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To: Regional Planning Committee

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Subject: A ROADMAP FOR ECONOMIC RESILIENCE REPORT

Based on input from the ABAG Executive Board and Regional Planning Committee, ABAG staff has focused on various economic efforts and strategies around the region. Two years ago, we started a collaboration with the Bay Area Council Economic Institute to gather input from the business community. Micah Weinberg, Bay Area Council Economic Institute President will present a report from those two years of outreach and analysis. This report, *A Roadmap for Economic Resilience*, offers a regional economic vision for strengthening the Bay Area's competitiveness, broadening prosperity, and building resilience against economic swings. It outlines a series of proposed solutions for addressing the region's housing and traffic crises, streamlining regional governance, promoting the region economically, and closing the workforce gap between universities and employers.

Recommendations include: Improvement of the business climate, building more housing, reducing the cost of new home construction, improving the efficiency of transportation systems, and better connecting employers' skills needs with worker training programs.

Attachment 1: A Roadmap for Economic Resilience