**Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

3:00 - 4:00 pm

Via Zoom

**Committee Present**: Co-Chair Jennifer Perez, Co-Chair Stacey Armato, Bea Dieringer, Charlotte Craven, Dana Reed, Ali Sajjad Taj, Cathy Marcucci, Gary Boyer, Julian Gold, Sandra Armenta

**Member Cities Present**: Norwalk, Hermosa Bach, Rolling Hills, Camarillo, Indian Wells, Calabasas, Bellflower, Artesia, Industry, Glendora, West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Rosemead, Avalon

**Others Present:** Marcel Rodarte, Alejandra Hernandez, Marc Beaart, James Bozajian, Ray Hamada, John Erickson, Kristen Nelson, Lindsey Skolnik, Yesenia De La Rosa

1. **Call to Order: 3:02 pm**
2. **Approval of Minutes**

Ali Sajjad Taj motioned approval of the March meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Charlotte Craven. No abstentions, motion passed unanimously.

1. **Legislative Updates**
   1. **LA County District Attorney’s Office - Ghost Guns**

The LA County District Attorney’s Office is exploring legislation and policy alternatives to address this issue. Marc Beaart the LA County District Attorney’s Director of Fraud & Corruption shared efforts to blockade the sale of ghost guns. Following legislation relating to this issue, he will return to the committee for consideration. The committee took no action.

* 1. **Californians for Homeownership**

Californians for Homeownership, a nonprofit organization sponsored by the California Association of Realtors, filed lawsuits against six Southern California cities for violating state laws that require cities to plan for housing development, including the City of Bellflower. Councilmember Ray Hamada directs members to refrain from commenting on the matter or discussing it in open council session. Councilmember Hamada suggests city attorneys should handle this matter.

1. **Legislation Consideration Review** 
   1. **SB 1464 - Senator Richard Pan. Law enforcement: Public Health Orders** Existing law authorizes each sheriff to enforce all orders of the State Department of Public Health or of the local health officer issued for the purpose of preventing the spread of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease. Existing law requires all sheriffs to execute all lawful orders of a department in their counties. Existing law authorizes each peace officer of every political subdivision of the county to enforce within the area subject to their jurisdiction all orders of the State Department of Public Health or of the local health officer issued for the purpose of preventing the spread of any contagious, infectious, or communicable disease. Instead, this bill would require those sheriffs and peace officers to enforce those orders. By expanding the duties of local law enforcement, this bill would create a state-mandated local program. The bill would also prohibit state funds from being provided to any law enforcement agency that publicly announces that they will oppose a public health order or adopt a policy to oppose it. If funds are withheld, the bill would require those funds to instead be reallocated to the county's county public health department in which the law enforcement agency operates for public health purposes.

Bea Dieringer motioned to oppose, seconded by Dana Reed. No abstentions, motion passed unanimously.

* 1. **AB 2390 - Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi. Theft: Aggregation of Amounts and Diversion**

Existing law, the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act, enacted as an initiative statute by Proposition 47, as approved by the electors at the November 4, 2014, statewide general election, makes the theft of money, labor, or property petty theft punishable as a misdemeanor whenever the value of the property taken does not exceed $950 and grand theft when the value exceeds $950. Proposition 47 requires shoplifting, defined as entering a commercial establishment with the intent to commit larceny if the value of the property taken does not exceed $950, to be punished as a misdemeanor. This bill would amend Proposition 47 by authorizing the aggregation of the values of the property involved in one or more cases of shoplifting or theft into a single count or charge when the case involves one or more acts of theft or shoplifting, with the sum of the value of all property or merchandise being the value considered when determining the degree of theft. By increasing the penalty for a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Bea Dieringer motioned to approve with language suggesting that aggregation can be from multiple victims, motion seconded by Charlotte Craven. No abstentions, motion passed unanimously.

* 1. **AB 1910 - Assemblymember Cristina Garcia. Publicly Owned Golf Courses: Conversion: Affordable Housing**

Existing law establishes the Department of Housing and Community Development. It requires it to, among other things, administer various programs intended to fund the acquisition of property to develop or preserve affordable housing. This bill would require the department to administer a program to provide incentives in grants to local agencies that enter into a development agreement to convert a golf course owned by the local agency into housing and publicly accessible open space. This bill would require the department to award funding in accordance with the number of affordable units a local agency proposes to construct.

During the discussion, Co-Chair Armato described that removing these publicly owned golf courses prevents the community from participating in the sport at an affordable price. John Erickson motioned to oppose, seconded by Ali Sajjad Taj. No abstentions motion passes unanimously.

1. **Adjournment: April 13, 2022, at 3:46pm**