



CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT OF CONFERENCE/MEETING ATTENDANCE

Name: Barbara Pierce

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Department: City Council

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Responsible Standing Committee: ABAG - Association of Bay Area Governments

Conference or meeting: ABAG Fall General Assembly October 26, 2007

Summary of conference or meeting: The theme of the Fall General Assembly was Bay Area on the Move, connecting transportation, land use and climate protection. For the first time, ABAG's fall general assembly was combined with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's summit on development of a new long-term regional transportation plan that will be known as Transportation 2035 Plan: Change in Motion.

The presentation on the Challenges and Choices in connecting transportation, land use and climate protection was incredibly informative. Data was presented regarding growth anticipated in the Bay Area regarding the cost of housing and transportation, impacts on health, community stability, sustainability and the new challenge of climate change. The choices for the future were examined in a holistic approach with broad goals of economy, environment and equity, with targets that would reduce congestion, reduce emissions & vehicle miles traveled and improve affordability, through strategies that focus on infrastructure and pricing and focused growth. Data looked at transport pricing options and development strategies and their impact on specific environmental, economic and equity goals.

The content of this conference was so powerful and informative that I am requesting that the presentation on challenges and choices be presented to the City Council at a future meeting. This information will help the Council to be more prepared in choosing among the tools needed to implement our housing, transportation and climate protection goals.

The Joint Policy Committee (JPC) of ABAG, MTC, Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) and the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) have put forth FOCUS, a regional planning initiative that is partially funded by a Blueprint Grant from the State of California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency. The program is directed through the JPC, includes local governments, with regional objectives, working in a voluntary and incentive-based approach. The two halves of the program are a focus on priority development areas and priority conservation areas, balancing strategic development and conservation. Redwood City is a member of ABAG and has applied for priority development area status for our Downtown.

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Signature of Council Member

Date

The Administrative Code requires reports of conferences or meetings for which a council member requests per diem or expense reimbursement. Reports must be submitted to the City Clerk of no later than the Wednesday of the week before the next City Council meeting. Reports must be submitted before the City of Redwood City will pay per diem or reimbursement for the conference or the meeting. Reports are not required for City Council meetings, or meetings with Council members, the City Manager, City Attorney or City Clerk.