

**PUBLIC SAFETY POLICY COMMITTEE  
HIGHLIGHTS**

Friday, June 8, 2018

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

**ATTENDANCE**

Members: Jan Arbuckle (Chair), Walt Allen, Carrie Broggie, Lance Calkins, Catherine Carlton, Peter Castro, Jim Diaz, Bea Dieringer, Bob Frutos, Gerado Gonzalez, Albert Guaderrama, Steven Hofbauer, Dawn Holm, Melissa Hunt, Jeff Lewis, Scott Lotter, David Marquez, Sean McGlynn, Peggy McQuaid, Paul Morris, Rick Mullen, Erik Newman, Eric Nickel, Lori Ogorchock, Afshin Oskoui, Greg Park, Joel Price, Karen Rarey, Kelly Seyarto, Marty Simonoff, Ed Smith, Dan Stefano, Mark Steres, Joseph Tessari, Tami Trent, Bob Whalen, Michael Wilson, Cory Wolbach

League Partner: Tim James

Staff: Charles Harvey

**I. State Budget and Issues Briefing**

Rich Garbarino, League President and Council Member from the City of South San Francisco, welcomed all the attendees and thanked them for their valuable contributions to the League's policy development process. He then paused and asked the attendees to celebrate the voter's support earlier that week for Proposition 69, which ensured that revenues derived from SB 1 could only be used for transportation purposes. He added that the battle to protect local transportation funds was not over, and the League would be working with our partner organizations in the Fix Our Roads coalition to help voters understand the value of preserving these funds. He also noted that voters had approved two other League-supported measures: Prop. 68, the park bond, and also Prop 72 to give a tax break for rainwater capture.

Next, League Fiscal Policy Consultant, Michael Coleman, gave an in-depth update of the Governor's May budget revise. He discussed the revenues generated by the state and the funding priorities for the administration. Erin Evans-Fudem explained the League's budget asks including wildfire and disaster funding, increasing funding for the Transformative Climate Communities program, and increasing state funding to address organic waste recycling challenges.

League Deputy Executive Director/Legislative Director Dan Carrigg then gave an overview of the primary election results including the high-profile Governor's race in November. He talked about the candidates and highlighted some of the positions the candidates have on issues important to the League, such as housing.

Michael Coleman then provided an update on local ballot measures from the recent election. Dan Carrigg then discussed the challenges the League faces with multiple ballot measures in November. Specifically, Dan discussed the Business Roundtable's initiative. This initiative would significantly hinder a city's ability to raise revenue and fund essential services. Due to its retroactive provision, the initiative would undo 25 local ballot measures passed by the voters at the June election.

Jason Rhine, League's Assistant Legislative Director, then updated the attendees on housing legislation. Jason highlighted several bills including AB 2923 (Chiu), SB 828 (Wiener), SB 831 (Wieckowski), AB 2890 (Ting), AB 3162 (Friedman), and SB 946 (Lara). Jason explained that the budget deal on homelessness has been struck, but he urged everyone to call or visit their legislators to tell them that they support funding for homelessness.

Rony Berdugo, the League's lobbyist on Transportation, Communications and Public Works, was joined by National League of Cities lobbyist, Angelina Panettieri. Rony provided an overview of the fight over SB 649 (Hueso) the small-cell bill from last year, and the implementation of transportation funding from SB 1 (Beall, 2016), and asked for volunteers to be champions to help defend SB 1. Rony then introduced Angelina, who discussed the National League of Cities perspective on telecom issues and how other states are addressing the issue. She asked for members to speak to their congressional legislators about broadband deployment to make sure that local government perspectives are heard in Washington D.C.

Dane Hutchings, the League's lobbyist on Governance, Transparency and Labor Relations, discussed AB 1912 (Rodriguez) that would apply retroactive liability to each member agency of a joint powers authority. Dane also discussed a recent budget trailer bill affecting contracting for library services that is reminiscent of AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) from last year.

Dan Carrigg then introduced the League's newest lobbyist for Public Safety, Charles Harvey. Charles introduced himself and discussed various cannabis and public safety bills. Primarily, Charles discussed SB 1302 (Lara) that would force cities to allow for deliveries in their jurisdictions. He urged the group to call their legislators to let them know that cities do not support SB 1302 or any other measure that removes cities' ability to regulate cannabis deliveries.

