

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS  
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**RESOLUTION NO. 07-08**

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING REVISED RESIDENTIAL SEISMIC STRENGTHENING  
STANDARD PLAN SET**

**WHEREAS**, the Bay Area is subject to various earthquake-related hazards including very violent ground shaking; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Geological Survey has found that there is 62% chance that one or more earthquakes of magnitude 6.7 or greater will occur on one of several active faults in the Bay Area in the next 30 years; and

**WHEREAS**, ABAG seeks to maintain and enhance a disaster-resistant region by reducing the potential loss of life, property damage, and environmental degradation from natural disasters, while accelerating economic recovery from those disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, ABAG is committed to helping meet the need of Bay Area residents for safe and disaster-resistant housing that is architecturally diverse and serves a variety of household sizes and incomes; and

**WHEREAS**, ABAG finds that unbraced or inadequately braced cripple wall houses in the Bay Area represent a significant earthquake risk to the safety of residents and their property; and

**WHEREAS**, ABAG has previously endorsed a "Standard Plan A: Residential Seismic Strengthening Plan" (Plan Set) to address seismic strengthening of wood frame residential buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, a revised Plan Set has been developed by a committee representing ABAG's Earthquake Program, building contractors, the committees of the Structural Engineers Association of Northern California (SEAONC), the California Building Officials (CALBO), the International Code Council (ICC) Tri-Chapters (East Bay, Peninsula, Monterey Bay), and the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI) Northern California Chapter, and each organization has, or is scheduled for, formal approval of the revised Plan Set.

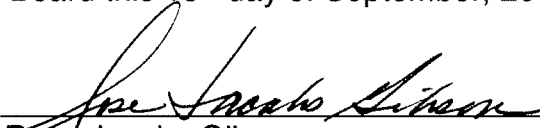
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments that ABAG

a) endorses "Standard Plan A: Residential Seismic Strengthening Plan - 2008" as a prescriptive seismic strengthening plan for cripple wall bracing and foundation sill plate anchorage of light wood-framed residential structures not more than two stories in height and containing not more than two dwelling units, and

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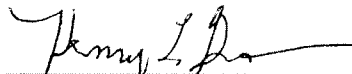
b) strongly encourages the cities and counties of the Bay Area to utilize this Standard Plan Set by encouraging and promoting its use as a minimum standard for seismic retrofitting.

The foregoing adopted by the Executive Board this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

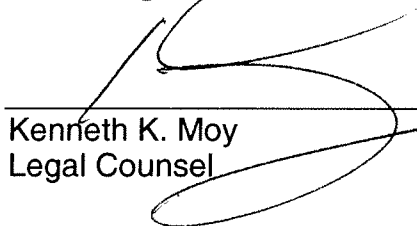
  
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Rose Jacobs Gibson  
President

**Certification of Executive Board Approval**

I, the undersigned, the appointed and qualified Secretary-Treasurer of the Association of Bay Area Governments (Association), do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the Association at a duly called meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

  
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Henry L. Gardner  
Secretary-Treasurer

**Approved as To Legal Form**

  
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Kenneth K. Moy  
Legal Counsel