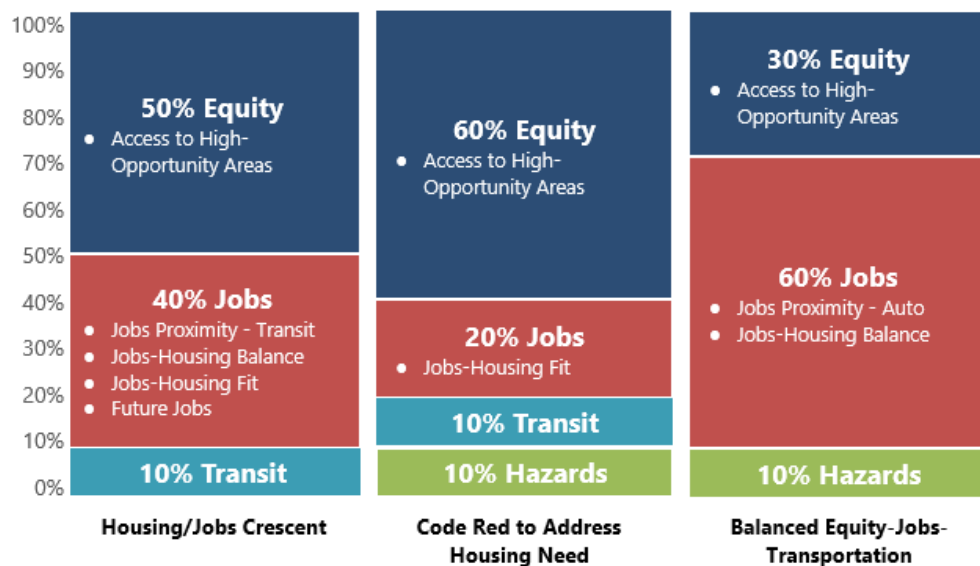
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- 1) **General Assembly:** On June 11, 2020 at 11:00 a.m., the ABAG General Assembly will convene for all member cities and counties. The business meeting includes taking action on: ABAG’s 2020/2021 Budget and Work plan; and, a Bylaws revision that allows the ABAG Executive Board to increase the budget if unanticipated grants are received after the budget is approved by the General Assembly. Each delegate and/or alternate for the cities and county should register as soon as possible at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/association-of-bay-area-governments-general-assembly-business-meeting-tickets-103714392540>
- 2) **Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA):** The Housing Methodology Committee discussed distribution of housing units based on the income levels in the counties and the cities. The income levels have been incorporated into the RHNA tool. Here is the link to the tool: <https://rhna-factors.mtcanalytics.org/>.
- 3) **General Obligation Bond (GO Bond):** On May 21, 2020, the ABAG Board voted to postpone placing a General Obligation Bond measure on the November 2020 ballot for housing.
- 4) **Potential Future Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA) Activities and Expanded Regional Housing Portfolio:** The ABAG Board voted to have staff bring back an expanded regional housing ‘portfolio’ or plan for a discussion in June that would include when to ‘activate’ BAHFA and what ABAG could do on the region’s housing challenges.
- 5) **Bay Area Regional Collaborative (BARC):** BARC (composed of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Association of Bay Area Governments, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District) has worked to establish the Bay Area as a leader in preparing for the impacts of climate change. On May 15, 2020, they voted to support 3 of the 4 recommendations for a legislative approach for climate adaptation and resiliency for the SF Bay Area.

Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) 6th Cycle 2022-2030: The RHNA allocation methodology is a formula that accommodates the Bay Area’s total housing need by quantifying the number of housing units, separated into four income categories, that will be assigned to each city, town, and county to incorporate into its Housing Element. The methodology includes a baseline allocation which means that a larger jurisdiction will receive a larger allocation, but each jurisdiction starts out with an equal share of the total housing need relative to jurisdiction size. Then, the baseline would be adjusted either up or down by the following factors: Access to High Opportunity Areas; Divergence Index; Job Proximity (Auto and Transit); Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT); Jobs-Housing Balance; Jobs-Housing Fit, Future Jobs; Transit Connectivity and Natural Hazards. The allocation formula assigns units based on relative relationships between jurisdictions within the region. The final result of the RHNA process is the allocation of housing units by income category to each jurisdiction.

In March, the breakout groups prioritized the factors, considered weights and developed an option. Then all Committee members voted by placing dots on preferred options. The top three methodology options are shown here:

Figure 3: Comparison of Top Three Methodology Options from March 2020 HMC Meeting



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In May, we discussed the following three options for allocating housing units based on income level:

Approach A: Income Shift Applied to Total Allocation This approach resembles the income allocation method from ABAG’s 2015-2023 RHNA, using an income shift approach where the local and regional income distributions are compared. For this approach, the income allocation shifts the local distribution closer to or beyond the regional distribution, depending on the income shift multiplier. In the last cycle, the income shift multiplier used by ABAG was 175 percent. In theory, setting the income shift multiplier above 100 percent could close the gap between a jurisdiction’s income distribution and the region’s distribution in a shorter period of time, but this more aggressive shift could also increase the potential for displacement by directing more market-rate units to jurisdictions with higher proportions of existing lower-income households.

Approach B: Using Factors Applied to Total Allocation – This approach takes an entirely different tack and use different weights and/or factors for different income categories, with the sum of the results for the four income categories determining a jurisdiction’s total allocation. In this income allocation approach, factors are used to assign units for the lower two income groups (very low- and low-income units). As an initial example, staff used the Jobs-Housing Fit and High Opportunity Areas factors. The Jobs-Housing Fit factor specifically relates to the relationship between lower-wage workers and housing units affordable to those workers and the High Opportunity Areas factor affirmatively furthers fair housing by assigning more lower-income units to high opportunity areas.

So, in this approach each jurisdiction starts with the same income distribution, as determined by HCD for the RHND. A jurisdiction’s share of units in the lower income categories is then adjusted up or down based on whether a city has relatively high or low scores compared to the region for the Jobs-Housing Fit and High Opportunity Areas factors. ABAG staff capped a jurisdiction’s adjustment from the RHND income distribution at 30 percent (15 percent for each of the two factors). Once the total share of lower income units is determined, the remainder of a jurisdiction’s units (as determined by the total allocation methodology) are assigned to the higher income categories (moderate- and above moderate-income units). Once these totals are set, the allocation is disaggregated into the four income categories using shares from the regional income distribution.

Approach C: Using Bottom-Up Income Allocation to Build the Total Allocation -- This approach does not start with a total allocation assigned with a factor-based methodology. Instead, it uses factors to determine allocations for the four income categories, and the sum

of these income group allocations represents a jurisdiction’s total allocation. Factors and weights could be modified, as appropriate. For example, ABAG staff used the Jobs-Housing Fit and High Opportunity Areas factors to determine the allocation of lower income units (very low- and low income) and the Jobs-Housing Balance and Job Proximity-Auto factors to determine the allocation of higher income units (moderate- and above-moderate income). A jurisdiction’s income distribution is determined based on how the jurisdiction scores relative to the rest of the region on the selected factors. The jurisdiction’s total allocation is calculated by summing the results for each income category.

Table 2 Summary of Benefits and Drawbacks for Income Allocation Approaches

Income Allocation Approach	Benefits	Drawbacks
Approach A: Income Shift	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Builds on work HMC has already done on total allocation • Allows narrative focus to be on factors for total allocation • Simpler concept, easier to explain • Directly related to statutory objective • Multiplier can be adjusted to complement underlying total allocation methodology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not include ability to finetune income allocations based on factors
Approach B: Factor-Based	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Builds on work HMC has already done on total allocation • Retains the two-step methodology approach of total income first, then income allocation, which may be more familiar from other RHNA methodologies • Allows opportunity to finetune results for a particular income category 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using factors also included in the total allocation methodology may result in overweighting those factors • Additional complexity compared to Income Shift Approach may not be warranted, given that equity-related factors already included in total allocation
Approach C: Bottom-Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows more fine-grained control over allocations for a particular income category • Could be simpler than Approach B, depending on number of factors used 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New approach that departs from work HMC has done to date • Could be more complex, depending on number of factors used

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ABAG expects to receive HCD’s Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND) by July 2020. Pursuant to state housing element law (Government Code section 65584, et seq.), HCD is charged with determining the regional housing needs for the Bay Area for the period from 2023 to 2031. HCD divides the region’s housing need among four separate income groups:

- Very Low Income: households earning less than 50 percent of Area Median Income (AMI)
- Low Income: households earning 50 - 80 percent of AMI
- Moderate Income: households earning 80 - 120 percent of AMI
- Above Moderate Income: households earning 120 percent or more of AMI

To provide an example, the following table shows the distribution of Bay Area households by income from the most recent Census Bureau data for reference purposes.

Table 1 Bay Area Households, By Major Income Group

Income Group	Income Limit	Households	Percent
Very Low Income	0 - \$47,350	678,673	25.3%
Low Income	\$47,351 - \$75,760	411,670	15.3%
Moderate Income	\$75,760 - \$113,640	459,169	17.1%
Above Moderate Income	\$113,640 +	1,136,896	42.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey PUMS data, 2018 5-year release

Recent legislation has implemented several changes that will affect this eight-year RHNA cycle (2023 to 2031). The key changes include:

- It is expected that there will be a higher total regional housing need. HCD’s identification of the RHND has changed to account for unmet existing need, rather than only projected housing need. HCD is now required to consider overcrowded households, cost burdened households (those paying more than 30% of their income for housing), and a target vacancy rate for a healthy housing market (with a minimum of 5 percent).
- RHNA plan and local Housing Elements must affirmatively further fair housing. According to HCD, achieving this objective includes preventing segregation and poverty concentration as well as increasing access to areas of opportunity. HCD has mapped Opportunity Areas and has developed guidance for jurisdictions about how to address affirmatively furthering fair housing in Housing Elements.
- There will be greater HCD oversight of RHNA. ABAG and sub-regions must now submit the draft allocation methodology to HCD for review and comment. HCD can also appeal a jurisdiction’s draft allocation.
- Identifying Housing Element sites for affordable units will be more challenging. There are new limits on the extent to which jurisdictions can reuse sites included in previous Housing Elements and increased scrutiny of small, large, and non-vacant sites when these sites are proposed to accommodate units for very low- and low-income households.

