WHAT IS CASA?

CASA, the Committee to House the Bay Area, was convened in 2017 by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Association of Bay Area Governments to make game-changing recommendations to tackle the region's housing crisis.

A CALL TO ACTION ON THE BAY AREA'S HOUSING CRISIS

While the Bay Area has long had an imbalance between jobs and housing, the situation has gone from serious to critical.

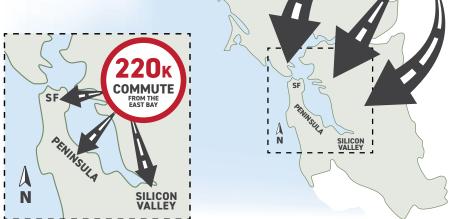
The region added **722,000 jobs** from 2010 through 2016—yet built just **106,000 new housing** units.

We face **not just a housing crisis** but also a traffic nightmare that **snarls our freeways** and **drives up the region's carbon emissions** as growing numbers of workers are forced to commute ever greater distances in search of housing they can afford.

COMMUTE



Every day, over 220,000 East Bay residents commute to jobs in San Francisco, the Peninsula and Silicon Valley while nearly 190,000 workers endure mega-commutes from outside the nine-county region to Bay Area jobs.



CASA was led by an 18-member steering committee comprised of leaders from the public, private and non-profit sectors with a stake in the housing crisis and advised by a 32-member technical committee of staff-level experts. After 18 months of meetings and negotiations, the CASA Steering Committee approved 10 policy recommendations known as the CASA Compact. The items are intended to help solve the Bay Area's longstanding housing affordability problem by addressing "3 P's" simultaneously:

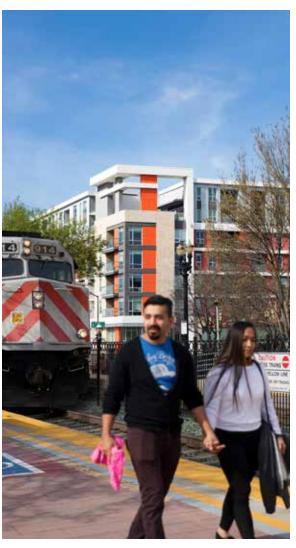
- **Protecting** current residents from displacement in rapidly-changing neighborhoods
- Preserving affordable housing that already exists
- Producing more housing for people at all income levels

CASA'S TEN RECOMMENDATIONS			
1	Just-Cause Eviction Policy	6	Reforms to Housing-Approval Processes
2	Rent Cap	7	Expedited Approvals and Financial Incentives for Select Housing Types
3	Rent Assistance and Access to Legal Counsel	8	Unlock Public Land for Affordable Housing
4	Remove Regulatory Barriers to Accessory Dwelling Units	9	Raise \$1.5 Billion Annually from a Range of Sources to Fund Implementation of the Compact
5	Minimum Zoning Near Transit	10	Establish a Regional Housing Enterprise









SEVEN CORE PRINCIPLES GUIDED DEVELOPMENT OF THE CASA COMPACT

- Shared Responsibility: All sectors and interests should share the burdens and the benefits of housing in the Bay Area.
- Inclusion Everywhere: Find ways to include more housing for all income levels in every city and every county.
- Promote the 'Missing Middle': Encourage development of smaller homes that are more affordable by design and less likely to cause displacement.
- Stabilize Communities: Preserve the Bay Area's historic diversity and access to opportunity.
- Balance Across the Three P's: Individual CASA Compact components should advance together and avoid undermining one another.
- Level the Playing Field: The CASA Compact should create fair and more uniform standards for the housing development process across the Bay Area.
- Minimize Administrative Burden: Focus
 on strategies that can be implemented
 rapidly and efficiently while avoiding new
 administrative requirements.

Visit mtc.ca.gov/casa to learn more about CASA and the CASA Compact.



