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Dear AMBAG Board of Directors

The City of Salinas thanks the AMBAG Board and staff for listening to concerns regarding the lack of equity as a direct factor in the draft RHNA methodology, and moving quickly to prepare an alternative. On December 1, the City submitted a letter supporting the revised methodology presented at the November 29 Planning Directors Forum. Titled "Option A" in the Board's agenda packet, this methodology takes a significant step towards a more equitable distribution by using affluence directly in unit allocations as well as in income category shifts.

This letter was submitted prior to the release of the agenda and "Option B". Option B directs units away from wealthier communities and does not do enough to affirmatively further fair housing, and is therefore not supported by the City of Salinas. The City also expresses its support for increasing the AFFH income shift from 30% to 40%, as proposed in the letters from MBEP and YIMBY Law. With this increase, Option A ensures communities in our region with significant resources must plan for a fair contribution to housing production and for all income levels.

Thanks for your consideration. We know it is difficult to balance the feedback of various different stakeholders with competing interests. However, we firmly believe that equity needs to be at the heart of these allocations to ensure the most vulnerable have access to opportunity and are able to live near they work even in wealthier communities.

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