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**Subject: Item 9A, 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation  
Methodology**

Dear Chair Brown and Members of the Board,

The Monterey Bay Economic Partnership (MBEP) supports approval of the final RHNA methodology of Option Z with a 40% AFFH income shift. HCD has completed its review of the methodology and finds that it furthers the statutory objectives described in Government Code 65584(d) of: 1) increasing housing supply and mix; 2) promoting infill, equity, and environment; 3) ensuring jobs-housing balance/fit; 4) promoting regional income parity; and 5) affirmatively furthering fair housing. We ask that you follow staff's recommendation of approving the final RHNA methodology and authorizing AMBAG staff to release the Draft RHNA Plan for a 45-day public review period at the AMBAG Board meeting taking place on April 13th.

California's Regional Housing Need Determination requires our region to plan for 33,274 new homes by 2031 through its 6th Cycle Housing Element update, including 13,014 that are affordable to lower-income households. Through selecting Option Z as the final draft methodology option, the resulting allocation of homes grants every Monterey Bay jurisdiction the opportunity to promote equity, sustainability, and racially and economically diverse communities. We commend AMBAG staff for developing a methodology option which is well suited to meet the intricate housing needs our region faces.

Thank you for your leadership in moving our region forward on our existing and projected housing needs. We look forward to working with all eighteen municipalities within the purview of AMBAG as they embark on the next step of updating their respective Housing Elements. For questions, please contact Elizabeth Madrigal at [emadrigal@mbep.biz](mailto:emadrigal@mbep.biz).

Sincerely,

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