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Dear ABAG General Assembly representatives,

I worked for ABAG for 35 years, and am now an ABAG retiree.

I strongly believe that the Bay Area would benefit with a full merger of ABAG and MTC boards and staffs.

As you know, a special ABAG General Assembly is being held, Thursday, May 19. This is a critical meeting which will shape this region's future.

I am writing to you ask for you to support Option 4, rather than Option 7.

Option 4 will create a new regional agency, without creating turmoil beforehand. Option 7 retains ABAG and MTC as separate agencies; but transfers virtually all of the ABAG planning staff to MTC, pending the possible creation of a new agency in the future.

Almost every region in the United States has a combined regional governance agency, like Option 4, which addresses regional issues and where transportation does not supersede land use planning. The Bay Area would benefit from integration of MTC and ABAG—including a full merger of the two agencies—to more effectively address not just those two, but multiple issues.

Thank you for your consideration,

Marci Loss