

May 14, 2013

Amy Worth, Chair
Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Mark Luce, President
Association of Bay Area Governments

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Re: Plan Bay Area

Dear Ms. Worth and Mr. Luce:

The League of Women Voters of Oakland wishes to underscore the League's support of the regional planning process undertaken by ABAG, MTC, and other regional agencies to implement SB375. Coordinating land use and transportation planning to develop Plan Bay Area (PBA) has been a difficult task. The draft PBA shows the value of regional planning and of collaboration among the Bay Area's regional agencies, and we applaud your leadership in keeping the goals clear and the public involved.

The draft environmental impact report for the PBA is designed to curb urban sprawl and to house all of the Bay Area's population growth in urban areas. We support focusing growth in Oakland and other cities. Accomplishing these development goals will, however, require new funding sources and incentives for building affordable housing.

The League places a high priority on reducing carbon and other emissions that worsen air quality and the impacts of climate change. We are pleased that the projections in the draft Plan slightly exceed the threshold of a 15 percent per capita reduction in greenhouse gases by 2030 that is required under SB 375.

Sincerely,

Katherine Gavzy, President

cc: Oakland Mayor Jean Quan
Oakland City Council