At the request of the ABAG Executive Board last month, ABAG sent a letter dated May 11, 2020 requesting HCD to “confirm that these current deadlines remain operable, and whether HCD is exploring further flexibility on allocation methodology deadlines and Housing Element deadlines (included in Article 10.6 of California Government Code) given the current crisis.” The letter also expresses concern about availability of funding “Given the current crisis, we are concerned that the State budget will not appropriate sufficient funds for these programs, and request that HCD work to ensure maintenance of these resources, as they are essential to assisting local jurisdictions during these times.”

General Obligation (GO) Bond: Last year, housing advocates requested ABAG and MTC consider placing a GO Bond Measure on the November 2020 ballot to raise \$10 Billion across all 9 counties for housing. The proposed ballot measure would levy 35 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, generating \$670 Million annually for approximately 30 years. Several regional polls (funded by other organizations) were conducted over the last 10-12 months which initially showed voter support for a ‘regional solution’ to the housing crisis and were receptive to a GO bond for production and preservation of affordable housing.

However, due to COVID-19, another poll was conducted by EMC (funded by the housing advocates) in May 2020. At the ABAG Board meeting on May 21, 2020, EMC and staff presented the results of the poll which showed a significant decline in voter support for the GO Bond. It was felt that the respondents were generally not supportive of increasing taxes even though concerns remained about homelessness and housing in general. Since a 2/3rds vote is required to pass a GO Bond and given the expense of placing a measure on the ballot in 9 Counties, staff recommended to postpone placing a bond measure on the ballot for housing. The ABAG Board voted to support staff recommendation.

Potential Future Bay Area Housing Finance Authority Activities and Expanded Regional Housing Portfolio:

Last year, AB 1487 (Chiu) created the Bay Area Housing Financing Authority (BAHFA) which is composed of the MTC Commissioners. This entity was created to allow the region to generate funding for housing by placing funding measures on the ballot in the Region, establishing a head tax or other options. AB 1487 also affords BAHFA the power to advance the “3 Ps” across the Bay Area.

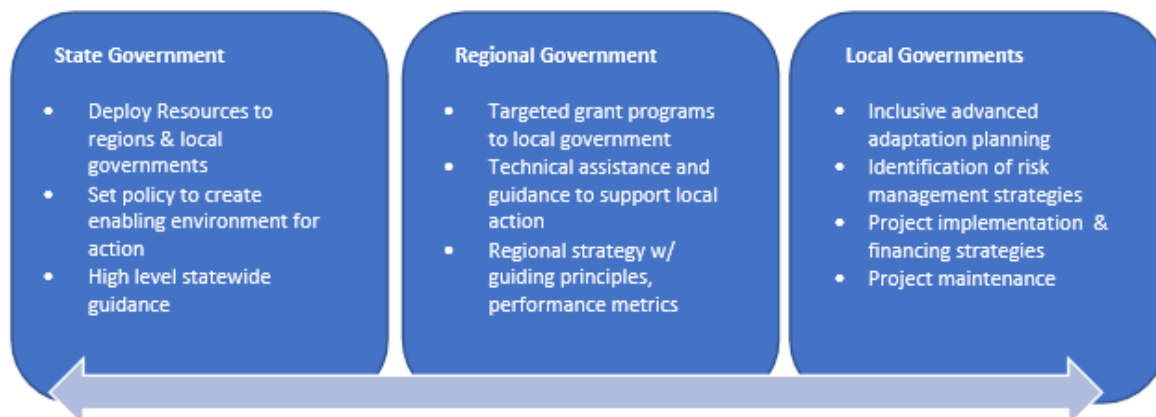
While not legally required to activate BAHFA on any specific timeline absent a ballot measure, the Board voted to have staff bring back an expanded regional housing ‘portfolio’ or plan for discussion in June that would include when to ‘activate’ BAHFA as one of a number of tools and what ABAG could do to address the region’s housing challenges. Staff listed some additional housing efforts that could be considered then including: 1) Supporting a Regional COVID-19 Housing Response; 2) Pivoting to a Counter-Cyclical Investment Approach; 3) Developing a comprehensive business plan; 4) Developing housing finance capacity (BAHFA, ACFA); 5) Facilitating regional funding coordination; 6) Providing technical assistance to local jurisdictions; 7) Developing a regional affordable housing platform; and, 8) Conducting enhanced data gathering. However, in the current budget environment, additional funding and resources would be needed to support any new housing activities.

Bay Area Regional Collaborative (BARC): BARC, through its member agencies the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Association of Bay Area Governments, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, has worked collaboratively to establish the Bay Area as a leader in preparing for the impacts of climate change, including hazards such as increased flooding, sea level rise, wildfires and extreme heat.

A statewide climate adaptation and resiliency approach is challenging in a large, diverse state comprised of regions facing different types of climate hazards from wildfires, sea level rise, drought and extreme heat. Regions across California are comprised of small towns, cities and counties with varying levels of capacity to plan for and implement climate adaptation measures. The state’s role needs to be flexible enough to recognize where and how limited resources can be optimally deployed to achieve the best results.

The state can create greater efficiencies by granting resources directly to the large, urbanized regions where regional planning agencies already have high capacity to conduct regional planning, work closely with local governments and deploy grants strategically to meet shared goals. Hands-on state-level guidance and technical support would be best utilized in more rural and dispersed areas where staffing capacity is limited, and climate adaptation efforts are nascent or just getting started.

Figure 1: Examples of Government Roles in Climate Resilience at Different Scales



Over the next year, resiliency-related legislation at the state level should be oriented towards creating a coherent approach that reinforces these roles. The following are recommendations for how BARC and its member agencies believe climate adaptation legislation, including a potential resilience bond, can best be structured to support successful climate adaptation in the Bay Area while deploying scarce resources most efficiently to build upon progress that has already been made:

- **Recommendation 1:** Designate Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) as the Regional Agencies to Support Climate Adaptation and Resilience Efforts at the Regional Scale.
In the four major metropolitan areas of the state, MPOs can deliver planning, funding, and guidance most efficiently and equitably to local governments.
- **Recommendation 2:** Establish a Regional Grant Program to Fund Regional Planning Guidance, Local Advanced Adaptation Planning and Prioritization of a Pipeline of Resilience Projects.
To ensure the state's major metropolitan areas are prepared to deliver critically needed climate adaptation projects once significant funding for capital improvements becomes available, we recommend the Legislature first appropriate \$40 million in funds to support regional and local agency advanced adaptation planning, with the majority of funds being distributed to local stakeholders.
- **Recommendation 3:** Leverage any forthcoming funds whether in the form of a state resilience bond, state/federal infrastructure stimulus or some other mechanism to respond to both the impacts of COVID-19 while also advancing climate adaptation and resilience objectives.
Bond or stimulus funds can support the development of infrastructure projects that help rebuild our economy and create jobs, while also meeting climate adaptation objectives
- **Recommendation 4:** Strengthen the Bond's Support of the Bay Area's Most Socio-Economically Vulnerable.
We recommend that state-designated low-income communities be designated as eligible recipients of funds targeted to both disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations. (not the narrow definition of disadvantaged communities used to distribute Cap-and Trade funds).

After considerable discussion, BARC voted to support Recommendations 2-4 and continue the discussion on which entity should be the Regional lead since some felt the BCDC should take the lead rather than the MPO.

UPCOMING MEETINGS²

- **May 27, 2020--** MTC Commission, 9:30 am
ABAG/MTC Governance Committee, 9:35 am
- **June 9, 2020--** Regional Advisory Working Group, 9:30 am
- **June 10, 2020 –** Joint ABAG Administrative/MTC Planning Committees, 9:40 am
- **June 10, 2020 –** MTC Policy Advisory Council, 1:30 pm
- **June 11, 2020--** ABAG General Assembly, 11:00 am
- **June 12, 2020--** Joint ABAG/MTC Legislative Committees, 9:30 am
Joint ABAG Administrative/MTC Planning Committee, 9:40 am
- **June 18, 2020--** ABAG Finance Committee, 5:00 pm
ABAG Executive Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- **June 24, 2020--** MTC Commission, 9:30 am
ABAG/MTC Governance Committee, 10:00 am

If you have questions, contact Pat Eklund, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Novato at 415-883-9116; pateklund@comcast.net).

² All meetings are conducted via Zoom, webcast, teleconference, unless noted otherwise.

**Golden Gate Ferry and Transit District Report to MCCMC
May 20, 2020**

Revenues During COVID SIP

GGB is a special District and specifically prohibited from raising revenues through property taxes. Funding for operation and maintenance of the bridge and the capital projects that keep it in a state of good repair is generated by bridge tolls

23% of the trips to San Francisco from Sonoma and Marin were on Golden Gate buses and ferries. SIP resulted in a 70 percent drop in bridge traffic. Transit ridership dropped 90 percent, about \$3M in revenue per week.

Cares Act funding will offset some of the fare and toll revenue lost and the COVID related expenses such as cleaning and disinfecting buses.

The District is now spending reserves and allocating capital reserves for operating expenses. These capital reserves are crucial as the district match for state and federal funding for the suicide deterrent system and seismic upgrades to the bridge. Final phase of these two projects predicted to be \$470M over next several years

District is seeking the state legislators continued commitment for funding to backstop the loss of revenue and the drain of capital reserves.

