



# ABAG/BAAQMD/MTC Joint Policy Committee

Getting Regional Planning to Work  
for the Bay Area

# Why Regional Planning?

## ● Sharing

### ■ Bay area residents and businesses share

- A unique regional geography, a common air basin, and water sheds
- A regional economy
- Regional transportation and communication systems
- A regional culture and institutions
- The Bay

## ● Interdependence

### ■ Bay area resident may

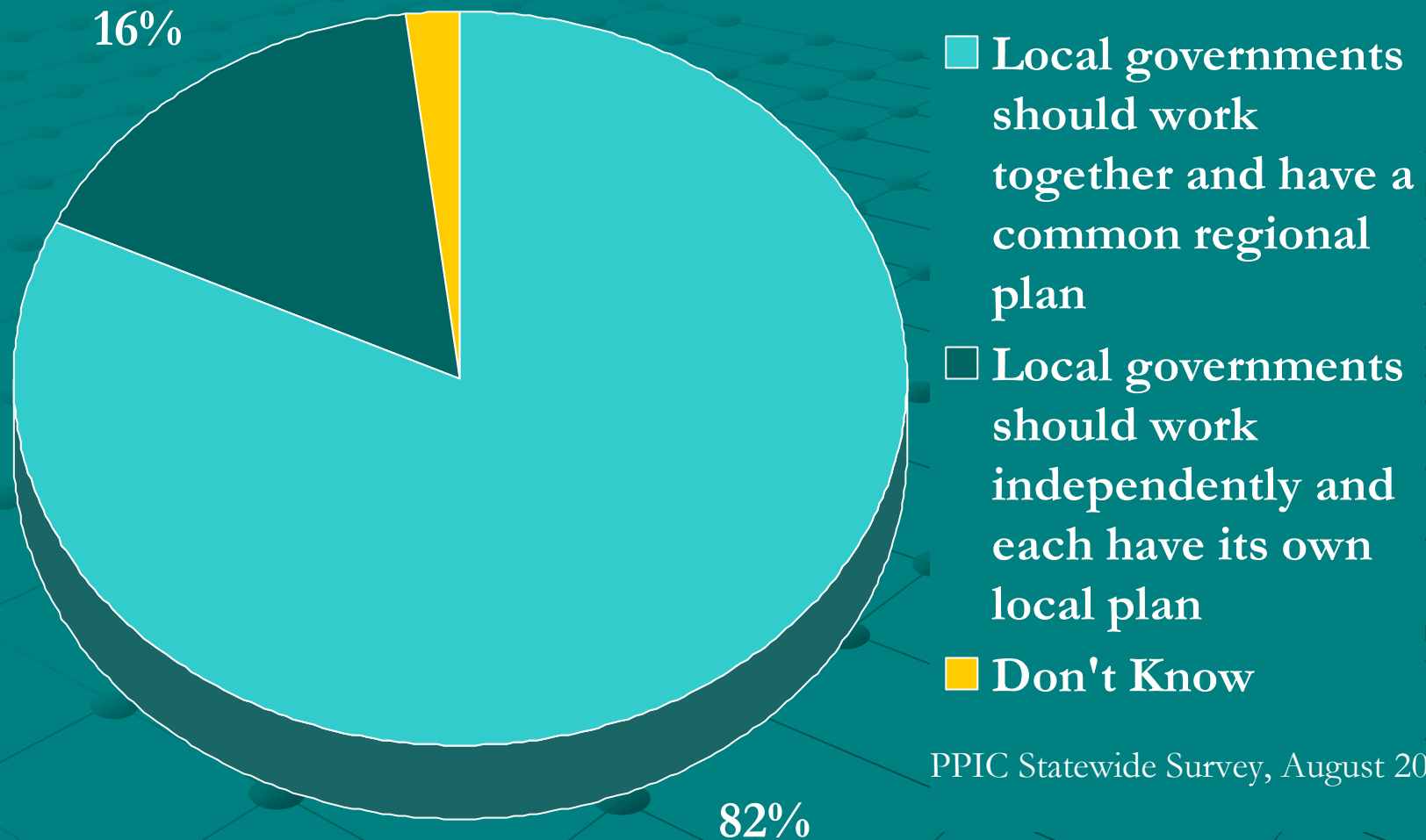
- Live in one jurisdiction, but
- Work in another, and
- Recreate and shop in still others

