

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of March 14, 2018

The meeting, hosted by Mayor Jesse Arreguin, City of Berkeley, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Pauline Russo Cutter. The meeting was held at the Hotel Shattuck Plaza located at 2086 Allston Way, in the City of Berkeley.

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

The following mayors, or their elected alternates, were present during the proceedings:

City	Member Attendee
Alameda	Mayor Trish Spencer
Albany	Mayor Peggy McQuaid
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Emeryville	Vice-Mayor Ally Medina
Fremont	Mayor Lily Mei
Hayward	Mayor Barbara Halliday
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Vice-Mayor Mike Hannon
Oakland	Mayor Libby Schaaf
Piedmont	Mayor Robert McBain
Pleasanton	Vice-Mayor Arne Olson
San Leandro	Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

2. Approval of the February 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes

No Action

3. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

4. Commendation to Javon Grogan in Recognition of Service as the 2017 Chairperson of the Alameda County City Managers' Association

President Russo Cutter presented a framed certificate to Javon Grogan, Assistant City Manager, City of Berkeley in recognition for his service as the Alameda County City Managers' Association President for 2017.

5. Public Comments and Other Announcements

The following individuals addressed the membership.

- J) Rebecca Kaplan- Requested support for her reappointment to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board of Directors and indicated she would remain supportive of efforts regardless of the candidate appointed.

- J Carolyn Boudin, California Nurses Association, expressed support for the reappointment of Rebecca Kaplan to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board of Directors.
- J Lindsey Jouric expressed support for the reappointment of Rebecca Kaplan to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board of Directors.
- J Ester Goldsteed stressed his support for the reappointment of Rebecca Kaplan to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board of Directors and the need for air quality improvement throughout the Bay Area and particularly Oakland.
- J Ernesto Arevalo, expressed support for the reappointment of Rebecca Kaplan to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board of Directors.
- J Gabrielle Sloane Low expressed support for the reappointment of Rebecca Kaplan to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board of Directors.
- J Tyler Cell expressed support for the reappointment of Rebecca Kaplan to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board of Directors.
- J Steven Nadel, Sunflower Alliance, spoke regarding his support for the reappointment of Rebecca Kaplan to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board of Directors and the need for the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to do more to improve air quality.
- J Eldor Hydoria expressed support for the reappointment of Rebecca Kaplan to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board of Directors.
- J Margie Lewis expressed support for the reappointment of Rebecca Kaplan to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board of Directors.

6. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

There were no board updates or activity updates.

7. Recommendation of the Nominating Committee and Call for Applications

President Russo Cutter indicated the Nominating Committee met this evening and is forwarding the applications of both Mayor Bauters and Mayor Arrequin for consideration of appointment. The floor was open for comments and nominations.

- J Mayor Spencer expressed her support for the appointment of Mayor Bauters to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board of Directors and expressed that all need to work toward improving air quality.
- J Vice-Mayor Medina expressed support for the appointment of Mayor Bauters to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board of Directors.
- J Mayor Arrequin expressed his purpose for seeking appointment to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and requested support from members.
- J Mayor Schaaf provided information on the Alameda County Mayors' Conference Bylaws and detailed how they impact the nomination and appointment process and indicated her intent to support the application of Mayor Arrequin to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board of Directors.

President Russo Cutter called for a vote on the applications and with a showing of hands. The voting results were as follows:

Votes Supporting Mayor Arrequin – Arrequin, Halliday, Marchand, McQuaid and Schaaf

Votes Supporting Mayor Bauters – Spencer, Medina, Mei, Hannon, McBain, Olsen, Cutter, Dutra-Vernaci

Abstention – None

After determining the vote count, President Cutter announced that Mayor John J. Bauters was elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District commencing April 2018 for a term of two years.

President Russo Cutter announced two regional board openings as follows:

- J ACTC Independent Watchdog Committee - Two positions currently open;
- J Alameda County Oversight Board - Accepting applications for one position until March 30, 2018. Appointment scheduled for April 11, 2018;
- J Association of Bay Area Governments – Accepting applications for two positions until May 1, 2018. Appointments scheduled for May 9, 2018;
- J East Bay Economic Development Alliance – Accepting applications for two positions until May 1, 2018. Appointments scheduled for May 9, 2018.

8. League of California Cities Report and Legislative Updates and Actions

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities, provided updates on Proposition 68, a bond proposal for drought, water and parks projects and Proposition 69, which bans the diversion of the new diesel sales tax revenue. Ms. Caygill also indicated that SB 3, the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018, will be placed on the November 6, 2018 statewide ballot. The next League Division meeting will be held in Fremont.

9. Meeting Presentation

President Russo Cutter introduced Kenneth Hudnut, Advisor for Risk Reduction /Research Geophysicist, U.S. Geological Survey and Arretta Chakos, Principle, Urban Resilience Strategies who provided a presentation regarding the upcoming HayWired earthquake scenario. The discussion focused on the purpose, planning and outcomes of the HayWired event. Mr Hudnut indicated that 68 agencies are involved in the project and that it will focus on trying to identify high risk areas so that all can be better prepared to reduce loss in the event of an earthquake. The event, which is scheduled for Aril 18, 2018, attempts to align science and policy and he requested assistance with drafting a letter that demonstrating how the region is working collaboratively. He discussed the probability of a 6.8 earthquake within the next 30 years and stated that the current model shows the potential for over 2,5000 people being trapped in buildings, 400 after fires and over \$100 billion in damage. He credited Bay Area cities for strengthening building codes to minimize these impacts. Mr. Hudnut played a video that provided information on such a disaster that the HayWired project.

10. Host City Introductions and Report

Jesse Arrequin, Mayor, City of Berkeley, welcomed attendees and introduced City of Berkeley councilmembers and staff. A PowerPoint presentation was used to highlight City of Berkeley's history, demographics, business activity and description of many current City projects. As part of the presentation, Mayor Arrequin indicated that the City of Berkeley has a population of approximately 120,000 people, that it is proud to be home of UC Berkeley, a thriving arts scene, a very strong restaurant district, which includes breweries such as Fieldwork Brewing Company, the start-up incubator, Berkeley Skydeck, and wonderful parks including parks along the bay shared with its neighbors. Mayor Arrequin indicated the City has a very diverse population with hundreds of languages spoken and a strong history of activism. He indicated that the new BART plaza will be opening within a few months, that over 4,000 housing units are currently under construction and that funding has been allocated for the City's Pathways project, which is a comprehensive plan to address homelessness and the 2020 Vision initiative for improving education in the City.

11. Request for Future Agenda Items

There were no recommendations concerning future agenda items.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director