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CATEGORY: Item Initiated by Council

DEPT.: City Council

TITLE: **Cities Association of Santa Clara County Draft Position Paper on Housing**

RECOMMENDATION

Provide input on the draft Position Paper for the Cities Association of Santa Clara County regarding the CASA Housing Compact.

BACKGROUND

In 2017, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) created the Committee to House the Bay Area (CASA) comprised of elected officials, developers, planners, union leaders, and representatives from large employers such as Google, Facebook, and Genentech. CASA formulated a wide-ranging Compact with 10 elements to attempt to address the housing needs of the Bay Area. The Compact was approved by the CASA Steering Committee on December 12, 2018. The MTC Board then voted on December 19, 2018, by a 14 to 3 vote to have its chair, Jake MacKenzie, sign the Compact. On January 17, 2019, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board voted by a 21 to 9 vote to authorize the Chair to sign the CASA Compact with a list of conditions attached.

In response to the CASA Compact, the Cities Association of Santa Clara County (CASCC) formulated a draft position paper housing in collaboration with the City Managers of Santa Clara County. The draft was presented to the CASCC Legislative Action Committee and the Board of Directors, whose members provided input. As chair of the Legislative Action Committee, I have revised the draft position paper and distributed it to all CASCC Boardmembers asking them for additional input before we finalize it at the March 14 meeting. I am asking that Councilmembers provide any feedback or suggested revisions at this time so that I may attempt to incorporate them to produce a final document.

For reference, the CASA Compact document may be found at:
https://mtc.ca.gov/sites/default/files/CASA_Compact.pdf.

The Compact is a completed document. It is now up to the State legislature to consider specific pieces of legislation to implement it. Many local government officials have raised concerns with aspects of the Compact and the goal is for the cities of Santa Clara County to have a unified position to advocate what we support, and what we oppose as the legislation moves through the process in Sacramento.

PUBLIC NOTICING – Agenda posting.

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Attachment 1. Cities Association Draft Housing Paper