

# Merger Discussion

## Please Join in this Critical Discussion of ABAG's Future

At last Friday's Joint MTC Planning and ABAG Administrative Committee meeting, we took a first step in determining which merger option or modified option we may decide to pursue in order to replace Resolution 4210, MTC's initial plan to cut ABAG's planning funds and transfer 13 of our regional planners to MTC.

No final decision will be made on which path to take until ABAG conducts a **Special General Assembly** on this subject (May 19) and the ABAG Executive Board votes on which option or modified option to support going forward (May 19th). On May 25th, MTC will vote on whether or not to support a mutually agreed upon option with ABAG. Agreement on an option stops implementation of Resolution 4210 on July 1st.

At ABAG's General Assembly last week, petitions were submitted from 19 cities and three counties requesting a second General Assembly, dedicated to discussing ABAG's merger options. Our Administrative Committee is meeting soon to officially call such a meeting.

This Special Meeting of ABAG's General Assembly will discuss all of the options included in the consultant, Management Partners, final report ([view full report here](#)) as well as proposed modifications to those options. Please join this discussion and help us choose the best path forward.

In addition to calling this special meeting of the General Assembly on May 19th from 12 noon to 3 pm, ABAG's Executive Board members will be setting up meetings in each county to engage ABAG delegates and local stakeholders in this important conversation.

I urge you to contact your nearest ABAG Executive Board member to talk with them about the options being discussed and help us select/modify the option most likely to preserve ABAG's valuable programs and the voice of local jurisdictions in future regional decisions related to land use, housing, climate change, resilience, economic development, and other important topics. I am also available to answer questions and discuss your concerns. You may reach me by replying to this email.

Thank you all for your interest and work on behalf of your Council of Governments.



ABAG President

**Special ABAG General Assembly - NEW DATE, TIME & LOCATION**

**Thursday, May 19th, 12:00 noon - 3 pm**

County of Alameda Administration Building, 5th Floor Board Chambers, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

**Register Now! (no charge)**

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