



City Council

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September 29, 2015

ABAG Executive Board  
101 – 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Oakland, CA 94607

MTC Commissioners  
101 – 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Oakland, CA 94607

Members of the Boards:

At its meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup>, the Lafayette City Council considered matters related to the consolidation of regional land use planning, and forward the following points to you for your good consideration:

The Lafayette City Council:

- Understands the merits of a coordinated approach to land use and transportation planning; where transportation serves and is coordinated with desired land use patterns; where programs are collectively designed to address environmental and social concerns.
- Believes that process design for land use and transportation planning is equally as important as the organizational and governance structure in which they occur and notes that successful models of other Metropolitan Planning Organizations in California should be considered in determining what changes will benefit the Bay Area.
- States that discussions and decisions related to how regional planning is conducted, and by which agencies, should be transparent and involve input from the broadest range of stakeholders, including cities. Only if this occurs can the new organization succeed.

The Lafayette City Council therefore requests that MTC continue to fully fund ABAG through at least June 2016 while both ABAG and MTC to take the time necessary to properly engage stakeholders in a meaningful and open discussion regarding how to best proceed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandt Andersson".

Brandt Andersson  
Mayor

cc: Steve Glazer, State Senator  
Catherine Bake, Assembly Member

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