

**PUBLIC SAFETY POLICY COMMITTEE
HIGHLIGHTS**

Thursday, January 19, 2017

Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 J Street, Room 202, Sacramento, CA

ATTENDANCE

Members: Latipow, Kurt Chair); Arbuckle, Jan (V. Chair); Amadeo, Nancy; Bertagna, Robin; Carlton, Catherine; Castro, Peter; Chu, Larry; Diaz, Jim; Dieringer, Beatriz; Feldman, Reva; Flores, Jose; Garbarino, Rich; Grimes, Ed; Guarderrama, Albert; Holm, Dawn; Holman, Elbert; Hunt, Melissa; Jackson, Connie; Judge, Mike; Keith, Kirsten; Rojanasathira, Nat; Lotter, Scott; Martinez, Daniel; Morales, Jorge; Nickel, Eric; Olivares, Ernesto; Perdock, Russell; Peter, Donna; Phillips, Jenifer; Pieper, Darold; Price, Joel; Sarega, Andrew; Simonoff, Stefano, Dan; Marty; Tessari, Joe; Throne, Mihael; Trent, Tami; Wapner, Alan; Way, Catherine; Whalen, Bob; Williamsen, Tim; Wilson, Michael; Wolbah, Cory; Wolfe, Scott; Young, Jeramy

League Partners: Stern, Maggie

Staff: Tim Cromartie

I. State Budget and Issues Briefing

The January 2017 Policy Committee meetings began with a general session briefing. The League's President, JoAnne Mounce, gave a brief welcome. She introduced the League's new Executive Director, Carolyn Coleman.

Director Coleman gave a welcome to the attending members and welcomed them to the first policy committee of 2017. She gave a recap of her meetings with new and veteran Legislators and said they have all been productive. Director Coleman then introduced Legislative Director Dan Carrigg to discuss the League's 2017 Strategic Goals

Mr. Carrigg briefed the audience on the main issues the League is facing this year 1) affordable housing, 2) responses to homelessness, 3) transportation funding, and 4) marijuana regulation reconciling. Mr. Carrigg then introduced Michael Coleman, the League's fiscal policy consultant, to discuss the Governor's January budget.

Mr. Coleman gave a short PowerPoint presentation on the 2017 January Governor's budget and how it impacts cities finances. For more information about the impacts of the budget on cities, go to his website [here](#). Mr. Coleman then gave Dan Carrigg the floor.

Mr. Carrigg briefly touched on the lack of funding for affordable housing in the budget and how that would be a major issue for the League this year. He also discussed the uncertainty California faces in regards to the new Presidential administration. If the Affordable Care Act is repealed, that would mean a multi-billion dollar exposure to the budget. Then Mr. Carrigg introduced the League's lobbyists to discuss their respective issue areas big topics. First, he introduced Ronald Berdugo to discuss transportation.

Mr. Berdugo discussed the dire situation local streets and roads are in. The Governor's budget only allocates \$4 billion annual to transportation which would not sufficiently maintain California's roads. Mr. Berdugo stated that there are two legislative proposals, AB 1 and SB 1, which will both generate \$6 billion dollars for transportation annually. The League thanked Senator Beall and Assemblymember Frazier for being champions on this issue and supports both AB 1 and SB 1.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Committee Chair Kurt Latipow gave an introduction to the committee. All members introduced themselves and how long they have been on this committee.

III. Overview of Parliamentary Procedure and Roberts Rules

Mr. Latipow stated all should have read the rules and procedures.

IV. Committee Orientation

Mr. Latipow spoke about how this committee makes recommendations to the board.

V. Strategic Goals for 2017

Mr. Latipow spoke about the 2017 strategic goals and referred the committee to the packet for the current strategic goals.

VI. Jeanette Kennedy and Mike Bostic, First Net

Mike Bostic made a presentation explaining that First Net is a dedicated first responder network, eliminating the need during emergencies for first responders to compete with the general public for telecommunications bandwidth. He highlighted its potential for dramatically improving the reliability of first responder communications. He spoke at length about the current challenges that first responders face when trying to communicate during an emergency situation, and the need for a designated frequency (Band 14). He also elaborated on the logistics for how this communication network would be rolled out and operated. He urged the committee to adopt this new communication network once it was functional, conceding that it would come at some cost to local agencies. Mr. Bostic then took several questions from the crowd with the help of Jeanette Kennedy.

VII. Public Comment

Kerry Simpson, from the California Association of Code Enforcement Officers, introduced Assemblymember Ken Cooley and League Legislative Representative Tim Cromartie to give them awards for respectively authoring and assisting with AB 2288, legislation signed by Governor Brown in 2015 to codify uniform training standards for code enforcement officers. Ken Cooley spoke about his city of Rancho Cordova and the importance of municipal power.

