

# ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of June 12, 2019

The meeting, hosted by Mayor Ally Medina, City of Emeryville, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Al Nagy at the Hot Italian Restaurant located at 5959 Shellmound Street, Emeryville, California.

## 1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

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

City	Member Attendee
Alameda	Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft
Albany	Mayor Rochelle Nason
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Emeryville	Mayor Ally Medina
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Al Nagy
Oakland	Mayor Libby Schaaf
Piedmont	Mayor Robert McBain
San Leandro	Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter

## 2. Approval of the May 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Arreguin and seconded by Mayor Cutter to approve the May 8, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion was unanimous and so ordered.

## 3. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

## 4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Mayor Schaaf provided information regarding responses to AB-148.

Mayor McBain announced that Sarah Lillevand has been appointed the City of Piedmont's new City Manager and he expressed his appreciation to Paul Benoit who is retiring as City Manager later this month.

Laura Luong with the East Bay Municipal Water District discussed the agency's current planning in anticipation of PG&E's power cut-offs.

A member of the public commented on recent housing legislation indicating we don't need another regional agency.

Dee Rosario, boardmember with the East Bay Regional Parks District informed members of the District's newest flyer outlining uses and accomplishments related to Measure WW.

Stephen Baiter, Executive Director East Bay EDA notified members that the recently issued 2019-20 East Bay Economic Outlook report is now available.

#### **5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees**

Mayor Russo Cutter and Councilmember John Bauters provided an update on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

Mayor Arreguin reported regarding various housing bills being reviewed by ABAG including a focus on establishing a jobs housing balance and continuing work on a merging ABAG and MTC. He also indicated that he will be conducting a meeting on July 10, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. prior to the Mayors' Conference as preparation to Alameda County's plan concerning homelessness in Alameda County. His goal is to have a comprehensive set of recommendations and information that can be presented to the Alameda County.

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

President Nagy informed the members of the recommendations of the Nominating Committee.

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor McBain to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to reappoint Mayor Barbara Halliday to the East Bay Economic Development Alliance Executive Committee as the Eden representative for a term of two years effective July 1, 2019. The motion was unanimous and so ordered.

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Cutter to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint Lee Thomas to the Alameda County Human Relations Commission as representatives from the North Area for a term of three years effective July 1, 2019. The motion was unanimous and so ordered.

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Cutter to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint Regina Silber and Barbara Price to the Alameda County Advisory Commission on Aging as representatives from the North Area for a term of four years effective July 1, 2019. The motion was unanimous and so ordered.

It was moved by Mayor McBain and seconded by Mayor Medina to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to reappoint Ben Schweng to the Alameda County Transportation Commission Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee as a District 4 representative for a term of two years effective July 1, 2019. The motion was unanimous and so ordered.

President Nagy informed members of the current regional board openings and timelines for submittal of applications and anticipated appointments as detailed in the Executive Director's report for Item 6.

**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 recent state legislation including SB 5, and AB 516.

**8. Other Business Matter**

This item was continued until the July 10, 2019 meeting.

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

Mayor Ally Medina welcomed attendees and introduced City of Emeryville councilmembers and staff, and thanked City staff for their work on this event. Using a PowerPoint Presentation Mayor Medina provided information on new proposed developments and projects including plans for the old Sherwin Williams site, Estrella Vista affordable housing project, the Horton Street protected bike lanes project, a Multi-Modal Connectivity facility with free shuttles, the Rotten City Block Party that will be held on August 24, 2019, and Christie Park.

**10. Request for Future Agenda Items**

There were no recommendations for future agenda items.

**11. Meeting Presentation**

President Nagy introduced Chris Richardson, Chief Program Officer and Julie Lang, East Bay Director at Downtown Streets Team, which is a local non-profit dealing with homelessness. Julie Lang provided information regarding the current status of homelessness and indicated that a total of 71% of homeless are not chronic and with the appropriate motivation, they can transition to employment and housing by using their work experience model. She described local team meetings where unhoused people are helping other unhoused people with their homelessness. Their program goal is to move people on to employment at the persons own pace.

Julia Lang indicated that it's City of Hayward team is their first East Bay team and they partner heavily with other organizations developing a fabric of help. They are also completing a pilot program in the City of Oakland. They are currently operating in 13 cities and funded from a variety of sources. Chris Richardson indicated that the program is successful and that it will continue to use various means to fund its services.

**12. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steven Bocian  
Executive Director