



## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES - April 9, 2022

*Location:* Catalina Canyon Inn  
888 Country Club Dr. Avalon, CA

**Call to Order:** 11:15 AM

**Members Present:** President Mark Waronek, Secretary/Treasurer Jeff Wood, Vice President Ali Sajjad Taj, Ambassador Committee Ray Hamada, Budget and Audit Chair Gustavo Camacho, Legislative Committee Co-Chair Jennifer Perez, Director-at-Large Lori Woods, Membership Committee Nancy Tragarz, Public Safety Committee Brenda Olmos, City Managers Chair Ryan Smoot, Resolutions Committee Dr. Julian Gold, By-Laws Committee Yesenia De La Rosa, Marketing Committee Jose Gonzalez

**Absent:** Immediate Past President Lindsey Horvath, Director-at-Large Rex Richardson, Legislative Committee Co-Chair Stacey Armato, Director-At-Large Committee Dana Reed, Director-at-Large Cedric Hicks, Associate Members Co-Chair Frank Zerunyan, Selection Committee Sandra Armenta, Director-at-Large Margret Finlay, Associate Members Co-Chair Mike Davitt, Special Events Committee James Bozajian, Legal Contract Committee Blanca Pacheco

**Others Present:** Marcel Rodarte, Mayra Bonilla, Alejandra Hernandez, Jorge Morales

**Quorum: YES**

### Meeting Proceedings

- Secretary/Treasurer Jeff Wood presented the February financial report, April disbursements, and March meeting minutes. Jennifer Perez motioned to approve, seconded by Sandra Armenta. No abstentions, motion passed unanimously.

### Reports

#### **President's Report - *President Mark Waronek***

- President Waronek welcomed the Executive Board to Avalon and highlighted Avalon Councilmember Yesenia De La Rosa for facilitating the visit to Catalina Island. President Waronek hopes to engage with cities that expressed interest in joining CCCA. Additionally, President Waronek invited Executive Board members to attend his final Board of Directors Meeting as President hosted in his home City of Lomita.

#### **Executive Directors Report - *Marcel Rodarte***

- Director Rodarte provided a financial update of the Sacramento Legislative Tour (SLOT). Director Rodarte shared SLOT had a large attendance, and he received positive feedback from attendees.



- On Tuesday, the Blue Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH) will send the rendered recommendations to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Director Rodarte encouraged members to send letters in support of the recommendations.

## **Legislative Committee Report - *CCCA Staff***

- CCCA staff provided an overview of legislation reviewed by the committee. AB 1989 - Commercial property insurance: vehicle barrier discount by Assemblymember Quirk - support, SB 1186 - Medicinal Cannabis Patients' Right of Access Act by Senator Wiener - oppose, SB 1079 - Vehicles: sound-activated enforcement devices by Senator Portantino - support. Staff added the Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative led by Redondo Beach Mayor Bill Brand will return in 2024.

## **Public Safety Committee Report - *Chair Brenda Olmos***

- Chair Olmos provided an update on the upcoming Los Angeles County Local Advocacy Day. The event will feature a Los Angeles County Sheriffs Candidate Forum. In collaboration with Director Rodarte, they will outline logistics for the candidates to ensure a robust discussion regarding their vision for the position.

## **Voting Item**

### **2022-2023 Proposed Budget**

- Director Rodarte presented the proposed budget; the Executive Board reviewed the presented materials. Julian Gold motioned approval of the budget with amendments, motion seconded by Ali Sajjad Taj. No abstentions, motion passed unanimously.

## **Other Discussion**

- Director Rodarte presented a review of the item voted in a November 2020 Executive Board Meeting. The Executive Board voted on the slate: Jeff Wood as President, Ali Sajjad Taj as Vice President, and Stacey Armato as Secretary-Treasurer.
- Director Rodarte briefly discussed the proposal to merge the Contract Cities Association (CCCA) and the Independent Cities Association (ICA). Representatives from both organizations met once to discuss the feasibility of the merger. Lori Wood requested a formalized update at the next Executive Board Meeting to ensure members are well informed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to conduct, or actions required, President Mark Waronek adjourned the Executive Board Meeting at 12:33 PM.

Recorded by: Alejandra Hernandez  
Administrative Specialist

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Jeff Wood  
Secretary/Treasurer