VIII. State and Federal Legislative Update

Trump Administration and Federal Policy on Marijuana, Immigration

Prop. 64 implementation could be jeopardized, and medical marijuana might thrive thanks to federal initiatives under President Trump. Proposition 64 needs to be reconciled the League- and Police Chiefs-supported Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act. Evidence of local approval, mandatory third party distribution vs. vertical integration, and issues with grant funding proposal and taxation were all issues Mr. Cromartie discussed with the committee.

Governor's Budget

Staff briefed the Committee about the Governor's January budget and its impacts on public safety issues, including Proposition 57 implementation, the elimination of GRIP funding due to falling State Penalty Fund revenues, and a renewed effort to identify a funding source for fireworks disposal.

AB 2395 (Low) TCPW and Public Safety Working Group

Mr. Cromartie discusses at length the issues and concerns with a potential withdrawal of Plain Old Telephone Service (POTS). Mr. Cromartie discussed the public safety working group's recommendations on this issue. The Working group found the following:

“With respect to the withdrawal of plain old telephone service (POTS), the League should adopt the following guiding principles as they negotiate with the industry to ensure that minimum standards are met before any service withdrawals are made:

- 1) Require that reliable communications systems are in place prior to any technology transition to ensure vital government services and public safety operations are available to communicate with citizens during emergencies.
- 2) Telecommunications service should be technology neutral to include similar regulatory protections and obligations, such as maintenance of infrastructure, access to facilities, and provision of basic voice and broadband service.
- 3) Ensure a transparent process for the phase out of POTS, avoiding self-certification and arbitrary timelines for CPUC review of withdrawal requests. Require carriers to assist local governments in a proposed service withdrawal area to determine which public services are dependent on them.
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- 5) Require the CPUC to consult with State and local agencies to verify alternative communications services that meet or exceed POTS quality, accessibility, reliability, and affordability and determine adequate transition times, especially to ensure functionality of the 911 system.
- 6) For wireless technology alternatives, local governments must have guaranteed priority access to the 911 system.
- 7) Ensure State enforcement and accountability over any proposed service withdrawals.
- 8) Require that the transition to an alternative service is cost neutral for consumers, with additional costs borne by the carriers, including ancillary costs such as software and equipment, for instance.
- 9) Require the CPUC to notify and work with cities and other local governments of proposed service withdrawals to ensure appropriate transitions.
- 10) Carrier cost savings from any such transition should be shared with customers, including local governments through a state developed and administered financial assistance program.
- 11) Require that “Lifeline” rates for customers with special needs are cost and technology neutral, in the short and long term.

After some discussion, the Committee unanimously voted to amend Recommendations 4 and 8 with additional language, as follows:

- 4) Require carriers to assist local governments *and calculate the cost of transition by reason of elimination of POTS service* in a proposed service withdrawal area to determine which public services are dependent on them.
- 8) Require that the transition to an alternative service is cost neutral for consumers, *including local governments* with additional costs borne by the carriers, including ancillary costs such as software and equipment, for instance.

MOTION PASSES, UNANIMOUS SUPPORT

Drones: League Policy Paper on UAS and Local UAS Regulation

Mr. Cromartie made a strong case against preemption of drone regulation by the FAA, and stressed the importance of local control in this area.

IX. Update of Existing Policy & Guiding Principles

The Committee reviewed the Existing Policy and Guiding Principles for Public Safety and discussed a number of potential revisions for the next cycle during which they will be amended, including human trafficking, the provision of emergency medical services, sex offender management, and the regulation of alcohol and marijuana.

X. 2017 Draft Work Program

Motion to approve was made by Darold Piepers, Melissa Hunt seconds. However, the Committee did not vote because they would like to see a revision of the draft work plan to implement strategic plan number four.

- Evaluate the potential of establishing systematic training, with commensurate funding, for local police and fire agencies on how to improve interactions with homeless persons and the mentally ill.
- Seek out and support legislation and other initiatives that will direct additional revenues providing training for first responders to address oil and other hazardous materials spills and related accidents.
- Seek out and support legislation and other initiatives that will direct additional revenues to the improvement of the state's transportation network, including local streets and roads, upon which local police and fire agencies, and other emergency responders must rely.
- Support efforts to expand the local tax base in our communities, and help block efforts that will further erode it, in recognition of the fact that it is in part these revenues that support local public agencies.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 30, Doubletree Hotel, Ontario, CA