Safe Traveling on Golden Gate Highway and Transit District Vehicles

As of May 20, there has been a slight increase in 101 corridor trips, but mostly for car traffic. The District has taken the following measures to assure safe traveling on GGB buses:

- Enhanced sanitizing on its buses
- Moisture barriers between drivers and passengers
- Mask requirements for both customers and employees
- Limiting number of passengers on buses
- Signs and physical markings for queues to inform social distancing compliance
- Verbal stop requests on buses to minimize use of potential high touch spots

MCCMC Legislative Committee
Report as of May 21, 2020

April Action

The Legislative Committee facilitated a COVID-19 Update from Congressman Jared Huffman by video conference. At the direction of attendees and the Mayors Executive Committee and consistent with discretion authorized for the Chair to advocate in a manner consistent with MCCMC previously approved advocacy positions, MCCMC Legislative Committee sent a letter to Jared Huffman supporting HR 6467 which he co-authored. The Legislative Committee requested that the next tranche of CARES funding include direct accessible revenue replacement to all cities and towns regardless of population. The letter is attached.

May 26 Meeting

The next Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled after this report is due. The Committee will consider the Senate's Housing Production bill package, not all of which are in print as of this report. The intent of this package to provide local jurisdiction opportunities to increase housing production while adhering to reasonable local zoning and design requirement. The package includes opportunities to maximize use of ministerial approvals for certain projects, and minimize the process for CEQA review. Fact Sheet for the bills is attached.

The Legislative Committee will also consider a budget trailer bill that reinterprets the formula for funding schools and that has potential to affect the current practice of returning excess ERAF to counties with highest property values. Text of the trailer bill available on request.

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Reply to:
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Chair, Legislative Committee
MCCMC Tiburon Town Hall
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May 4, 2020

The Honorable Jared Huffman
United States House of Representatives
1527 Longworth Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Huffman,

Thank you for meeting with members of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers Legislative Committee last week. MCCMC is especially appreciative of your role in cosponsoring H.R. 6467, which would provide direct assistance to cities and towns regardless of their populations. Most significantly, H.R. 6467 would provide support for revenue replacement, which is our most significant fiscal concern.

Each of our jurisdictions is facing a particular set of fiscal challenges related to the pandemic, but there is a significant amount of commonality. With businesses closed, tourism essentially halted, and some tax payments delayed, small towns and cities are having to consider significant changes to revenue and spending.

To give you a better understanding of what specific cities and towns are facing, we have asked Marin cities and towns to share their projections. A number of jurisdictions predict drops in certain revenue sources of up to 30%. In aggregate, Marin cities and towns are seeing revenue shortfalls ranging from 3% to 10.5% of general fund revenues in the current fiscal year. As we enact budgets for the coming fiscal year, which begins July 1, our city managers are projecting revenue shortfalls ranging from 3.5% to 18% of current general fund revenue. The extent of the fiscal damage will be much worse if business activity does not resume as is predicted.

Direct accessible revenue replacement directly to all cities and towns is crucial. Most of Marin jurisdictions have significant dependence on revenues from sales taxes, TOT and business taxes. Currently, with no opportunity to recoup any of these revenue losses, cities and towns are having to consider program cuts that would reduce our ability to serve and protect our residents.

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We will face reduction in essential municipal activities such as police and fire protection, park and infrastructure maintenance, even community activities such as recreational programs. This is the time of year when communities ramp up their vegetation removal programs and other proactive fire prevention efforts. Timing of direct revenue replacement is crucial to these safety efforts.

Cities and towns in Marin County need relief to include revenue replacement, so that City Councils can avoid making dramatic budget cuts of crucial services and programs now and in the coming fiscal year. The Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers urges Congress to provide direct funding relief to cities and towns during the month of May.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Alice Fredericks".

Alice Fredericks, Chair
Legislative Committee
Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers

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Senate Housing Production Legislative Package FACT SHEET

Housing production remains a top priority of the Senate and is key to California's economic recovery. The Senate is proposing a housing production legislative package that would streamline existing housing approval processes at the state and local levels, focus on proposals that would reduce the workload of local planning departments, increase the availability of affordable housing, and build on policies that would accelerate job growth and economic development. The package also includes the budget proposal previously announced by Senate Democrats for a renter/landlord stabilization program.

Housing Production Package

SB 1385 (Caballero): This bill would unlock existing land zoned for commercial office and retail for potential residential development by making housing an eligible use on those sites.

Impact on housing production: Even before COVID-19, many large-scale commercial developers were moving toward mixed-use projects that integrate live/work/play uses into one neighborhood. This trend has only been accelerated by the COVID-19 crisis, and this bill reflects the need to update the development landscape statewide to embrace that evolution and create much-needed housing alongside office and retail.

Requirements:

- The site's density meets or exceeds the level needed to accommodate multifamily affordable housing.
- Local zoning, parking, design, and other ordinances that apply to other areas zoned for multifamily housing in the jurisdiction also apply.
- Any housing development that utilizes this provision complies with any design review or public notice, comment, or hearing process.

The bill also would:

- Allow for streamlined ministerial approval of housing projects on land zoned for office or retail commercial use when the site has been vacant or severely underutilized (less than 50% of available square footage) for at least three (3) years and the project meets the existing requirements for by-right housing:
 - a. Consistent with objective zoning, subdivision, and design-review standards.
 - b. Does not require demolition of a historic structure.
 - c. Located outside of environmentally sensitive areas, as specified.
 - d. Provides at least 10% affordable housing (increased to 50% in jurisdictions that are building enough middle-income housing but not enough low-income housing).
 - e. Does not affect existing affordable housing, rent-controlled housing, or housing where tenants have resided in the last 10 years.
 - f. Provides prevailing wage to all workers (regardless of public works status) and uses a skilled and trained workforce for midsize projects (generally 50-75+ units).
 - g. Provides one (1) parking space/unit unless located near transit/in a historic district/near a car-share.

Senate Housing Production Legislative Package FACT SHEET

SB 1120 (Atkins): Builds off state Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) law that allows for at least three units/parcel; further encourages small-scale neighborhood development spearheaded by homeowners by creating a ministerial approval process for duplexes and lot splits that meet local zoning, environmental and tenant displacement standards.

Impact on housing production: Promotes small-scale neighborhood development (i.e. adding capacity to an existing, typically single-family residential area) in a meaningful way to increase production. Housing stock is being increased thanks to the ADU law, and the small-scale nature of SB 1120 would make success that much more achievable, and could help bolster finances for individual homeowners.

Requirements:

- Ministerial duplexes:
 - a. Meets objective zoning and design standards (height, setbacks, etc.).
 - b. Does not require demolition of more than one wall of an existing structure (unless deemed vacant).
 - c. Located within an urbanized area or urban cluster.
 - d. Located outside of environmentally sensitive areas, as specified. However, coastal zones will be included.
 - e. Does not require demolition or alteration of affordable housing, rent-controlled housing, Ellis Act housing, or any housing that has had tenants in recent years.
 - f. Not allowed in a historic district.
 - g. Provides one (1) parking spot/unit unless located near transit/in a historic district/by a car-share program, or unless the local jurisdiction waives parking.

- Ministerial lot splits: Meet the same requirements as duplexes, as well as meet the additional requirements for the resulting parcels:
 - a. Must be of equal size.
 - b. Must be at least 1,200 sq. ft.
 - c. Must meet local requirements to provide easements and public right-of-way.
 - d. Have not previously been subject to a ministerial lot split.

Note: Local governments are not required to permit ADUs on sites that exercise these new authorities (although they may). The creation of local ordinances to implement these sections are not subject to CEQA.

Senate Housing Production Legislative Package FACT SHEET

SB 995 (Atkins): Provides California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) relief by expanding the existing AB-900 process for Environmental Leadership Development Projects for housing projects, particularly affordable housing.

Impact on housing production: This creates a new tool for housing developers who may have been interested in utilizing the AB 900 process, but did not meet the existing dollar threshold. In addition to creating housing units, it also could carry the benefit of creating numerous construction jobs. According figures compiled by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and Senate Office of Research, since 2011, 10,573 housing units have been constructed or proposed under projects certified under AB 900, and the law helped create 46,949 high-wage, permanent construction jobs.

Requirements:

- Provide a minimum investment of \$15 million dollars (as opposed to the current \$100 million threshold).
- Located on an infill site and consistent with the region's sustainable communities strategy.
- Dedicates at least two-thirds of the project for residential use.
- Dedicates a minimum of 15% of residential units as affordable housing (in keeping with other state incentive programs).
- This allows projects to take advantage of an expedited 270-day CEQA litigation process.

The bill also would:

- Broaden application and utilization of the Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) process that allows cities to do upfront planning that streamlines housing approvals on an individual project level.
- Pursue additional opportunities to revise local community plans and policies to support more housing, reform funding and administrative processes at state housing entities, and protect and sustain equity in existing neighborhoods.

SB 902 (Wiener) – As Proposed to Be Amended on May 20, 2020: Allows local governments to pass a zoning ordinance that is not subject to CEQA for projects that allow up to 10 units, if they are located in one of the following priority areas:

- A transit-rich area
- A jobs-rich area
- An urban infill site

Impact on housing production: This bill further allows for additional small-scale infill development for local governments who want to spur more housing production. It provides cities with a new tool to rezone for density in a streamlined, expedited way. Currently, cities that want to rezone for more housing - or are required to rezone due to state mandates - face years of process and lawsuits, costing significant taxpayer funds. It is important to note this measure does not waive any of existing or proposed new standards that a local government applies to new housing in their jurisdiction.

Senate Housing Production Legislative Package FACT SHEET

SB 1085 (Skinner): Enhance existing Density Bonus Law by increasing the number of incentives provided to developers in exchange for providing more affordable units.

