**Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Via Zoom

**Committee Present**: Chair John Erickson, Jennifer Perez, Dana Reed, Oscar Flores, Gustavo Victor Sanchez, Gustavo Camacho, Sandra Armenta, Chris Barajas, Bill Uphoff, Juanita Martin

**Member Cities Present**: Norwalk, Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, Rosemead, Glendora, Santa Fe Springs, Pico Rivera, El Segundo, Lomita, Cerritos, Lynwood, Downey, South Gate, Hermosa Beach, Indian Wells, Bellflower

**Others Present:** Marcel Rodarte, Jorge Morales, Ray Jackson, Mike Flad, Hernan Molina, Drew Boyles, Claudia Frometa, Mayra Bonilla

1. **Call to Order: 3:03 pm**
2. **Approval of Minutes**

Jennifer Perez motioned approval of the May 10, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Bill Uphoff. No abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.

1. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**
2. **Announcements**

Executive Director Marcel Rodarte welcomed everyone to the new Legislative Committee regime and introduced the new Legislative Chair John Erickson.

1. **Bills of Interest**
2. **AB 1679 -** **Santiago, Miguel - Transactions and use taxes: County of Los Angeles: homelessness.**

Jorge Morales gave a summary of the bill to the committee. Morales suggests we ask the Board of Supervisors to write a letter of concern interest in a sales tax measure (BETTER LANGUAGE). Also concerned about local return Measure H. He mentioned the origin of the bill was a horse racing bill and talked about the opposition by realtors. Wants the letter to say we are concerned in a sales tax measure. Also concerned about local return. Cities want to see a better return from tax revenue.

Jennifer Perez has a problem with distribution of Measure H funding and thinks it can limit cities.

Dana Reed said it exempts the new tax from the limit all together. It would not affect a city’s right or desire to raise its taxes up to the limit. We don’t want to be anti-money for the homeless so we should take the position of approve unless amended.

Claudia Frometa said that we continue to see the erosion of local control and decisions to us particularly the revenue.

Hernan Molina thinks the committee should oppose unless amended. If this measure passes the funds should go to the city not the county or state.

**Victor Sanchez motioned to support it if amended. Claudia Frometa Seconded. Oppose: Drew Boyles and Gary Boyer. The motion passed.**

1. **ACA 10- Haney, Matt - Fundamental human right to housing.**

Morales gave a summary of the bill and thinks it can be concerning for municipalities. Morales is also concerned with opposing the bill because it can look like CCCA is not supporting affordable housing.

Gary Boyer thinks the state should do this and not require local jurisdiction to be involved. It could put the local jurisdictions in the housing business and that is concerning.

**John Erickson asked Jorge Morales to get in contact with Matt Haney staff and have a meeting to express our concerns.**

1. **ACA 12 - Dixon, Diane - Controlled substances.**

Jorge Morales gave a summary of the bill and thinks the bill is not going to go anywhere.

**No action was taken on the bill.**

1. **AB 413 - Lee, Alex - Vehicles: stopping, standing, and parking.**

Jorge Morales thinks this bill has good intent and can provide a lot more safety.

Jennifer Perez feels are pushing housing down our throats without requirements and thinks we should oppose.

Gustavo Camacho has a problem with people parking around corners, creating a safety issue. Cities must paint curb reds.

**Perez motioned to oppose the bill. Gustavo seconded the motion. John Erickson abstained. The motion passed.**

1. **AB 1484 - Zbur, Rick Chavez - Temporary public employees.**

Boyer wants to know how it affects people who come back from retirement.

Bill Uphoff is concerned that the city would have to hire full time positions to seasonal summer city workers. Oppose unless amended.

Gustavo Camacho thinks it comes down to the seasonal employees. We would love to hire part-time staff to full time, but cities don’t have the budget to hire full-time staff.

Mike Flad suggests that we refer this bill to the City Managers Committee.

**Chair Erickson recommends refer to City Manager Group.**

1. **AB 1490 - Lee, Alex - Affordable housing development projects: adaptive reuse.**

Morales gave a summary of the bill.

**Jennifer Perez motioned to oppose. Seconded by Claudia. No opposition. No abstentions. Motion passed unanimously.**

1. **AB 1637 - Irwin, Jacqui - Local government: internet websites and email addresses.**

Jorge Morales gave a brief description of the bill and is concerned about the impact it will have on marketing, business cards, or banners.

Claudia Frometa is concerned with the cost of having to change the domain. The money can be used for other cities’ needs.

Gustavo Camacho thinks the bill is unnecessary bill. It’s not too much work to change the domain. It would not go into effect till 2027 and by that time cities should upgrade their marketing materials.

Bill Uphoff is Concerned with the unintended consequences when it comes to cost.

**No action was taken on the bill.**

1. **AB 1673 - Pacheco, Blanca - Outdoor Advertising Act: definitions.**

Jorge Morales is going to ask Richard Montgomery to be present at the next meeting.

**No action was taken on the bill.**

1. **SB 553 - Cortese, Dave - Occupational safety: workplace violence: restraining orders and workplace violence prevention plan.**

Victor Sanchez suggests moving to the Public Safety Committee.

Juanita Martin thinks shouldn’t tell our employees to stop theft, that should be the responsibility of hired security.

Jennifer Perez suggests we should go to ALADS and move it to our public safety committee. This is a training issue.

John Erickson recommends we ask ALADS to provide commentary and move it to our public safety committee.

**No action was taken on the bill.**

1. **SB 769 - Gonzalez, Lena - Local government: fiscal and financial training.**

Mike Flad thinks the state should not mandate an unfunded requirement.

John Erickson recommends that cities that have their own financial training program should be exempt from bill.

Boyer thinks the committee should not take a position on something that directly affects local elected officials. Training doesn’t think the training is a bad thing.

**Boyer motions to take a neutral position. Gustavo Seconded. No opposition. No abstentions. Motion passed unanimously.**

1. **SB 329 -Dodd, Bill - Cities: city council members: compensation.**

**Move to the next meeting’s agenda.**

**Adjournment: June 28, 2023, at 4:05pm**