**Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Via Zoom

**Committee Present**: Chair Jennifer Perez, Co-Chair John Erickson, Victor Sanchez, Dr. Julian Gold, Gary Boyer, Dana Reed, Oscar Flores, Juanita Martin, Gustavo Camacho, Sandra Armenta, Beatriz Dieringer, Bill Uphoff

**Member Cities Present**: Norwalk, Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, Bellflower, Rosemead, Glendora, Lynwood, Indian Wells, Pico Rivera, Rolling Hills, Lomita, Diamond Bar, City of Industry, Hermosa Beach, Downey, Lawndale

**Others Present:** Marcel Rodarte, Frank Rodarte, Steve Tye, Sam Pedroza Ray Jackson, Claudia Frometa, Masis Hagobian, Jesse Garcia, Hector Sosa, Rhonda Gorman

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

Juanita Martin motioned approval of the February 8, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Sandra Armenta. No abstentions motion passed unanimously.

1. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

Jorge Morales gave a brief update on the California Business Roundtable Initiative.

1. **Bills of Interest** 
   1. **AB 436 - Alvarez, David - Vehicles**

Current law prohibits a local authority from enacting or enforcing an ordinance on matters covered by the Vehicle Code unless expressly authorized by the Vehicle Code. Current law authorizes local authorities to adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution regarding specified matters, including, among others, crossing guards, the operation of bicycles, the removal of illegally parked vehicles, and cruising.

This bill would remove the authorization for a local authority to adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or regulation regarding cruising.

Beatriz Dieringer said the issue is traffic enforcement which falls on the local police departments. They need to have the flexibility to enforce the bill. Seems tight because you must have a prior warning (in writing) before you can enforce. People can’t get through street because of cars circling around.

Gustavo Camacho thinks cruising not the issue but crowd control. Difficult for law enforcement to get to area because of traffic congestion.

* 1. **AB 742 - Jackson, Corey – Law enforcement: Police Canines**

Existing law authorizes a peace officer to use reasonable force to effect the arrest, to prevent escape, or to overcome resistance of an individual. Existing law requires law enforcement agencies to maintain a policy on the use of force.

This bill would prohibit the use of an unleashed police canine by law enforcement to apprehend a person, and any use of a police canine for crowd control. The bill would prohibit law enforcement agencies from authorizing any use or training of a police canine that is inconsistent with this bill.

Chair Jennifer Perez thinks it is cost saving when it comes to crowd control to use canines.

Beatriz Dieringer said dogs are needed for when people are hiding in a crawlspace. Designed to protect lives. Cost savings and important tool.

Claudia identifies it is cost savings, safer resolution, and less lethal force. Look at training policies and supervision.

-Steve Tye questions how frustrating it is for law enforcement to constantly take away their tools.

Dr. Julian Gold suggests getting bit is better than getting shot.

Juanita Martin said they take away everything from law enforcement: taser, baton, and now dog.

Gustavo Camacho suggests it is less lethal and helpful to find someone hiding in a home. Takes away law enforcement ability to us less lethal weapons.

John Erickson thinks animal welfare should be considered.

Ray Jackson would like to see data of misuse of dogs.

Beatriz Dieringer motioned to put these bills as action topic for next meeting. Seconded by Claudia Fromenta.

* 1. **SB 423 - Wiener, Scott - Land use: streamlined housing approvals: multifamily housing developments.**Existing law, the Planning and Zoning Law, authorizes a development proponent to submit an application for a multifamily housing development that is subject to a streamlined, ministerial approval process, as provided, and not subject to a conditional use permit, if the development satisfies specified objective planning standards, including, among others, that the development proponent has committed to record, prior to the issuance of the first building permit, a land use restriction or covenant providing that any lower or moderate-income housing units required, as specified, remain available at affordable housing costs, as defined, or rent to persons and families of lower or moderate-income for no less than specified periods of time. Existing law repeals these provisions on January 1, 2026.

This bill would authorize the Department of General Services to act in the place of a locality or local government, at the discretion of that department, for purposes of the ministerial, streamlined review for development on property owned by or leased to the state. The bill would delete the January 1, 2026, repeal date, thereby making these provisions operative indefinitely. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Beatriz Dieringer motioned to oppose. The motion was seconded by Gustavo Camacho.

* 1. **SB 4 - Wiener, Scott - Planning and zoning: housing development: higher education institutions and religious institutions.**

Would require that a housing development project be a use by right upon the request of an applicant who submits an application for streamlined approval, on any land owned by an independent institution of higher education or religious institution on or before January 1, 5 2024, if the development satisfies specified criteria, including that the development is not adjoined to any site where more than one-third of the square footage on the site is dedicated to industrial use. The bill would define various terms for these purposes. Among other things, the bill would require that 100% of the units, exclusive of manager units, in a housing development project eligible for approval as a use by right under these provisions be affordable to lower income households, except that 20% of the units may be for moderate-income households, provided that all of the units are provided at affordable rent, as set in an amount consistent with the rent limits established by the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, or affordable housing cost. The bill would authorize the development to include ancillary uses on the ground floor of the development.

Bea Dieringer motioned to oppose. The motion was seconded by Claudia Fromenta. John Erickson abstain.

1. **Adjournment: February 22, 2023, at 4:02pm**