Impact on housing production: Increasing the amount of affordable housing for low-income families remains a top priority for the Senate. Unfortunately, the current budget environment doesn't provide for additional public subsidy. Enhancing the Density Bonus Law would allow developers to expand projects, thereby enhancing their profitability, and adding more affordable housing units at no cost to taxpayers.

Declares:

- Modify Density Bonus Law to further incentivize the construction of very low-, low-, and moderate-income housing units.
- Ensure that any additional benefits conferred upon a developer are balanced with the receipt of a public benefit in the form of affordable housing.
- Ensure that density bonus law incentivizes the construction of more housing across all areas of the state.

Senate Budget Proposal (Previously Announced)

Renter/Landlord Stabilization Program: The program would enable agreements between renters, landlords, and the state to resolve unpaid rents over a limited period, as well as make available short-term tax-credits that provide immediate value to landlords at risk of foreclosure.

Impact on housing production: While the Senate embarked on the goal of increasing housing production at the beginning of 2020, given COVID-19 and its impacts on Californians, the need arose to also incorporate measures to ensure the state doesn't lose existing rental housing stock. This proposal provides immediate relief to tenants in need to ensure no one is evicted as a result of COVID-19 and/or its economic impacts, while also protecting landlords who operate in good faith and otherwise face foreclosure and, by result, tenant evictions.

Tam Report to MCCMC May 2020

Long Term Planning

The Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) coordinates with Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) in the development of the regional transportation Plan and Sustainable Community strategy planning every four years. As the Congestion Management Agency, TAM is required to submit a list of proposed projects on behalf of all Marin County jurisdiction. The projects are then considered for inclusion in Plan Bay Area 2050 (PBA). The initial project list submitted is referred to as the unconstrained list, not yet subject to budgetary limits. The list considered by the TAM Commission is \$3.6B in improvements to various elements of the county wide transportation network. In March, the financial forecasts indicated that \$557M is predicted to be available for purposes of developing a prioritized list of projects constrained within predicted fund availability.

The constrained project list is developed taking into consideration other funding sources, Regional Measure 3 (though still tied up in litigation), Active Transportation Program, State Highway Operations and Protection Program (Caltrans SHOPP), other bridge toll funds, Federal Transit Administration funding and local streets and roads funding. The final list will be submitted to MTC to be included in PBA to be considered for regional discretionary funding.

Next steps include Draft PBA 2050 and environmental reports due late 2020, approval in mid 2021 and adoption of RHNA allocations in 2021. This process is Important because transportation projects in PBA 2050 satisfy the CEQA requirements related to air quality and allow projects to become eligible for state and federal funding.

Draft Project list submitted to MTC April 2019 is included in the March Agenda of the TAM Commission.

Impact of RM3 Litigation

Regional Measure 3 was passed by voters in 2018. All funds are now in escrow pending settlement of lawsuits in Superior Court, San Francisco. Impact on some of TAM projects include ambiguity about what TAM staff activities attributed to tentatively funded projects can be charged to RM3 funds and how to manage cash flow so that the required matching funds for TAM projects that had earmarked RM3 money will be available in a timely fashion. Projects provisionally funded with RM3 money include:

\$30 million: The Downtown San Rafael Bettini Transit Center Permanent Relocation

\$135 million: NB US-101 to EB I-580 Direct Connector Project

\$120 million: Marin-Sonoma Narrows

\$100 million: State Route 37 Improvements Environmental Document
(four counties of Marin, Sonoma, Napa, and Solano)

\$150 million: San Francisco Bay Trail Improvements / Safe Routes to Transit

\$40 million: SMART Extension to Windsor and Healdsburg

\$100 million: North Bay Transit Access Improvements

April Action of TAM Board

Action: Approve contract for Bus on Shoulder Feasibility study: Approval of a contract with Kimley Horne to conduct a Bus on Shoulder (Highway 101) Feasibility Study for Marin. Running buses on the shoulder has potential to make transit travel more attractive, to the extent it allows buses to bypass traffic congestion. Two other counties (Santa Clara and Contra Costa) already operate pilot programs with bus on shoulder lanes of the highway.

Action: Authorize entering into a contract to a Highway 101 Interchange and Approaching Roadway Study: The study will address the major source of congestion on local roads – approaches to Highway 101.

Executive Committee Action May 2020

The TAM Commission has not met by the due day of this report. However, the May Executive Committee forwarded the following recommendations, among others, to the board:

Administration Projects Planning Executive Committee

Action: Release of the Annual Budget: Although Measure AA is tax dollars and x percent of the Agency revenue, the financial predictions are not alarming because projects will continue to be funded by previous year accumulated fund balances. Based on the proposed revenues and expenditures for FY2020-21, TAM will spend \$14.30 million more than it will collect in revenue and end the year with a fund balance of \$24.89 million

Action: Authorize contract with Moffat Nichols for Final Design of the North South Greenway Multi Use Path (northern Segment): The project includes widening the off ramp structure of Corte Madera Creek and closing other gaps in the northern segment of the path

Funding Programs Legislation Executive Committee

Action: Program Local Partnership Program (LPP) Funds to Bellam Blvd Off Ramp Project: The project adds a lane to the off-ramp to provide more storage. An addition right turn lane where traffic exiting Highway 101 merges with the traffic exiting from eastbound I-580 will make the maneuver safer. The addition of the extra right turn lane will allow Highway 101 traffic to turn right at Bellam with the dedicated right turn lane while an optional straight/right lane next to it will reduce the lane changes required of I-580 traffic turning right at Bellam.

Information:

SB 1408, providing for tolling Highway 37 – has been provisionally endorsed by FASTER (Freedom Affordability Speed Transparency Equity Reliability). FASTER is a ballot measure proposed by the Bay Area Council, Silicon Valley Leadership Group and various other business, equity, and environmental groups to raise funding for transportation projects in the Bay area region. The supporters also work with bay area transit agencies for a seamless transit system in the region, including region wide use of clipper cards. The march to ballot in November has been detoured by the current COVID crisis.



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Business Item 6a
Letter of Interest
ABAG Exec Board
April 21, 2020

Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers
ATTN: Elizabeth Brekhus, President
P.O. Box 320
Ross, CA 94957

SUBJECT: MCCMC Designee to Association of Bay Area Governments Executive Board

Dear President Brekhus and MCCMC Colleagues:

This letter expresses my interest in continuing to serve as the MCCMC designee to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board.

Since serving on the Executive Board, I have worked to ensure the interests of cities and towns in Marin are represented in a strong, constructive and effective manner. I seek input and keep the cities/towns informed of issues through monthly verbal and written reports; and, the Marin ABAG delegate/alternate meetings and emails. We have held workshops in Marin and are planning a public workshop later this year on Plan Bay Area 2050 depending on COVID-19.

I currently serve on several ABAG committees – Regional Planning Committee, Legislative Committee and the Regional Housing Need Allocation Committee (RHNA). Recently, I became the City of Novato's representative to MCCMC's Legislative Committee which has given me the opportunity to share more information discussed at ABAG and MTC with our Legislative Committee.

We are actively working on Plan Bay Area 2050 which is scheduled for adoption in July 2021. The Draft Plan and Draft EIR are scheduled to be issued later this year; along with the draft methodology and allocation for the 6th RHNA cycle. I have reached out to the planners in our cities/towns to get them more engaged in Plan Bay Area 2050 and with the RHNA methodology.

Two years ago, the ABAG/MTC staff merged and this year we started looking at other governance models. However, with COVID-19, we delayed the overall governance discussion until we merge the committees.

As you know, I routinely collaborate with other cities/towns in the Bay Area along with our County representatives on issues brought forward to the ABAG Executive Board. And, my written ABAG reports are now being distributed to many cities/towns throughout the Bay Area.

I would be honored to continue to serve as your designee to the ABAG Executive Board. If you have any questions, please call 415-883-9116 (home) or email at: peklund@novato.org. Thanks !!

Sincerely,

Pat Eklund, Mayor Pro Tem
City of Novato

May 22, 2020

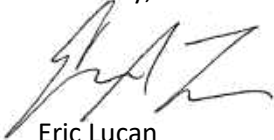
Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers
300 Tamalpais Drive
Corte Madera, CA 94925

Dear Mayors and Councilmembers,

I would like to formally submit my name for consideration as MCCMC President for Fiscal Year 2020/2021. I have regularly attended MCCMC since I was elected to the Novato City Council in 2011 and have enjoyed participating in our social gatherings and general business over the past 8 years. I have also served on a variety of MCCMC subcommittees over that time. As Vice President, it has been a privilege to serve alongside the current MCCMC President this past year and would be honored to serve as President next year.

Please reach out to me directly if you have any questions or simply just to catch up. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Lucan', written in a cursive style.

Eric Lucan
Councilmember
City of Novato



Rebecca Vaughn <mccmcsecretary@gmail.com>

Letter of Interest for MCCMC Vice President

Sashi McEntee <smcentee@cityofmillvalley.org>

Fri, May 22, 2020 at 3:01 PM

To: "elizabethb@brekhus.com" <elizabethb@brekhus.com>, Rebecca Vaughn <mccmcsecretary@gmail.com>

Cc: Eric Lucan <elucan@novato.org>

Dear President Brekhus and MCCMC members:

I would like the opportunity to serve as your MCCMC Vice President for the coming year. This is my 5th year on the Mill Valley City Council, and I have very much enjoyed learning from all of my council colleagues through MCCMC. Our meetings are a great way to hear about what other cities are doing, and we are lucky to have an interesting and varied group of councilmembers to learn from.

I am currently mayor but will be back to being a councilmember next year, so the timing is good for me. I would like to give back to this group and help put together useful events that build our collective knowledge, strength, and collegiality.

