

# ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of November 14, 2018

The meeting, hosted by Mayor Peggy McQuaid, City of Albany, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Barbara Halliday at the Belmont Village Senior Living Center located at 1800 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, California.

## 1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

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

City	Member Attendee
Alameda	Vice Mayor Malia Vella
Albany	Mayor Peggy McQuaid
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Dublin	Mayor Dave Haubert
Emeryville	Mayor John Bauters
Fremont	Mayor Lily Mei
Hayward	Mayor Barbara Halliday
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Al Nagy
San Leandro	Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter

## 2. Approval of the October 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Arreguin and seconded by Mayor Cutter to approve the October 10, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion was unanimous and so ordered.

## 3. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

## 4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Grace Crunican, General Manager, BART provided comments regarding AB2923 indicating that BART is committed to working with the cities and that BART did not initiate the measure but in fact, took a neutral position on it. The BART Board respects the housing challenge facing cities in the region. She expressed that she is open to meet with cities to discuss its approach and its projects.

## 5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

No comments.

## 6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

It was moved by Mayor Arreguin and seconded by Mayor Bauters to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to reappoint Pauline Russo Cutter as a Director to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District for a term of two years commencing December 1, 2018. Motion was unanimous and so ordered.

President Halliday indicated that the Nomination Committee decided to continue the discussion on the appointment to the East Bay Regional Park District Advisory Committee until the December 12, 2018 meeting in order to research information regarding eligibility requirements and the residential address of the applicant, Laura Thompson.

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Halliday to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to reappoint Liz Brisson as a District 5 representative to the Alameda County Transportation Commission Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee effective December 19, 2018 based upon approval by the ACTC. Motion was unanimous and so ordered.

President Halliday informed members of the current regional board openings and timelines for submittal of applications and anticipated appointments as listed in the agenda report for this item.

## **7. League of California City Reports, Legislative Updates and Actions**

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities provided a brief overview of the several ballot measures the League supported including Propositions 1 and 2, which were approved, and Proposition 6, which was defeated. She thanked members for their support on these propositions. On November 28, 2018, the League of California will hold a workshop for planning and setting priorities for the upcoming year.

## **8. Other Business Matters**

There were no other business matters discussed.

## **9. Host City Mayor's Report**

Mayor McQuaid welcomed attendees and introduced City of Albany councilmembers, and staff members. She utilized a PowerPoint presentation to provide information regarding the "village" attributes of the City including outdoor parties, events and key City features, developments, activities and specific events such as the Monster Race, the Uber Albany Local Cup, and Music in the Park.

Mayor McQuaid provided detailed information on the ninth Albany FilmFest, which lasts for one week during which various films are presented by a range of artists, including local filmmakers, a gala and educational opportunities for children. Some recent films include "Turn it Around: The Story of East Bay Punk", and "Four Wheel Bob". She stressed that the event is a collaboration between many agencies including the City.

Mayor McQuaid provided a detailed overview of the "Dinner with Albany" event, which occurs on Solano Avenue. Prizes are offered for the best decorated table and about 4,000 tables are set up for the event. The event also includes live music and activities of interest to the community.

Mayor McQuaid also discussed the City's efforts related to the United Against Hate campaign, which is supported by the City.

#### **10. Request for Future Agenda Items**

No recommendations.

#### **11. Meeting Presentation**

President Halliday introduced Elaine de Coligny, Executive Director, EveryOneHome to discuss the topic of homelessness in Alameda County. Elaine de Coligny expressed her thanks for inviting her and presented information on EveryOneHome's Strategic Update which provide a plan to reduce unsheltered individuals from 5,629 currently to 2,200 in five years for a total of a 500 reduction each year. She outlined the extensive community outreach to complete the Strategic Update including interviews with people currently homeless in the community, stakeholder interviews, community meetings and meetings with the EveryOneHome Board.

Elaine de Coligny utilized a PowerPoint presentation to highlight current conditions as well as the main elements in the Strategic Update. Data indicates that for every two people who become homeless for the first time in Alameda County, only one person returns to a permanent home. Further, there is a racial imbalance with African American and American Indian representing a larger percentage of people homeless than other races. Solutions identify the needs to address homelessness for various types of need including prevention, self-resolvers, rapid re-housing, subsidized permanent housing and permanent supportive housing. Some key specific goals include ending all family homelessness by 2023, ending chronic homelessness among veterans by 2020, reducing chronic homelessness by 50% in 2023, developing a youth action plan, and ensuring safe access to permanent housing to people experiencing domestic violence.

Proposed strategies include in the Strategic Update include expanding capacity 2,800 additional housing units dedicated to extremely low-income people experiencing homelessness, additional financial resources and investment of an additional \$228 million per year, building stronger partnerships, and aligning public policies.

Elaine de Coligny also discussed proposed Strategic Update actions including prevention, protecting dignity of people experiencing homelessness and expanding housing opportunities. She also encouraged cities to adopt the plan and stated she is available to meet with city officials to discuss any portion of the Strategic Update and its implementation. She answered questions from the audience.

**12. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian  
Executive Director