

Alameda County Mayors' Conference

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

July 13, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Oakland Zoo

[9777 Golf Links Road, Oakland, CA](#)

Habitarium, Room 101

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of June 8, 2022, Meeting Minutes*
3. Agenda Amendments
4. Public Comments and Other Announcements
5. Member Reports on Regional Boards and Activities
6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications*

Board Name/ Appointment	District	Incumbent	Applicant(s)	Start	End
Association of Bay Area Governments, Executive Board	N/A	Mayor Halliday	Mayor Halliday	July 2022	December 2022
EveryOne Home Leadership Board	Tri-Valley	None	Josh Thurman	July 2022	July 2025
EveryOne Home Leadership Board	South County	None	Laurie Flores	July 2022	July 2025

*Applications submitted for appointment will always be included with the Nominating Committee agenda packet, which also includes a listing of current regional board vacancies.

7. League of California Cities' Report, Legislative Updates, and Actions
 - a) Samantha Caygill, East Bay Regional Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities
8. Meeting Presentation

Presenter: Nik Dehejia, Chief Executive Officer, Oakland Zoo
Presentation Topic: The Oakland Zoo
9. Other Business Matters
 - a) Consideration of United States Conference of Mayors Resolution Concerning Supreme Court Opinion on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*
10. Request for Future Agenda Items
11. Adjournment

*Denotes report included below or attached material. Regional board applications are included with the Nominating Committee agenda packet

Note: The Mayors' Conference or the Alameda County City Selection Committee may act on any subject posted on this agenda, including nominations from the floor for regional boards.

For questions or information regarding this Agenda, contact Steven Bocian, Executive Director at: sbocian@acmayorsconference.org

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Executive Director's Report

Item 6 - Appointment to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

The Nominating Committee is scheduled to review the applications received and make appointments to the regional boards listed in this agenda. Please see the Nominating Committee agenda packet for additional information, including applications and the listing of current regional board vacancies.

RECOMMENDATION - Consider the Nominating Committee's recommendations and make appointments to the above-listed regional board(s).

Item 9 - Consideration of United States Conference of Mayors Resolution Concerning Supreme Court Opinion on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*

Mayor Russo Cutter provided a model resolution received at the United States Conference of Mayors in opposition to the state of Arizona law banning abortion after 15 weeks of gestation (Attachment 1). Some mayors have expressed an interest in endorsing the resolution.

To state an opinion on national or world issues, the Mayors' Conference has typically not agendized the issue until there is an affirmative vote from the mayors. However, due to the timeliness of this matter, and a request by some mayors, it has been placed on the agenda for consideration. Three potential options for addressing this matter are listed below:

1. Do not take action on the item until there is an affirmative vote to support agendizing it at a future meeting.
2. Take action supporting the resolution (Attachment 1)
3. Adopt the attached Mayors' Conference resolution prepared by the Executive Director modeled after the United States Conference of Mayors resolution. However, this resolution is more generally focused on the recent Supreme Court *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* opinion and is not as specific to the Arizona law (Attachment 2)

RECOMMENDATION - Consider the above and take action on the options listed above or an alternative. If a resolution is adopted, the Executive Director will process and distribute it to all members.

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Speaker Bio

As a 16-year veteran of Oakland Zoo, Nik Dehejia's role as Chief Executive Officer is integral to all Zoo operations. Nik's passion for advancing the Zoo into the future, both in wildlife conservation and as a visitor destination, has been key to establishing Oakland Zoo as we know it today.

On a recent Oakland Zoo-sponsored ecotour to Africa, Nik met with many of the Zoo's frontline conservation partners there, seeing firsthand the profound impact the Zoo's ongoing support makes for wildlife abroad. A board member of the Regional Parks Foundation, Visit Oakland, and Wildlife Restoration Foundation, and as a member of the prestigious AZA (Association of Zoo and Aquariums) and Awards Committee and AZA Trends Committee, Nik's twin goals of Taking Action for Wildlife and over-arching future progress drives successful projects across Oakland Zoo.

In a massive undertaking representing the best in Oakland Zoo's collaboration with community leaders, political leaders, and the diverse members of our Bay Area community, Nik oversaw the development of the California Trail, a \$71-million-dollar project that included a Leed-certified Veterinary Hospital (opened in 2012), a Biodiversity Center (opened in 2013), and the California Trail (opened in 2018).

A 26-year resident in the Bay Area, Nik holds an MBA from U.C. Berkeley and has been a board member for Heyday Books, Community Initiatives, and Slide Ranch. Before Oakland Zoo, Nik worked in international public policy at the World Resources Institute and World Bank, in corporate responsibility at Business for Social Responsibility, and in a more traditionally commercial role at Levi Strauss & Co. The father of two teenagers, Nik lives in Alameda.

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CALENDAR OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Meeting Date	Host City*
July 13, 2022	Oakland Zoo
August 2022	Annual Recess
September 14, 2022	City of San Leandro
October 12, 2022	Virtual Zoom Meeting
November 9, 2022	City of Hayward
December 14, 2022	Virtual Zoom Meeting

**The Alameda County Mayors' Conference will continue to hold virtual meetings every other month until further notice. Meeting information is available at www.alamedacountymayorsconference.org*

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of June 8, 2022

This telephonic/video meeting, held in compliance with Alameda County's shelter in place order, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft using a Zoom software interface.

