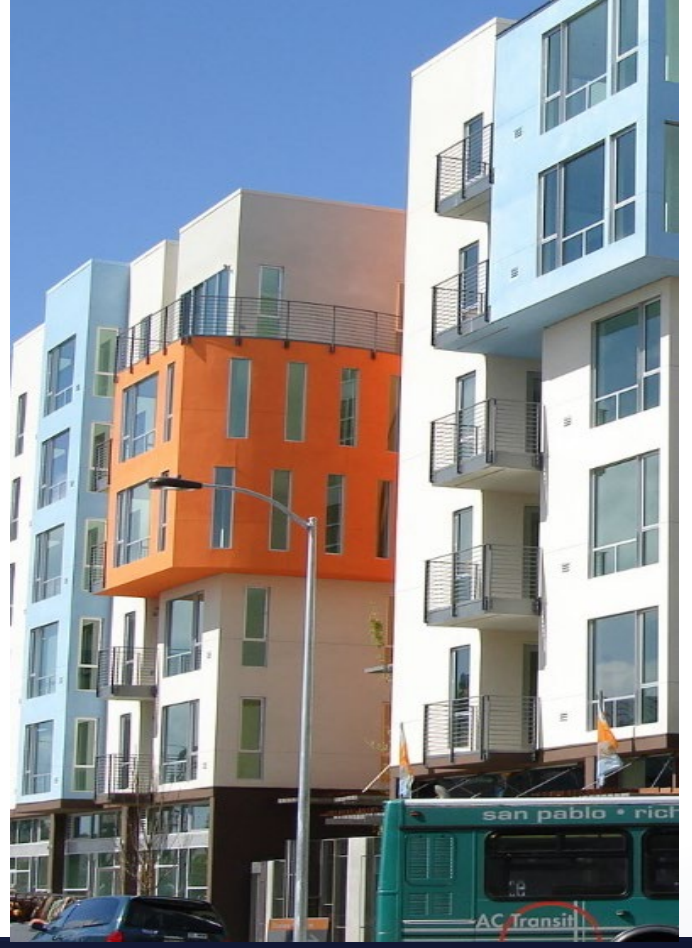

BAHFA Advisory Committee Overview

BAHFA Oversight, ABAG Housing, & BAHFA Advisory Committees

June 10, 2026

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Statutory Requirements

BAHFA's enabling statute requires the formation of an Advisory Committee with the following requirements:

- **Appointments**: Jointly appointed by BAHFA and ABAG Executive Boards
- **Membership**: Up to 11 experts with technical knowledge in "affordable housing finance, construction workforce, and development, tenant protection, and housing preservation."
- **Responsibilities**: provide consultation and make recommendations to the BAHFA Board and ABAG Executive Board; required role in development and implementation of regional revenue measure

History & Timeline

2020

Establishment of Interim Advisory Committee

2022

Establishment of regular Advisory Committee

2023-2024

Advisory Committee consults on BAHFA's Equity Framework, Business Plan, and Regional Measure 4

2025-2026

Advisory Committee consults on BAHFA's new Strategic Plan

Advisory Committee Members

Name	Organization/Title	Geography	Area of Expertise
Jamie Almanza	Bay Area Community Services, CEO	Regional; East Bay concentration	Protection, Preservation
Aissia Ashoori	City of El Cerrito, Affordable Housing Senior Program Manager	Contra Costa	Production, Protection, Preservation
Efren Carrillo (Chair)	Gallaher Community Housing, CEO	Sonoma & Napa	Production, Preservation
Consuelo Hernandez	Santa Clara County, Deputy County Executive	Santa Clara	Production, Protection, Preservation
Nevada Merriman	MidPen Housing, Vice President of Policy and Advocacy	Regional; Peninsula & South Bay concentration	Production, Preservation
Hugo Ramirez (Vice-Chair)	Oakland Housing & Comm. Dev. Department, Deputy Director	Alameda	Protection
Leelee Thomas	Marin County Comm. Dev. Agency, Deputy Director	Marin	Production, Protection, Preservation
Michelle Whitman	Sonoma County Comm. Dev. Commission, Executive Director	Sonoma	Production, Preservation

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