



CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES ASSOCIATION



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES – August 5, 2020

Location: Via Zoom

Call to Order: 6:02 PM

Members Present: President Lindsey Horvath, Vice President Mark Waronek, Ali Sajjad Taj Secretary/Treasurer, Director-At-Large Jeff Wood, Budget & Audit Chair Nancy Tragarz, By Laws Committee Chair Liz Reilly, Associate Members Co-Chair Frank Zerunyan, Director-At-Large Ana Maria Quintana, Resolutions Committee Dr. Julian Gold, Membership Committee Brenda Olmos, Immediate Past President Sandra Armenta, Director-At-Large Deborah Klein Lopez, Legislative Committee Chair Stacey Armato, Ambassador Committee Blanca Pacheco

Absent: Marketing Committee Jose Gonzalez, Legal & Contracts Committee Dana Reed, James Bozajian Special Events Committee, Director-At-Large Jennifer Perez, Associate Members Co-Chair Mike Davitt

Others Present: Executive Director Marcel Rodarte, Michael Vuong, Mayra Bonilla, Alejandra Hernandez, and John Leonard

Quorum: YES

Meeting Proceedings

- The meeting minutes of July 2020 were presented by Ali Taj. Sandra Armenta motioned to approve, seconded by Liz Reilly. No abstentions, motion approved.
- August disbursements were presented by Ali Taj for approval. Mark Waronek motioned to approve, seconded by Liz Reilly. No abstentions, motion approved.
- Ali Taj presented June Financial Report for approval. President Horvath moved to approve, seconded by Brenda Olmos. No abstentions, motion passed unanimously.

Reports

President's Report - President Lindsey Horvath

- President Horvath thanked everyone for their participation and their commitment to their duties in between regular meetings.
- President Horvath presented on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approving the Reimagine L.A. ballot measure. She stated the Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS) plans to sue the county to defer the measure from the ballot. President Horvath explained Executive Director Marcel Rodarte presented the Association's position to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors during a meeting.



- Frank Zerunyan requested clarification from President Horvath regarding the differences in stance on this issue. Frank expressed potential confusion in the public as she represents a city and an Association with differing views. Frank recommended appointing Vice President Mark Waronek to manage the issue on behalf of the Association. President Horvath explained some cities expressed concerns with the initiative, she stated she worked with Marcel Rodarte to craft a letter from the Association. The City of West Hollywood has not taken a formal a vote on the ballot measure, however the initiative resembles initiatives aligning with the ideology of the city and staff feels confident in supporting the initiative. President Horvath recognized her position is different than the Association's stance, she expressed her collaboration with Marcel to ensure each was represented fairly. President Horvath clarified she did not present herself as the President of the Association while providing public comment. President Horvath expressed she held several meetings with Marcel and officers to maintain both views separate, the letters sent to the Board of Supervisors contained Marcel's signature. President Horvath vowed to work diligently to represent herself in both roles. However, she is open to consideration if the Board wishes to have a specific representative act on this issue.
- President Horvath indicated the first meeting of the Public Safety Working Group (PSWG) took place on August 5th, she expressed the success of the meeting where goals and action plans were established. PSWG is comprised of elected officials and city managers representing the geographic and demographic diversity of member cities. She explained a survey that would be distributed to cities to gauge the relationship with law enforcement. There will be an opportunity for cities to provide anecdotes, data, or requests as it pertains to law enforcement. PSWG will analyze trends or common feedback among cities to create recommendations. PSWG will meet monthly but will remain active outside of regularly scheduled meetings. Recommendations will be formulated, presented to the Executive Board, then entire membership for consideration.
- President Horvath provided a reminder regarding the upcoming Board of Directors Meeting featuring Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva on Thursday, August 13th at 6pm. She emphasized the importance of maintaining a healthy working relationship with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD).

Executive Director's Report - Marcel Rodarte

- Executive Director Marcel Rodarte expressed he anticipated a potential conflict which is why, he worked with President Horvath to establish clear guidelines regarding advocacy on this initiative. He stated he communicated with a reporter from the Los Angeles Times who sought clarification on the Association's stance, he provided the position is not an opposition, just an expression of concerns with the process. Marcel stated the initiative will be considered by the Legislative Committee in an upcoming meeting to establish a clear position.
-



