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JOINT POLICY COMMITTEE — REGIONAL PLANNING PROGRAM

Date: June 2, 2009
To: Minority Citizens Advisory Committee
From: Ted Droettboom, Regional Planning Program Director
Subject: Draft Policies for the Bay Area's Implementation of SB 375

I have been asked to speak with the Minority Citizens Advisory Committee about the Bay Area's emerging approach to the implementation of SB 375.

We are refining our approach starting with a set of draft policies to guide implementation—in effect policies for making policies. Those policies were distributed for comment in January and were first considered by the Joint Policy Committee (JPC) at its meeting on March 20th. The draft policies generated a number of written comments and a flurry of public testimony at the March JPC meeting. In order to give the lengthy and thoughtful commentary due consideration, the Committee deferred action on the draft policies.

At its meeting of May 15th, the JPC received a set of amended policies responding to the comments received on the initial draft. At our recommendation, the JPC tabled further action on the policies pending continuing discussion with stakeholders. A report is expected back no later than the September JPC meeting.

Attached to this memo is a synopsis of comments and issues, including suggested amendments to the initial draft policies. Also attached is the original set of policies upon which the comments were based, as well as two comment letters received subsequent to the March 20th JPC meeting: one from the City of San José and one from the Northern California Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council. Comments received on March 20th or earlier are archived on the JPC website (<http://www.abag.ca.gov/jointpolicy/jpc-sb375-implementation.htm>).

Minority interests have not been heavily represented in the comments received to date. I would, therefore, appreciate MCAC's review of the policies as amended and your identification of any unresolved issues requiring further discussion.