



Legislation Text

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Consider the appointment of one Board member to serve on Metropolitan Transportation Commission/Association of Bay Area Governments' CASA the Committee to House the Bay Area Legislative Task Force

Published Notice Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

Public Hearing Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors appoint one Board member to serve on Metropolitan Transportation Commission/Association of Bay Area Governments' CASA the Committee to House the Bay Area Legislative Task Force.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Solano County received the attached letter from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the ABAG Executive Board (ABAG) inviting the Board of Supervisors to appoint one representative and the Solano County City Selection Committee to appoint two representatives to serve on the CASA (The Committee to House the Bay Area) Legislative Task Force (Task Force).

As stated in the letter, an effort was led by ABAG and MTC to bring together a blue-ribbon panel of local elected officials, housing experts, and leaders from across the Bay Area who worked together for almost two years to build an actionable consensus around (1) increasing housing production at all levels of affordability, (2) preserving existing affordable housing, and (3) protecting vulnerable populations from housing instability and displacement. This group named itself CASA, the Committee to House the Bay Area, and the compact the group committed to each other can be found online at <https://mtc.ca.gov/casa>.

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

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

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The costs associated with preparing the agenda item are nominal and absorbed by the department's FY2018/19 Adopted Budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board may choose not to make an appointment to the Task Force, however this is not recommended as the appointment is an opportunity for Solano County to participate in the legislative process.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION