**Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Via Zoom

**Committee Present**: Co-Chair Jennifer Perez, Co-Chair Stacey Armato, Mark Waronek, Jeff Wood, Julian Gold, Kimberly Ann Cobos-Cawthorne, Victor Sanchez, Sandra Armenta, Charlotte Craven, Diana Mahmud, Bea Dieringer, Bill Uphoff, Dana Reed, Gary Boyer,

**Member Cities Present**: Norwalk, Hermosa Beach, Beverly Hills, Santa Clarita, Montebello, Bellflower, Rosemead, Camarillo, South Pasadena, Rolling Hills, Lomita, Indian Wells, Glendora, Lakewood,

**Others Present:** Marcel Rodarte, Alejandra Hernandez, Jorge Morales, John Erickson, Lindsey Skolnik, Masis Hagobian, Rene Trevino, Margret Finlay, Sam Pedroza

1. **Call to Order: 3:01 pm**
2. **Approval of Minutes**

Bea Dieringer motioned approval of the December 1, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Victor Sanchez, no abstentions motion passed unanimously.

1. **Legislative Updates**
   1. **2022 Sacramento Legislative Tour (SLOT)**

CCCA’s Annual Sacramento Legislative Tour (SLOT) will be held March 2-4, 2022. Director Rodarte expressed the challenges staff is facing regarding scheduling. Obstacles include the movement of the legislature to the “swing space,” legislative session, and overall COVID-19 restrictions. Staff will request assistance from Executive and Legislative Committee Members to confirm speakers as the date approaches. Members of the legislature were invited to participate in panel discussions, and traditional Capitol Briefing Session Committee staff was also invited to participate but can only participate virtually.

* 1. **Los Angeles County Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH) Update**

Director Rodarte, the CCCA representative on the Blue-Ribbon Commission on Homelessness (BRCH), provided a brief update. The BRCH spent the past few months working to adjust how homelessness is addressed in Los Angeles County. Director Rodarte shared some potential recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, including establishing a new county agency to fill systems shortfalls, subregional leadership infrastructure by allowing each Service Planning Area (SPA) to have input, and establishing local solutions fund ongoing funding by an amount to be approved by the Board. Director Rodarte shared Zoom meeting information with CCCA membership and encouraged cities to participate during the upcoming meeting and share public input.

1. **2022 Bills of Interest**
   1. **AB 84 - Supplemental Paid Sick Leave (SPSL)**

This bill would provide for COVID-19 supplemental paid sick leave for covered employees who are unable to work or telework due to certain reasons related to COVID-19, including that the employee is attending a COVID-19 vaccine or vaccine booster appointment for themselves or a family member, or is experiencing symptoms, or caring for a family member experiencing symptoms, related to a COVID-19 vaccine or vaccine booster. The bill would entitle a covered employee to 40 hours of COVID-19 supplemental paid sick leave if that employee either works full-time or was scheduled to work, on average, at least 40 hours per week for the employer in the two weeks preceding the date the covered employee took COVID-19 supplemental paid sick leave.

AB 84 is currently being amended in the Senate; it is retroactive to January 1, 2022. No further action taken by the committee at this time. Diana Mahmud will check with the League of California Cities staff to provide information on claims of an unfunded mandate related to this bill.

* 1. **SB 843 - CA Rental Tax Credit (Senator Steve Glazer)**

Gary Boyer flagged and presented the bill. SB 843 would increase the credit amount for a qualified renter to $1,000 for a family and $500 for a single filer. The existing credit amounts of $120 and $60, respectively, would be the credit amounts for that taxable year. The bill was introduced on January 11, 2022, and has no recorded activity.

John Erickson expressed that this bill would impact the City of West Hollywood, a primarily renter community. No action taken by the committee at this time.

* 1. **SB 919 (Senator Brian Jones)**

SB 919 would target the crime of catalytic converter theft in new ways, such as used motor vehicle dealers would be required to permanently mark the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on the catalytic converter of any vehicle before they sell it – this will create a way to identify the catalytic converter if it is illegally removed from the vehicle. This measure will require sales documentation and a VIN on the catalytic converters as well as increasing fines – this will help discourage the theft from occurring in the first place and provide easier arrests and prosecution if theft still happens.

Bea Dieringer referred to pawnbroker sheets, wherein the seller must fill out a form when the shop owner suspects the items may be stolen. CCCA staff suggested the author partner with another legislator to advance the bill. Staff will work with Co-Chair Perez and Public Safety Chair Brenda Olmos to garner proposed authors and language. No further action taken by the committee at this time.

* 1. **Street Racing Bill (Senator Henry Stern)**

This bill, which has not yet been introduced, was flagged by Public Safety Committee Chair Breda Olmos. The bill will target enhanced penalties for street racing and require more resources to go toward enforcement rather than traffic safety infrastructure and public education. CCCA staff will track its movement and provide more information to the committee at the next meeting.

No action taken by the committee at this time.

1. **2022 Ballot Initiatives Update**
   1. **Minimum Wage Initiative**

The initiative led by a group called Working Hero Action would gradually increase the state minimum wage starting in 2023, then rise to $18 an hour for all-sized businesses by 2026. Circulation has begun; they need to collect 623,000 signatures by August to qualify for the November 2022 ballot.

* 1. **Business Roundtable Initiative**

“Beverage Tax 2.0” is sponsored by the California Business Roundtable (CBRT). Serval unions and the League of California Cities recently sent out a letter in opposition to the initiative, CCCA was not invited to sign on.

* 1. **Cannabis Cultivation Tax**

Assemblymember Blanca Rubio and Senator Lena Gonzalez hosted a press conference to provide a waiver of excise tax for the cultivation and expansion of retail stores. Victor Sanchez asked CCCA staff to provide updates as the City of Bellflower as they have in-city cultivation.

* 1. **County of Los Angeles Update Vaccine Mandate Enforcement**

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted 4-0 to enforce the vaccination mandate for employees. LASD Sherriff Villanueva was in stark opposition of the mandate. During the Board Meeting, Director Rodarte was unable to provide public comment as the 90-minute time limit was reached. He offered public comment via a written statement sent to the Board of Supervisors.

1. **Other Business**

CCCA President Mark Waronek thanked committee members for their dedicated service to serving CCCA.

John Erickson flagged Item 69-A on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Agenda, the Five Signature Letter to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to Lift Discriminatory Blood Donor Policy that prevents many gay and bisexual men from becoming blood donors. He expressed the importance of blood donation as hospitals continue to care for impacted patient populations.

1. **Adjournment: February 9, 2022, at 4:03pm**