### ■ Businesses rely on a regional work force and serve regional markets

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- The people who live and work here expect governments to
  - Get it right
  - Make the region work as a whole

# Residents want a regional plan



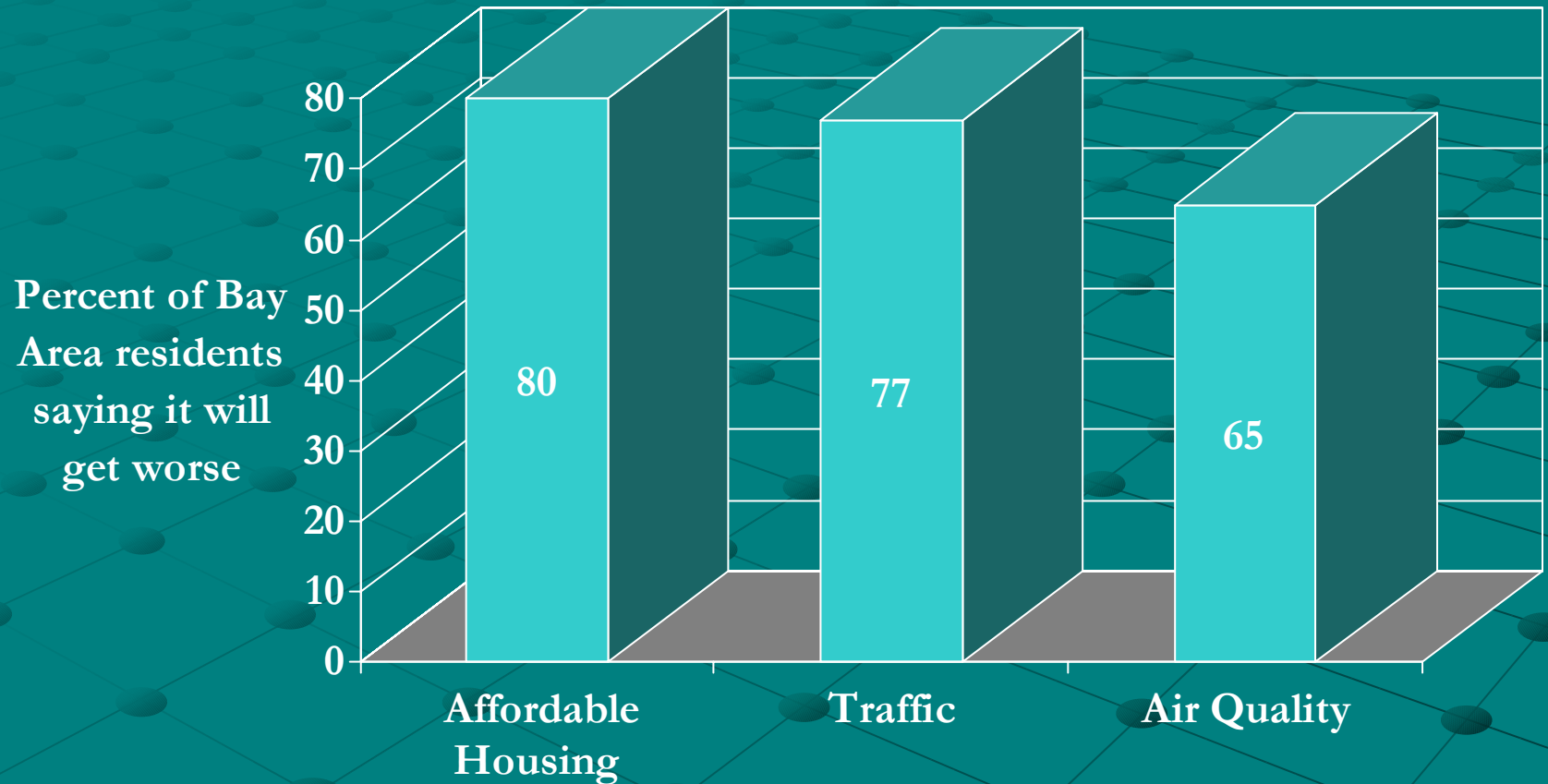
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# Big regional problems



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# Worry about the future



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# If we just had better regional planning...

- Less congestion
- Shorter trips
- Less pollution
- More affordable housing
- More accessible open space
- Less decay of older areas
- Stronger economy
- Better job opportunities for existing residents
- Less tax poaching and more fiscal capacity
- More cooperation among governments