My current and past leadership experience includes:

- * Mayor, City of Mill Valley
- * Chair, Marin LAFCo
- * Vice Chair, Marin Telecommunications Agency (ending July 1)
- * Co-Chair, MCCMC Disaster Preparedness Subcommittee
- * Chair, Mill Valley CERT Steering Committee
- * Vice Chair, Mill Valley Emergency Preparedness Commission
- * President, Shelter Ridge Homeowners Association
- * Secretary, ODC/Dance Board of Directors

I enjoy running a tight meeting, making sure all voices are heard, and encouraging connections and synergy. I hope to bring those skills and experience to the position of MCCMC Vice President.

Respectfully submitted
Sashi

Sashi McEntee
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**MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS
DRAFT AGENDA**

Wednesday, June 24, 2020
Likely held via Zoom webinar
Start time: TBD

A meeting of the City Selection Committee will be convened immediately preceding the start of the regular meeting. The regular meeting will commence upon conclusion of the City Selection Committee meeting.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Public Comment** (Limit 3 minutes per person)
- 3. Welcome and Introduction of Guests**

- 4. Presentation:**

- 5. Tentative Committee Reports** (if held via webinar, written reports requested)
 - 5.a. Metropolitan Transportation Commission – Supervisor Connolly
 - 5.b. Association of Bay Area Governments
 - 5.c. Marin Major Crimes Task Force Oversight Committee
 - 5.d. Marin County School Board Association
 - 5.e. Homeless Committee
 - 5.f. Marin County Disaster Council Citizen Corps
 - 5.g. Marin Transit
 - 5.h. Sonoma/Marin Area Rail Transit Commission
 - 5.i. Golden Gate Bridge & Highway Transportation District
 - 5.j. Transportation Authority of Marin
 - 5.k. MCCMC Legislative Committee
 - 5.l. Local Agency Formation Commission
 - 5.m. ABAG/MTC Housing Legislative Task Force
 - 5.n. Climate Change/Sea Level Rise Ad Hoc Committee

- 6. Keynote Speaker: To be determined**

- 7. Business Meeting**
 - 7.a. Summary of Actions Taken at City Selection Committee meeting regarding appointments to ABAG Executive Board and CAL-ID Remote Access Network Oversight Committee

 - 7.b. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the 2019-2020 Meeting Schedule, And Listing Of Host Cities/Towns

 - 7.c. Review of Draft Agenda for the September 23, 2020 MCCMC Meeting Hosted by the Town of Corte Madera

7.d. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Draft Minutes of the May 22, 2019 MCCMC Meeting Held Via Zoom Webinar

7.e. Consideration and Possible Action to Appoint Executive Committee: President and Vice President for 2020-21 Term

7.e-1: MCCMC Vice President for 2020-21 Term

7.e-2: MCCMC President for 2020-21 Term

8:30 PM ADJOURN: to the September 23, 2020 meeting hosted by the Town of Corte Madera (if in-person meetings are able to resume)

Deadline for Agenda Items – September 16, 2020 Please send to:

MCCMCSecretary@gmail.com

6.d.

MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS

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MINUTES

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MAYORS SELECT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE ONLY

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Mayors Present

Belvedere: Mayor Nancy Kemnitzer
Corte Madera: Mayor Eli Beckman
Fairfax: Mayor Renee Goddard
Larkspur: Mayor Catherine Way
Mill Valley: Mayor Sashi McEntee
Novato: Mayor Denise Athas
Ross: Mayor Julie McMillan
San Anselmo: Mayor Ford Greene
San Rafael: Mayor Gary Phillips
Sausalito: Mayor Susan Cleveland-Knowles
Tiburon: Mayor Alice Fredericks

MCCMC Executive Committee Present: President Elizabeth Brekhus, Ross; Vice President Eric Lucan, Novato; Immediate Past President Ray Withy, Sausalito, Secretary Rebecca Vaughn

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Purpose of Meeting

MCCMC President Elizabeth Brekhus called the Annual Meeting of the MCCMC Mayors Select Committee to order at 6:10pm.

2. Open Time for Public Comment:

Secretary Vaughn read Mike Blakeley, CEO, Marin Economic Forum's email into the record: Dear Members of the MCCMC - First I would like to give my appreciation to those cities and towns that have devoted their resources towards efforts and activities that have supported the businesses in their jurisdictions. The optics of public sector support for business is extremely important at this time.

Second, I would like to provide an update on the activities the Marin Economic Forum (MEF) has been conducting in response to COVID-19. Here are just a few:

Worked with the County to provide estimates of economic impact on the Marin economy from COVID-19
Assisted Health and Human Services (HHS) to populate the COVID-19 website with resources for businesses
Convened Marin's Chambers of Commerce and other business support organizations like the SBDC, MCVB and Agricultural Institute of Marin to discuss and identify businesses greatest needs. This group has a dedicated email address and information is regularly exchanged
Developed a database of funding resources (public and private) available to small businesses. This list has been provided to all Chambers as well as some cities
Hosted a "COVID-19 Economic Briefing" for Marin County (second in series will be May 16)

Going forward MEF has the following initiatives:

Conduct research on the likely sectors of the economy to be opened in order to prepare businesses for regulatory and hiring issues upon opening
Engage workforce development practitioners to prepare for most urgent hiring demands in the county
Participate in regional economic development webinars, etc as subject matter experts
Continue to support the Board of Supervisors and other county resources with data and information.

If any of these activities are of interest to your town or city please reach MEF directly.

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2 In addition to our activities MEF has been focusing on the recovery of our economy. As we all know there are
3 various ways being considered to do so and MEF has been closely monitoring the approaches of other cities
4 and counties. In that regards, MEF would like to encourage the MCCMC to consider the following:
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6 Other counties and regions have formed bodies around COVID-19 recovery to guide the reopening and
7 recovery efforts. These bodies (task forces, working groups, response teams) have been composed of
8 members of public and private sector and have clear goals. MEF encourages any elected officials or other
9 groups focusing on the recovery effort to take a similar approach. MEF has encouraged the Board of
10 Supervisors to create such a task force and to model it after other good examples nationally.
11 MEF strongly encourages any discussion of reopening and recovery to have some component of dialogue
12 between health sector officials and the business sector. Decisions made by public sector officials with
13 information and feedback from the business community will have a higher likelihood of implementation and
14 success. MEF stands ready to host or facilitate such a platform and has communicated this to members of the
15 Board of Supervisors.
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17 Thank you again for your efforts during this difficult time and please continue to see the Marin Economic Forum
18 as a resource. Best regards, Mike Blakeley
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20 **3. Business Items**

- 21 3a. The Mayors of each of the Cities/Towns in Marin will share any legislation that their respective
22 Councils have passed, or will be considering, in response to Covid-19, and will share challenges
23 faced by their jurisdictions, and any solutions or programs they believe may be helpful in
24 addressing these challenges.
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27 President Brekhus introduced the item and asked Mayors to address: 1) Is there legislation you have enacted
28 or are proposing; and 2) Given COVID-19 challenges, are there programs implemented or contemplated.
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30 Belvedere Mayor Nancy Kemnitzer reported:

- 31 • They enacted the Emergency Ordinance by special meeting after the shelter-in-place order was issued
32 which will allow them to seek reimbursements. It will be used for efforts and expenses incurred
33 concerning upgrading their IT system to have Zoom and higher broadband.
- 34 • They enacted an amendment to their construction time limit ordinance that allows the City Manager
35 and Planning and Building Departments to grant one or more extension if it is determined necessary if
36 caused by the COVID-19 Order and to allow the City Manager and/or Planning and Building to reduce
37 penalties. The burden will be on the applicant to show causation. This is automatically repealed after
38 the Order to shelter-in-place to prohibit construction.
- 39 • They closed down 40 construction sites of their total 11,000 houses in town. They felt this was similar
40 to the order put in place after the fires which worked well and without complaints.
- 41 • Regarding challenges, construction was their biggest challenge with issues relating to someone
42 demolishing their house on a slope which had to continue, PG&E undergrounding going on, shutdown
43 of gardeners and work with the Tiburon Fire Department to have an exemption form people can fill out
44 for vegetation management. They hope to have their Chipper Days starting in May.
- 45 • They have worked hard to upgrade their Block Captain Program which is robust where 90% of the town
46 is covered. They have ensured all renters have been included and have identified and partnered
47 neighbors with vulnerable seniors who are isolated.
- 48 • The big challenges include the fact they have some COVID-19 in Belvedere but are unsure because of
49 the testing and privacy concerns. They are looking forward to better testing.
- 50 • They have had anxiety around the PPP program for small businesses.
- 51 • They have learned there is a petition circulating for immediate re-opening and they hope to be able to
52 deal with that if and when it gets to be a stronger effort.
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54 Corte Madera Mayor Eli Beckman reported:

- 55 • The Town Council has passed its Proclamation of Local Emergency. The Council meets once a month
56 which is frustrating, but he recognized the hard work of staff working remotely which makes business
57 operations difficult.
- 58 • Staff reached out to all seniors and at-risk residents through the Inter-Generational Center to ensure
59 their needs are addressed.

- Corte Madera and Larkspur jointly sent out a mailer through the Parks and Recreation Department to ensure all residents know services continue and Corte Madera has an emergency hotline for at risk residents, 415-991-4040.
- He sees the next frontier as business relief, given the Town is very sales tax dependent and both large centers are closed which is a great impact. He has worked with the Chamber and Town Manager regarding this and it will require action and coordination to rehabilitate businesses.
- He knows some agencies are setting up a business relief fund which could be replicated in other cities and towns.
- They are continuing their wildfire fuels reduction program which is essential.

