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Clarification on Appointments to ABAG/MTC Housing Legislation Working Group

On February 28, 2019, we wrote you inviting each county's Board of Supervisors to appoint one county representative and each county's City Selection Committee to appoint two city representatives to a newly created ABAG/MTC Housing Legislation Working Group (Working Group) that is intended to provide timely feedback to the Joint ABAG/MTC Legislation Committee, the ABAG Executive Board and MTC Commission as they consider positions on numerous housing bills now before the state legislature.

At the end of that February 28th memo, we told you that appointments to the Working Group "will be ratified by the ABAG Executive Board and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at their March meetings". A review of both agencies' procedures do not require such ratification for working groups. Further, through the letter we designated the authority to each county's Board of Supervisors and City Selection Committee for 27 of the members. Therefore, in light of this information and to get members seated as soon as possible, once a county's Board of Supervisors or City Selection Committee nominates someone to serve on the ABAG/MTC Housing Legislation Working Group, that person automatically becomes a member of the Working Group. We will continue to notify the ABAG Executive Board and MTC Commission of these appointments but no ratification by either governing board is required.

We apologize for any confusion this misunderstanding may have caused for the individuals nominated by their Boards of Supervisors and City Selection Committees prior to our initial Working Group meeting on April 5th. Going forward, those nominated will immediately be seated on the Working Group. We are grateful to all who are committing their time to this important effort.

Sincerely,

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