



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
**DISTRICT 2**  
**File #:** 19-199

Board Meeting Date: 3/12/2019

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**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Supervisor Carole Groom  
**Subject:** Appointment to the CASA Legislative Task Force (Task Force)

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation for the appointment of Supervisor Don Horsley to the CASA Legislative Task Force (Task Force) as the representative of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In 2017, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) brought together a blue-ribbon panel of local elected officials, housing experts, and leaders from across the Bay Area to build an actionable consensus around three important topics: (1) increasing housing production at all levels of affordability, (2) preserving existing affordable housing, and (3) protecting vulnerable populations from housing instability and displacement. The group named itself CASA, the Committee to House the Bay Area, and has worked together for nearly two years to build an actionable consensus around (1) increasing housing production at all levels of affordability, (2) preserving existing affordable housing, and (3) protecting vulnerable populations from housing instability and displacement.

### **DISCUSSION:**

In January 2019, CASA finalized the "Casa Compact," a 15-year emergency policy package to confront the Bay Area's housing crisis. Both the ABAG Executive Board and the MTC have authorized their respective President and Chair to sign the compact. In addition, the ABAG Executive Board directed the creation of a Task Force of elected officials from Bay Area cities and counties to follow, become informed, and to engage in the legislative process that is essential for the CASA compact to be implemented. Similarly, MTC's CASA motion included direction to staff to do additional outreach to local elected officials and engage with them during the legislative process.

The Task Force will seek to meet monthly during the current state legislative session to receive progress reports and to engage on CASA-related legislation. Meetings will be held at the Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco with telephone participation available. The Task Force

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is subject to the Brown Act.

This appointment contributes to the 2025 Shared Vision statement of a Collaborative Community. Our diverse population works well together to build strong communities, effective government and a prosperous economy.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.