Fairfax Mayor Renee Goddard reported:

- Beyond their Declaration of Emergency, the Town has not made any new policies. She is seeing policies when they talk about working with potential funding coming to businesses and what they do in terms of renter tenant protections and financial assistance from the County.
- They will talk about forming policies around opening up some of the rules about how the public rights-of-way are used, street fronts and restaurants and social distancing policies.
- In terms of challenges, there was confusion after the Orders were issued about the use of parkland, open space and MMWD land and whether bikers could use open space or not, closures and what they meant, and this triggered social media.
- They have been faced with a lack of facilities for their homeless population, places for people to wash their hands because buildings are closed, and they are paying \$3,000 a month to have one ADA accessible porta potty but still not hand-sanitizing stations.
- Regarding accomplishments, they printed and distributed 3,500 yellow gate hangers telling people they were here to help, giving an email and phone number. They now have 135 volunteers but only 35 people asking for help. They have also printed large signs and posted them at grocery stores.
- They just launched "Fairfax Open for Business" and it is partnering with another initiative called "Fairfax Forward".
- Fairfax residents are being very obedient of the rules and being respectful of one another.

Larkspur Mayor Catherine Way reported:

- Larkspur and Corte Madera share a lot in common and he commended Mayor Beckman on how they can use their park and recreation staff with the Inter-Generational Center to maximize the output of contact to the community.
- They mailed gate hangers to every residence because they were concerned about entering people's properties. There have been about 9 phone calls weekly, so they might need a new strategy to work on.
- They re-activated their Ad-Hoc Finance Task Force of the Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Manager to talk about their finances. They are estimating a shortfall in the 2020/2021 year of \$3 million as a conservative estimate. The task force also has an adjunct member, Larry Chu and they have met once to discuss overall finance strategies.
- They refinanced their pension obligation with a bond last year and met with that team about what options there are for refinancing the bond.
- The Council has agreed to have special meetings as needed to discuss financial and other matters in a timely manner. They have a special meeting scheduled tomorrow to discuss putting together adoption of an early retirement incentive plan. Mr. Chu has been a Councilmember for 15 years and very savvy at understanding finances, and she recommended cities with past Councilmembers with finance skill set to be brought back and participate.
- The City has had most of its property tax collected.
- They are continuing their major infrastructure project of the Bon Aire Bridge because this project must get finished. The City Managers have the ability to allow projects to move forward which are timely and necessary.
- For those in the Ross Valley, Supervisor Katie Rice is having her first Zoom-in tomorrow at 5PM to talk about District 2 issues and her conversation with Brian Colbert, David and Kiera Swine. She encouraged Supervisors to hold district Zoom-in's.

Novato Mayor Denise Athas reported:

- They met regarding the emergency situation and have had closed sessions every Monday with the City Manager related to COVID-19 issues where there are questions only from Council and discussion,

1 which has been a way to be able to download information about what they are doing in the City and
2 how things are progressing.

- 3 • They have a great communications team putting information up on their website involving local
4 programs and getting people to know what essential businesses and restaurants are open.
- 5 • In terms of legislation, on Tuesday they will have another Council meeting and they will discuss their
6 small business micro-grant program. They were fortunate to receive \$200,000 from a business that is
7 pledging to start that and they are now hoping to have a goal of \$500,000 to help about 80 to 100 small
8 businesses.
- 9 • The Chamber has been great with holding webinars in relationship to businesses trying to get funding.
10 She receives many calls from businesses indicating they have still not received funding and are
11 frustrated with their banks.
- 12 • Regarding challenges, during the first two weeks she had many calls and angry emails from people
13 who wanted to assure residents that they would have toilet paper stocked in stores. She did not receive
14 as many calls and emails the second two weeks, but people asked her to open up the golf courses.
15 This week has been very busy fielding calls and irate people, especially pre-schools who are very
16 concerned that they need lead time to be able to notify parents and teachers of what is happening.
- 17 • They are also discussing early retirement incentives in May.

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19 Mill Valley Mayor Sashi McEntee reported:

- 20 • They held a special meeting to do a budget adjustment for the fiscal year because they estimated a
21 \$1.2 million hole by the end of the fiscal year, as well as approved the Emergency Declaration right
22 away.
- 23 • They have been working with the Chamber on the small business fund and their website lists all
24 businesses that are open.
- 25 • Through the Marin Economic Forum they received a grant from PG&E to do the Business Emergency
26 Readiness Program again which was already set up and confirmed with essential businesses.
- 27 • They ceased construction downtown on the Depot but they were notified that another city was working
28 on its facilities.
- 29 • They prepared a long-range financial plan a few months ago **(45:23-cuts out here)** and are looking at
30 internal efficiencies, opportunities for shared services and collaboration with other cities, and forecasted
31 the financial situation to labor groups for no raises and freezing unfilled positions.
- 32 • They started doing NRG's modeled after the Central Marin Energy Program and this continues.
- 33 • They are continuing all fire prevention work and also planning for when the shelter-in-place order lifted
34 where there might be a PSPS in the fall so they are planning for that.
- 35 • Regarding testing in Santa Clara County, a sampling of 3,300 people was tested at a cost of \$200,000
36 for the presence of antibodies. They found antibodies were 50% to 85% more prevalent than they
37 expected. She would like the Mayors to encourage the County to do this study.

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39 Ross Mayor Julie McMillan reported:

- 40 • Their Council approved the Emergency Order and she will be signing an Order extending the time limits
41 for construction. There will be an automatic extension from March 17, 2020 until the No Construction
42 Order is terminated or until construction is allowed, plus an additional 30 days. The Order will also grant
43 their Building Official the discretion to allow additional time based on unique circumstances, and people
44 can appeal decisions to the Town Council. This was one of the biggest issues in the second Order to
45 shut down all construction, and she spoke about two projects with hardships.
- 46 • They have a list of residents' emails and the Town has asked people to volunteer to help elderly
47 residents as well as asking elderly residents to indicate whether they need help with getting their mail
48 and other tasks. They had 30 volunteers and 12 elderly people request services, and they are hoping
49 to revitalize their Block Captain Program which is being managed by their Police Chief and a volunteer
50 community member.
- 51 • They are trying to publicize their three restaurants that are available for take-out.
- 52 • They are concerned the Spring program that Ross Recreation runs is closed down and they anticipate
53 summer programs will also be closed down which will be a major revenue hit to the Town.
- 54 • The Council is meeting once monthly on Zoom. They held an emergency meeting to approve the initial
55 order and they are not meeting again until the middle of May. Their meetings have been light in terms
56 of substance.

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58 San Anselmo Mayor Ford Greene reported:

- They called a special meeting on March 19th to declare a local emergency and also adopted a policy with respect to requiring signs in stores directing people on appropriate physical distancing requirements.
- They adopted legislation requiring signs at parks and open spaces because there are many people driving to parks and using open space rather than complying with the local requirements to exercise from home.
- They have adopted legislation, deputizing members of staff to provide warnings to people who are not in compliance with various aspects of the local ordinance. This is to provide notice and as necessary, police can follow-up.
- They shut down construction with a couple of limited exceptions: 1) if the project was almost completed; and 2) whether or not completion of a project was necessary to effectuate sheltering in place requirements. Those that got the passes cheated and began to expand their scope and ultimately they were shut down. Similarly, they shut down landscaping.
- They worked hard to beef up their website so there is one-stop shopping, easy to navigate and access.
- They left their public toilets open. Before COVID-19 hit they began age-friendly resources which involved mapping out those elderly folks in need and they were ahead in this regard and have expanded the program towards identifying what types of assistance they need.
- They have deferred the payment of their business license renewal fees until the end of June.
- They pushed for infection disclosure by jurisdiction from the County. It is valuable to know this and San Anselmo and Fairfax have been holding steady with 14 cases for a week.
- Their Chamber has been active. They have SanAnselmoEats.com, SanAnselmoShops.com and SanAnselmoStrong.com. Each links to businesses and provides information available to people to get takeout and/or shop. There were problems with take-out and 6 foot distancing, so they authorized the placing of special signs there.
- They are meeting regularly by Zoom. They held their first Zoom meeting last week which was 2.5 hours.
- He echoed Mayor McEntee, stating it is really important to have as much testing as possible. The spread is much bigger than anyone knows, and they got ahead of the State with respect to sheltering in place and other rules, and he would like to see the County and local jurisdictions supporting broad-based testing.

San Rafael Mayor Gary Phillips reported:

- They passed their Emergency Order.
- In the first part of April he began a message from the Mayor each Friday. The first one included, Damon Connolly, Jim Schutz and himself as to where the County was in regards to County services, an overview of hospitals and their preparations and challenges, and what City services are being offered. More recently, there was interest in the various federal plans that were made available to businesses, and he asked Russ Columbo from the Bank of Marin to discuss various types of loans. Danielle Leary, their Economic Development Director talked about the interface between the City and assisting some of their businesses as well as Diane Henderson, President of the Chamber of Commerce.
- Danielle Leary has done a lot to interface with very small businesses that are trying to figure out how to apply for funds which has been very effective.
- They have a Finance Committee and about one-third of their revenues are derived from sales tax. They have held two finance meetings and one Closed Session will be held next Monday and while they have a substantial reserve, they will need to plan for a substantial loss.
- He has had a number of discussions with Senator McGuire, and Supervisor Dennis Rodoni is holding a session Monday afternoon about how the County might address some of the economic concerns. They think there is effort for a more countywide concerted effort and discussions will continue.
- They put together with the Chamber of Commerce and the County a small business relief fund. They have a 501c.3 and procedures laid out and a committee to make selection of applicants and how much they might receive. They have received about 300 applicants and they began fundraising. The application period was closed Monday and they will have a second round within a week or two and he described small businesses and funding.
- They have met with the City Manager and staff in the EOC and work is on-going and he was happy to share and provide what they are doing to help.

Sausalito Mayor Susan Cleveland-Knowles reported:

- They adopted an Emergency Ordinance and are meeting regularly. She recognized all City Clerks and IT staff for getting them up and running so quickly to meet as well as the City Manager for getting staff coordinated to work remotely from home.