- Marcel stated the PSWG has garner attention from ALADS and LASD. He spoke with LASD Assistant Sheriff Patrol Steven Gross who expressed concern that this was another oversight committee. Marcel clarified that is not the intent of the PSWG.
- Marcel provided an update on the status of the virtual 2020 Fall Education Summit (FES) in September. Topics will include discussions about the November ballot measures and propositions, LASD Contract Law 101, Project Roomkey and Homekey, Employers Risk Management. He expressed all sessions will be recorded and uploaded on to the Contract Cities YouTube channel.
- Marcel presented on the virtual August Board of Directors Meeting featuring LASD Sheriff Villanueva he hopes to have a productive and constructive conversation.
- Marcel provided an update on the City Managers Working Group focusing on the Project Roomkey exit strategy, he stated the County of Los Angeles expects to close all Project Roomkey sites will by February 1, 2021. Some sites will be closed by August-September these cities include Lomita, Rosemead, Monterrey Park, and unincorporated Walnut. The County of Los Angeles will notify cities of the expected closure dates at least two months prior. He stated the county wants to transfer all occupants into transitional housing. The follow-up Project Housekey will provide sustained housing for long-term solutions, the county will begin to solicit cities for participation in the project.

Legislative Committee Report - *Stacey Armato*

- Stacey Armato referred staff to provide legislative updates regarding action and bills considered by the Legislative Committee. Staff provided the Association did not take a position on Prop 21; the committee opted to take a watch position.
- Staff provided updates from the State Legislature there is a proposition for a 100-billion-dollar stimulus, the plan would include funding for infrastructure projects, tax incentives, there may also be \$600 weekly unemployment insurance. Staff stated this may be taken to a special session for deliberation. Session ends on August 31st that is also the deadline for bills to be considered.
 - Ana Maria Quintana asked if there would be an amount capacity or limit imposed on the \$600 provided by the state. Staff clarified the package outline released does not specify this information.
- Stacey provided a report on the bills and positions rendered by the committee including SB 795 - support, SB 899 - oppose, SB 1299 - support, SB 1385 - support if amended. SB 902 and SB 1120 on watch positions, will be reconsidered at a Special Legislative Committee Meeting on August 19th to determine a position before they reach the appropriations committee.
 - Nancy Tragarz requested staff send the bill information to Executive Board members.
- President Horvath expressed the County of Los Angeles has decided not to provide the portion of the CARES Act funding intended to cities directly. She posed the question to members whether their cities had determined when funding from the state would be distributed to cities. President Horvath highlighted this regional issue as cities smaller than 500,000 still have not received any funding.
 - Staff clarified the County of Los Angeles will distribute the funds provided by the state, however they have not specified timeline.
 - President Horvath recommended a letter be sent to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to request an accounting timeline of CARES Act funding designated for cities.



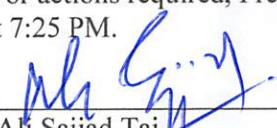
- President Horvath provided an example of concerns with the operation of a COVID-19 testing site at Cedars-Sinai in West Hollywood being funded by the County of Los Angeles. In late June, the site closed because Cedars-Sinai was informed county funding was depleted, however when the issue was brought to the Board of Supervisors they stated Cedars-Sinai did no longer wanted to operate the site. Though she found that information to be incorrect after speaking with health officials.
 - Ana Maria Quintana explained the City of Bell faced issues with their testing site as well. An under-utilized testing site was closed, city officials were told another site would open, no action has occurred since. Ana Maria also noticed issues with the county's website and the accessibility of appointment scheduling, there is also new portals that request health insurance information so a resident's health provider can be billed for the test.
 - Staff provided a report during a previous meeting with Los Angeles County Board Supervisor Kathryn Barger where she stated the direct funding received through the CARES Act would be spent by the county and there was no intention to distribute funding to cities. However, the funds received by the state would be sent to the county, then to cities.

New Business

- Marcel Rodarte provided a report from the Latino Coalition of Los Angeles advocating participation in a coalition that would have Judge David Carter create an inclusive and equitable settlement to ensure funding is distributed equitably, however their request includes the resignation of Phil Ansell, the Director of the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative. Marcel stated the League of California Cities does not intend to participate. He recommends the Association not join the initiative. Liz Reilly motioned not to join the coalition, seconded by Frank Zerunyan. No abstentions, motion passed unanimously.
- Marcel provided a brief outline of the Strategic Planning Session Report a complete summary was shared with Executive Board Members prior to the meeting. The report outlines goals including using social media, updating website regularly, helping cities respond to COVID-19, maintaining member cities, and elevating the Association's brand with stakeholders. Marcel will continue to work with the Executive Board to ensure the goals are supported.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to conduct, or actions required, President Lindsey P. Horvath adjourned the August 2020 Executive Board Meeting at 7:25 PM.

Recorded by: Alejandra Hernandez
Administrative Specialist



Ali Sajjad Taj
Secretary/Treasurer