

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
RESOLUTION NO.
SERIES 2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW TO JOIN A
SANTA CLARA COUNTYWIDE SUBREGION
TO LOCALLY ADMINISTER THE ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS'
REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION PROCESS

WHEREAS, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) is required by State law to administer the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) program as the council of governments in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, ABAG has begun preliminary work on developing RHNA allocations for the subregion of Santa Clara County, including its incorporated cities and towns and unincorporated area; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Sections 65584.03 to 65584.07 authorize local agencies to administer the RHNA allocation process when they agree to create a subregion for the purposes of distributing housing need allocations among the members of the subregion; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 65583.03(a) specifies the public agencies that may form an RHNA subregion, including a county and incorporated municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mountain View desires to become a party of a subregion in Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mountain View desires to join the Santa Clara Countywide Subregion with the other cities and towns in Santa Clara County, the County of Santa Clara, and the Cities Association of Santa Clara County, according to the Santa Clara County RHNA Subregion Task Force Guiding Principles dated May 2018, attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Cities Association of Santa Clara County will facilitate and provide staff support and other functions during the Subregion process; and

WHEREAS, each public agency party of a subregion must adopt a resolution authorizing its inclusion in the subregion; and

WHEREAS, adopted resolutions authorizing participation in an RHNA subregion must be sent to ABAG by December 2019; and

WHEREAS, ABAG must adopt a resolution approving the RHNA subregion and enter into a delegation agreement under Government Code Section 65584.03(b);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mountain View as follows:

1. The City of Mountain View agrees to form an RHNA subregion of Santa Clara County (including incorporated jurisdictions and unincorporated areas) in accordance with Government Code Sections 65584.003 to 65584.07 and the Santa Clara County RHNA Subregion Task Force Guiding Principles, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

2. This resolution shall be submitted by Daniel H. Rich, City Manager, or his designee, within 30 days of adoption to the Cities Association of Santa Clara County and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) for inclusion in the ABAG Resolution designating an RHNA subregion consisting of the incorporated jurisdictions within Santa Clara County and the unincorporated area of Santa Clara County.

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Exhibit: A. Santa Clara County RHNA Subregion Task Force Guiding Principles

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY RHNA SUBREGION TASK FORCE
GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

May 2018

VISION

For Santa Clara County and its cities to work collaboratively to produce more housing in the Region and have a unified voice in responding to the area's housing needs—a problem that transcends jurisdictional barriers.

BENEFITS

1. By working together to plan for housing growth, the stage is set for implementing housing, and more housing will ultimately be built.
2. Housing will be planned in the right places, near transportation, jobs, and services.
3. Santa Clara County jurisdictions can work together to share resources.
4. Collaboration enables collective advocacy on regional and Statewide issues.
5. Partnership sets the stage for other cooperation, including sharing Housing Element consultants, sharing expertise, analyses, and policies, and potentially enabling a shared review by the California Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department.
6. Collective agreement is reached on strategies and tools to meet the region's housing need, including the potential for trading Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) numbers.
7. Greater flexibility.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Conform with all State objectives included in Section 66584(d), including ensuring allocation of affordable homes to all jurisdictions in the region in an equitable manner.
2. Allocate housing growth strategically around major transportation corridors and near employment and services, while respecting infrastructure constraints and the unique natural resources of Santa Clara County.

3. Foster collaboration between jurisdictions and develop collective strategies that provide a framework for addressing housing need, including the potential for resource/housing allocation tradeoffs.
4. Facilitate an open dialogue between jurisdictions, the general public, and interested organizations, including transportation agencies and land use bodies.
5. Utilize existing forums for discussion (e.g., Cities' Association, City Managers' Association, SCCAPO, etc.).

KEYS TO SUCCESS

1. Taking responsibility for the process and the resulting housing shares.
2. Taking into consideration other communities' interests as well as your own.
3. Being willing to accept a reasonable housing share, not just the lowest.
4. Being willing to consider negotiating trades.
5. Recognizing that working together locally is better than abdicating the responsibility to the region and the State.
6. Elected leaders in all jurisdictions willing to compromise for regional benefit.

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