- Their Planning Commission is now able to meet, as well as their General Plan Committee and their Small Business Advisory and Hospitality Committee.
- They re-tooled their website to put all COVID-related resources, County-related resource and State resources in one place which was helpful and they have ramped up communications.
- The main focus of their work is in two categories: Vulnerable residents and local businesses. In terms of vulnerable residents, they have the highest senior population in the County and are very lucky they had a very active Age-Friendly group, Sausalito Village and Call a Ride for Sausalito Seniors. Those organizations already had a newsletter and were providing trips to the grocery store, to the drug store and other tasks for many seniors, and they have maxed out their volunteers. They have sent emails every day to 500 or 600 seniors on their list so they are constantly in touch.
- She recognized Kate Collin in San Rafael who have been working on the Homeless Committee with the Mobile Shower Program that comes twice weekly to Sausalito. This has continued to provide dignity and connection to services. They were working with the County and were also able to add food give-away at that location twice weekly and in a neighboring Marin City they have a very active food give-away programs which serve many residents and school kids.
- They will do a door knocker next week more focused on social/emotional resources, given this crisis is stretching out so long, and she can share this with cities. They run it through County Health and it has suicide prevention, substance abuse, along with other food services and more practical resources.
- They have been ramping up City services and some library and parks and recreation programs with on-line services.
- On the small business front, Sausalito is heavily dependent on sales tax and TOT and Immediate Past President Ray Withy and she have been focusing on economic impacts to Sausalito. She has tasked two City Councilmembers to serve as liaisons to the business community and they have worked a lot with Senator McGuire, some County, State, and Federal partners to try and establish resources for the small businesses and a recovery plan. She thanked San Rafael for taking the leadership on this.
- She also recognized some Sausalito businesses that are up and running. There are some active manufacturers in the Marin ship who turned their radar/sonar businesses into making face shields. Another company is making hand sanitizers and they have a dressmaker in town that is making fashionable face masks.
- She supported ideas for increased collaboration and cooperation. Immediate Past President Withy has been working with some cities and the League of California Cities on State advocacy. She likes the idea of anything to do to ramp up testing and working together on funding, and would be happy to coordinate with this.
- They are all looking for ways to address their budgets and have begun meeting on this with very difficult decisions coming up this year and she would welcome the sharing of opportunities.

Tiburon Mayor Alice Fredericks reported:

- She reported on how Tiburon greets one another, which is called the Tiburon Air Five by holding your hand up to your shoulder and extend your fingers, which keeps social distance and communicates connection.
- Many of the things stated by cities has also been done by Tiburon a little differently. They adopted a resolution ratifying the Town Manager's declaration of an emergency which kicked in an existing ordinance.
- Under that ordinance, they amplified their outreach, the COVID emergency, like you banners on the web page, increased emailing of Tiburon Talk with links to reliable information.
- The most impactful thing they did was convened a workshop on COVID-19 in which they provided information to residences and businesses.
- Their EOC Coordinator covered many resources for the community, including seniors and the Executive Director of the Chamber covered the potential business resources, and they requested they form a task force which was done with the businesses. The Chamber takes the lead and two Councilmembers will participate and look at immediate impacts and recovery.
- One short-term impact that will affect businesses is retention of their furloughed employees because they are the most experienced.
- The Chamber also opened a GoFundMe.com for businesses.
- The reason the library was able to continue with their construction is because they are a JPA and as a government entity, they declared that as essential public infrastructure.
- Their biggest complaint from constituents was about gardening restrictions. Also, people can apply for a permit for vegetation management for fire safety.

- They will take the same budget hits as other cities and challenges are things that are costly the Town was trying to figure out for the long-term. The most important one is vegetation safety management in their open space which is very expensive. Other things like their contributions to their pension trust to cover the unfunded liability is something they will have to decide at budget meetings which begin in May.
- She supported the idea of coordinating advocacy. She believes Nancy Hall-Bennett is on this call and there will be a meeting of MCCMC Legislative Committee at its regularly scheduled fourth Monday meeting at which time they hope to hold a conversation about how they can effectively coordinate their advocacy for the needs that have been generated by this health care crisis.
- She commented on some of the advocacy protesting. Before they do that, they need to be clear on the limits and to match their goals to that. Antibody testing simply means someone has been exposed and there is not data to show whether someone is immune and there are other limits obtained from testing. She thinks before asking for money for this, they need to state what their goals are in testing.
- They have some challenges with people keeping their social distancing on their outdoor exercises because the trails get crowded.
- They are looking for responsible ways to support businesses besides just writing checks.

3b. Discussion and Possible Direction to Form an Ad Hoc Committee on the Effects of and Response to Covid-19

San Rafael Vice Mayor Kate Colin recognized the wonderful efforts of what all cities and towns are doing in Marin County and they all recognize the County has a slightly different role because they are funded differently, but it does not mean the responsibility for cities and towns is any different.

The proposed Ad-Hoc Committee is entitled Economic Recovery Ad-Hoc Committee and she would Co-Chair it with San Anselmo Vice Mayor Brian Colbert. She knows President Brekhus had included a nice recap of an email she had sent understanding that as smart as all of the Mayors and City Managers are, the more they can come together to look at out of the box solutions and collaborate, it dovetails with efforts shared over the last item. She cited commonalities along with differences, and this Committee could sort through the tools to be used.

There could be up to two people from every town or city and thus far, she has spoken with Larkspur and Mill Valley, Ross and San Rafael and there are a couple of areas that keep rising to the top which would be first orders of business such as small business recovery and communication, including transparency of the work they are doing and clarifications as restrictions ease, shared services, revenue generation, and Mike Blakely's desire to have a Board of Supervisors' forum and conversation. Having the MCCMC Ad-Hoc Committee would allow them to plug-into whatever the Council is doing and would ensure their voice continues to be represented and heard.

The request is to approve the Economic Recovery Ad-Hoc Committee and then proceed with appointing one or two Councilmembers to participate.

President Brekhus stated they had talked about whether this is one committee or whether it splinters into multiple committees, how to involve members who are not on the committee to be engaged with this, and it sounds like the committee needs to be formed and then allow them to work through those issues.

Ms. Colin agreed and said all voices are needed and heard and the question is what the best way is to accommodate that. Mayors can self-appoint or put others on the committee and everyone will be apprised of work and discussion.

Mayor Fredericks suggested one of the Committee's first jobs should be to define the mission, the goal and the tools, and Ms. Colin concurred.

Immediate Past President Ray Witherly said as he first heard this concept he thought the focus was on small business recovery, but as described tonight it is much broader. It is dealing with all aspects of the COVID response and the aftermath and recovery of it.

Ms. Colin stated to her the driver is economic recovery part of it, and she agreed the work would inform the advocacy part.

1 Mayor Way suggested holding a separate meeting to discuss their non-profits and their impact in communities,
2 how they can support them because they have lost vast amounts of monies and are very vital stop gaps and
3 essential in many ways for communities. She was unsure where non-profits would get their funding because
4 many of their donors are gone, their galas and golf tournaments are canceled, and communities rely on them
5 for essential care.

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7 President Brekhus said she thinks this is a great idea and it will be important to ensure the dialogue goes
8 between MCCMC members and that they feel included as well, given they are not meeting this month. She
9 believes there is a way for each Councilmember to list this as a report and then that information gets directed
10 to the Ad-Hoc Committee, and she thinks this is Ms. Colin' plan.

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12 Mayor Greene asked and confirmed that the scope of what they are addressing right now it pertains to economic
13 recovery and economic development. He added that because COVID-19 is such a huge game-changer, he
14 thinks it would be valuable to, in the near future, organize in a way to try to come up with a unified approach on
15 how first to identify all issues and how to address issues. If this virus stays around and there is a second wave,
16 troubles will continue.

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18 President Brekhus opened the public comment period, and there were no speakers.

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20 President Brekhus suggested a motion to approve the Committee, and she explained that they will need to
21 discuss how MCCMC continues to meet and whether by Mayor Select Committee or the entire body which is
22 logistically difficult.

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24 Mayor Fredericks suggested that if they are concerned with everyone buying into it and not creating it from the
25 top down or Mayor down, what they might do is pass a resolution supporting formation of this committee.

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27 Ms. Colin said if this is a way to move forward, she supported a resolution. She trusts all cities and towns will
28 be involved in this and whatever protocol makes sense. To her it is cleaner to say the Ad-Hoc Committee be
29 formed and this is the motion, but again, she wants to be sensitive to the protocol.

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31 Mayor Athas said she knows this is an immediate need as the business community needs help now. They are
32 struggling to get funds and seeing money go to the bigger companies and not small businesses. One of her
33 biggest frustrations is when they set up committees and they spend months and months trying to figure out the
34 mission, but these are not normal times. She supported an Ad-Hoc Committee that can start right away and
35 not spend time grappling over what the committee will look like and how they will address it and creating how
36 to do the work. She would rather sit and meet and get the work done because these businesses will not be here
37 in six months if they take that amount of time developing a white paper. They need immediate help and she
38 wanted to be sure they were not setting up another committee that will not act immediately.

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40 Mayor Fredericks agreed and said she would think one meeting could establish mission, goals, and tools. Ms.
41 Colin could probably prepare that tonight but she thinks it should be clear with what the committee is doing
42 because there is also a role to include the long-term recovery. Her suggestion for the resolution was only to
43 address someone's concern about making sure everyone is all in on this, and if the resolution does not
44 accomplish that, she suggested moving to the motion Ms. Colin suggested. The purpose of the mission, goals
45 and tools was more communication to MCCMC to indicate they are doing something.

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47 Ms. Colin said they are ready to go with approval of the committee and they will wait until members are identified.

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49 Mayor Goddard voiced support for a motion.

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51 Mayor Kemnitzer said she would like the resolution put forward tonight to tell each of them how they are going
52 to go about forming it, the timeline, whether each jurisdiction will identify two members of the committee or next
53 steps because otherwise it is an idea but not formed yes.