Lastly, Dan Carrigg gave a brief overview of the issues related to Revenue and Taxation. He briefly described SCA 20 (Glazer) and efforts to refine a proposed transition to destination allocation of local Bradley-Burns sales taxes as one of the primary topics of ongoing discussion.

## **II. Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Arbuckle welcomed the committee and gave some brief opening remarks. She then asked the committee to introduce themselves.

## **III. Public Comment**

No public comment.

## **IV. Police Chiefs/Grocers Ballot Measure Update**

Jonathan Feldman, the California Police Chiefs lobbyist, gave a brief update on the status of the police chief's ballot measure and answered questions from the committee.

## **V. Disaster/Emergency Response Budget and Legislation Update**

League Environmental Quality lobbyist, Erin Evans-Fudem and Palo Alto Fire Chief Eric Nickel gave an overview of the League's \$100 million budget ask for fire preparedness. They then took questions from the committee.

## **VI. Drone Policy Discussion**

League Legislative Policy Analyst, Derek Dolfie, gave a presentation on draft League drone policy for the committee's consideration. Mr. Dolfie explained the process behind the formation of the League's drone task force and how they met over the month of May to create the draft policy and what the policy means. Mr. Dolfie then took questions from the committee.

**Committee Action:** Motion to **adopt** the draft League drone policy with an amendment to clarify that the line of sight operator requirement applies only to recreational and hobbyist drone operators was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Note:** This draft policy was also taken up in the Transportation, Communication & Public Works policy committee, which took the same committee action.

## **VII. Homelessness Update**

Melissa Kuehne from the Institute for Local Government gave a presentation on the Joint Homelessness Task force and their findings. Ms. Kuehne then took questions from the committee. Committee members shared their experiences with homelessness in their communities.

## **VIII. Sacramento's Experience: Efforts to Improve Relations Between Law**

Chair Arbuckle introduced Sacramento Police Chief Daniel Hahn and welcomed him to the committee. Chief Hahn shared his perspective on his path to becoming a police officer and his experiences as a Police Officer and Police Chief in Sacramento. He then took questions from the committee.

## **IX. State Legislative Update**

League Public Safety lobbyist, Charles Harvey, gave a brief overview of the public safety bills that are of interest to cities including SB 1302 (Lara), AB 1968 (Low), AB 2256 (Santiago) and various other cannabis bills. Charles then discussed two action item bills, AB 931 (Weber) and SB 1421 (Skinner).

### **1. AB 931 (Weber) Criminal Procedure: Use of Force by Peace Officers**

Mr. Harvey walked the committee through AB 931 and explained what the provisions of the bill would do. Mr. Harvey helped facilitate the discussion among the committee members about what the committee imagines is a better way to handle the issue of officer involved shootings and how can we make the bill more palatable for law enforcement and incorporate the law enforcement perspective. The committee expressed their support for alternative plans to this bill to bring to the authors office.

The committee had a robust discussion and asked Mr. Harvey several questions. Committee members also expressed concerns about this bill. They mentioned the author did not discuss this bill with law enforcement before introducing the bill. The committee said it's pre-mature to change the use of force standard without consulting with police training officials and the POST commission. There were also concerns over this bill having a chilling effect on hiring and retaining police officers. The committee suggested inviting the appropriate legislative staff people to come to future committee meetings to help facilitate dialogue.

**Committee Action:** Motion to **OPPOSE** the bill but continue to engage with the author's office and law enforcement was made and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **2. AB 1421 (Skinner) Peace Officers: Release of Records**

League Labor Lobbyist Dane Hutchings gave an overview of the Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations policy committee discussion regarding this bill from the previous day, including the committee's oppose unless amended position. Mr. Harvey then walked the committee through the bill and explained its background. Mr. Harvey discussed the Police Chief's position that they are currently opposed, but if specific amendments were accepted, then would remove their opposition and support the bill. The committee then discussed the bill and asked Mr. Harvey questions.

**Committee Action:** Motion to **OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED**, in line with the police chiefs association, was made and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Next Meeting (tent.): Annual Conference, Long Beach, September 12**

*Staff will notify committee members after July 20<sup>th</sup> if the policy committee will be meeting in September.*