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55 Mayor Way suggested that they go forward because they all agree an ad-hoc committee is needed so they
56 approve the formation of the ad-hoc committee and then they take it to their Councils and hold discussion on
57 how they appoint and who is one it. If they delay forming it by bringing back a resolution, this is not the best
58 use of time in this emergency.
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1 Mayor Phillips said it seems they might be approving something that he is not very clear on what it will
2 accomplish since each of their cities/towns are doing many things, some of which are different. San Rafael's
3 approach will be different than another city's so he was not sure what the goals and objectives of the committee
4 are. He would like to have some Council discussion about this first because he was not sure in the direction it
5 will result in and he thinks the Council should have some say in any ad-hoc committee. He would generally
6 favor something like this, but he was not sure of its objective.
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8 Additionally, they are planning to do something with the County and in referring to non-profits the County is a
9 big player in those. So, he questioned whether it should be at the County level.
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11 Mayor Athas said these are good points and she has talked with Ms. Colin about it as well as Mike Blakely and
12 she thinks there is power with cities and towns coming together, but she agreed to identify ways for the County
13 to support solutions or a way forward. Again, she has had a lot of experience with this group around
14 homelessness and sea level rise, and it is hard getting everybody to the table all at the same time and place.
15 There is an organic process but she thought everybody is in a crisis mode and thinks what they can do to keep
16 moving forward, understanding that nothing will be set in stone, but to move it forward and have trust and faith
17 in each other that they will get this to where they want it to be and it will be something that is meaningful.
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19 President Brekhus said she spoke with Ms. Colin extensively about the idea and one idea is that if there is a
20 way in our emergency orders to take over right-of-way for restaurants and make one-way streets for certain
21 areas or start talking or thinking about rooftop decks. Maybe they identify some immediate responses they can
22 do and identify how to share services if people did adopt certain things or wanted to talk about them. Possibly
23 this committee is a way to get some good ideas that not everyone will adopt or not, but they can disseminate
24 them. It is a place where they can have some real discussion and collect ideas which could potentially be
25 beneficial.
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27 MOTION: Mayor Cleveland-Knowles made a motion to form an Economic Recovery Ad-Hoc Committee to focus
28 efforts on small business support and that it would then evolve with multiple buckets to address other COVID-
29 19 concerns to move forward. Mayor Athas seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote.

30 31 **4. Current Issues of Mutual Concern - Round Table Discussion:** 32

33 President Brekhus stated they need to determine whether they are convening MCCMC in the next month or
34 two or will they try and make a Bylaws amendment so items can be voted on by the Mayors. The Executive
35 Committee discussed the concern that having 40-50 people to do roll call, issues with an established quorum,
36 it would be difficult.
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38 Immediate Past President Ray Withy agreed that the issue is that the Mayors Select Committee has a specific
39 role pursuant to the Bylaws and usually decisions made by the Mayors Select Committee gets moved up to the
40 full membership at the monthly meeting to get ratified. The question is how this can be done because if not,
41 MCCMC is frozen.
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43 What they need is some flexibility whereby they can move the agenda forward and possibly find a way to get
44 through some of the process they normally go through. He was unsure how many people will be comfortable
45 with that, but he welcomed ideas of how to get through the logjam that standard processes create.
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47 President Brekhus stated their next business item would be to extend the ABAG term past June 2020 so they
48 need to have a meeting and the question is whether they raise a Bylaws amendment for emergency purposes
49 at that meeting to allow the Mayors group to vote on business items.
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51 Mayor Way said she thinks it is important they stay connected and possibly have limited agendas, but she has
52 two new Councilmembers who would like to be able to hear what is happening. She suggested that if they hold
53 the regular MCCMC monthly meeting, they have one coming up in May and June and she questioned if there
54 was a way to do an emergency Bylaw change whereby Councilmembers can provide input prior to the meeting
55 about a particular item but the Mayors Select Committee is the only one that actually votes at that meeting. This
56 will allow input and people can be in the meeting but they would not need the 100 person roll call vote. She did
57 not want them to get into silos where they do not interact with each other.
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59 President Brekhus said her biggest concern is the Brown Act. The cities can discuss MCCMC at their Council
60 meetings and provide reports. The question is whether the Mayor at that meeting can get other

1 Councilmembers to provide input on another meeting at which the whole public communication is not being
2 flushed out, and she was not sure they could per the Brown Act. She is happy to peer check that view, but she
3 is concerned that they cannot come to this meeting but then vote on it after having separate communications
4 elsewhere.

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6 Mayor Athas asked how the Governor's emergency declaration that affected the Brown Act might affect their
7 concerns about the Brown Act with respect to these meetings.

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9 President Brekhus stated she spoke with her Town Attorney for Ross and what she understands is that on
10 COVID only, they can report on conversations. There may be some flexibility with the COVID Ad-Hoc
11 Committee. She cannot send everyone Pat Eklund's report on ABAG because it is not on COVID relations, so
12 again, she thinks they will need to meet in May and June to extend Pat Eklund's term and possibly have a
13 broader discussion of this.

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15 Mayor Athas said there might be a possibility where they could talk to a movie theater representative where
16 they can socially distance from one another and hold the meeting. They could do this a different way to meet
17 in a group in a place where they can easily socially distance if that is still the case. This is ripping apart a lot of
18 what they do normally, and to disband something that she thinks is very important, she does not think it will sit
19 well with their other Councilmembers that they will "run the show". She also has two new Councilmembers as
20 well that were just getting a flavor of what MCCMC does. A theater or another venue could be a place where
21 they could also hold presentations which might include Dr. Willis or someone else. She would like to just be
22 more creative about a meeting they can all go to.

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24 Mayor Greene said he is in agreement with President Brekhus in terms of how they are going to act in the
25 future; that they will not be able to change the structure of their activity in the absence of a Bylaw amendment,
26 and they cannot enact any Bylaw amendment without a big meeting. So, mapping that out for a limited time
27 duration makes sense to him because of practical limitations. He thinks people are understanding of the
28 limitations and are able to be flexible provided they come up with a good enough approach and plan. He thinks
29 the plan and approach has to be a big socially distanced meeting that Mayor Athas suggested where among
30 subject discussed is a temporary Bylaws amendment that is sufficient in scope to allow this body to continue to
31 act on a limited scope in terms of membership input.

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33 Mayor Phillips said he likes Mayor Athas' idea. He was not sure of the next subject matter of the next couple of
34 meetings might be, but they are arranging their meetings so things that are absolutely essential are agendized,
35 but he was not sure what agenda items were critical coming forward the next couple of months. But, if they
36 were in a theater and 6 feet apart, this way people could participate so he was reluctant to exclude
37 Councilmembers. He questioned what would be on the agenda over the next few months.

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39 Mayor Athas cited issues as the need to stay connected and the need to conduct business. Possibly Mayor
40 Athas or someone else can get some legal guidance on the conducting business part but they can stay
41 connected through this committee.

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43 President Brekhus said she also wanted to explore with their Town Manager having their tiny Town Council
44 meeting in the Ross School Gym where they would all be sitting 6 feet apart. Not many people attend, and the
45 Town Manager said absolutely not because it is a violation of the Order. The next Order will still require
46 sheltering in place if people are 65 years or older. So, she did not think they should be inviting people to
47 congregate physically. She thinks they should congregate via Zoom and control the meeting and get input from
48 everyone. Otherwise, it will not look good.

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50 Immediate Past President Withy noted that unless the Governor changes his order, they cannot meet in person.

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52 Mayor Athas said her understanding is that if they are having a meeting, the Novato Unified School District
53 Board is meeting so she thought Supervisors were also meeting and some live.

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55 Immediate Past President Withy said they can but the current Executive Order states they cannot meet with
56 greater than 10 people. But, they can or a Zoom meeting. They can add 100 people on this call, and the
57 question is whether they can change the way they vote.

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59 Mayor Athas stated this seems to be the sticking point.
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1 President Brekhus recommended having a meeting in May. There is only one item of business which is to
2 delegate the voting authority to the Mayors, that they continue to meet on Zoom for all social and information
3 sharing where everyone can comment. But, after that one roll call with everybody, they will only have to do roll
4 call of 10 or 11 people.

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6 Mayor Fredericks asked what future agenda items would look like.

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8 President Brekhus said she was going to propose that under their emergency powers adopt the Bylaws that
9 allows the Mayors to vote on business action items. For example, if they have to appoint a term this is important.
10 She pointed out there is nothing preventing members of Council for cities to be on this Zoom call for the Mayors
11 Select Committee. It would just be having the vote be with the Mayors only. She can try to flush out more of
12 the legal implications of doing this because they probably need to consult Bylaws and get deeper into this.

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14 Also, she did not think they needed to meet until June to extend one term which is the June appointment and
15 then they have a longer period of time before another extension would be needed, and she asked Secretary
16 Vaughn.

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18 Secretary Rebecca Vaughn said this is mostly correct, but typically at the May meeting they introduce nominees
19 for Vice President and President and then vote on those at the June meeting. She believes they also vote on
20 the meeting schedule for the next year for the June meeting.

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22 President Brekhus said at some point, they might want to have an MCCMC meeting and have someone from
23 the Department of Health speak so they are staying connected. She just wanted to bring this up because they
24 should have a meeting at least in May or June or both and possibly a Bylaws proposal on this issue, and then
25 Mayors should get clarification from their City Attorney so they feel comfortable about the advice about how
26 they are going to report to the Council or bring ideas back.

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28 She suggested letting the Executive Committee do more homework on this and then everyone will be updated
29 as to when they can convene another meeting.

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31 Lastly, Mayors recognized Nancy Hall-Bennett's work and voiced appreciation of the daily email updates with
32 very good hyperlinks to valuable information.

33 34 **5. Adjournment**

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36 President Brekhus adjourned the meeting of the Mayors Select Committee at 8:13 p.m.
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