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 Preston Jordan
Emeryville	Mayor John Bauters
Fremont	Mayor Lily Mei
Hayward	Mayor Barbara Halliday
Livermore	Mayor Bob Woerner
Newark	Mayor Al Nagy
Piedmont	Mayor Teddy Gray King
Pleasanton	Mayor Karla Brown

2. Approval of the May 11, 2022, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Halliday and seconded by Mayor Gray King to approve the May 11, 2022, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote. Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft was not present for the vote.

3. Reconfirmation of Alameda County Mayors Conference Resolution 3.21 Adopting Findings for the Continuation of Virtual Meetings

It was moved by Mayor Woerner and seconded by Mayor Arreguin to approve Resolution 3.21 adopting findings to continue virtual meetings. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote. Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft was not present for the vote.

4. Agenda Amendments

No agenda amendments

5. Public Comments and Other Announcements

No public comments or announcements

6. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Mayor Arreguin discussed ABAG MTC efforts to place a regional housing funding measure on the 2024 ballot and reminded mayors of the ABAG June 17, 2022 General Assembly meeting.

7. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

President Lilly Mei announced that the Nominating Committee recommended the application included with its June 8, 2022, meeting agenda and opened the floor for comments/nominations. Seeing no nominations, it was moved by Mayor Halliday and seconded by Mayor Nagy that the Alameda County Mayors' Conference accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to reappoint Mayor Jesse Arreguin to the Association of Bay Area Governments Executive Board for a term of two years commencing in June 2022. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

8. League of California City Reports, Legislative Updates and Actions

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities (League), provided an update on the state's legislative activities, including budget discussions taking place to meet the June 15, 2022 budget submittal deadline and various bills, including AB 1740, AB 241 and SB 1087 related to curbing catalytic converter theft. She also indicated that the League would be conducting webinars to discuss emergency drought regulations approved by Governor Newsome. She announced that registration has opened for the Leagues' Annual Conference, and the bocce ball tournament will resume this year after a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19.

9. Meeting Presentation

Aundi Mevoli, Program Intern, and Jon Rosenfeld, Senior Scientist, both from San Francisco Baykeeper, utilized a PowerPoint Presentation to discuss the role of San Francisco Baykeeper in helping cities adapt to sea-level rise and climate change. Aundi described Baykeeper's history and how it works with cities. She indicated that its most significant concern is the impact that future climate changes will have on local communities since emerging science indicates that there will be a 3.5 st. sea-level rise by 2070. This condition will create flooding in coastal and interior cities resulting from emerging groundwater. She outlined recommended city General Plans to remediate and minimize the impacts with programs related to regenerative landscaping, mapping ground water, seeking grant funding, and removing toxic waste. She indicated the goal is to work closely with cities and regional agencies.

Questions and comments were made by Mayors Jordan, Halliday, Nagy, Ashcraft, and Arreguin.

10. Other Business Matter

- a) Steven Bocian, Executive Director, provided an overview of the July 13, 2022, business meeting that will be held at the Oakland Zoo.

Mayor Arreguin reminded members of the EveryOne Home vacancies, which are to be filled with local elected officials, preferable mayors.

11. Request for Future Agenda Items

Mayor Halliday recommended contacting ABAG staff for a presentation concerning its Technical Assistance Portal and other tools and resources available to cities.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director

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ADOPTED BY THE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL

June 7, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 23477

RELATING TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE; DECLARING MAYOR AND COUNCIL'S OPPOSITION TO THE DRAFT OPINION IN *DOBBS V. JACKSON WOMEN'S HEALTH ORGANIZATION*; DENOUNCING SENATE BILL 1164 AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF ARIZONA LAW CRIMINALIZING ABORTION; SUPPORTING THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF PREGNANT PERSONS INCLUDING THEIR ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE AND ABORTIONS; SUPPORTING AND AUTHORIZING REVISIONS TO THE TUCSON POLICE DEPARTMENT'S GENERAL ORDERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, access to health care promotes the general welfare of Tucson residents; and

WHEREAS, access to reproductive health care is critical to women's physical, psychological, and socioeconomic well-being; and

WHEREAS, abortion is a safe medical intervention that roughly one in four women have had in their lifetime;¹ and

WHEREAS, the right to decide to have an abortion before viability has been United States Supreme Court precedent for nearly 50 years; and

WHEREAS, the leaked draft majority opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* would overturn the constitutional right to abortion as recognized in *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), and reaffirmed in *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey*, 505 U.S. 833 (1992); and

WHEREAS, in its last legislative session, the Arizona Legislature adopted, and Governor Ducey signed, Senate Bill (S.B.) 1164, which amends Arizona's abortion statutes

¹ *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. Brief of amici curiae Am. Coll. of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Am. Med. Ass'n., et al., <https://reproductiverights.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Major-Medical-Groups-Amicus-Brief.pdf#page=23>.

to add a new article banning abortions after 15 weeks of gestation except in narrowly defined medical emergencies,² and also providing that physicians who violate the ban are guilty of a criminal offense and subject to civil penalties;³ and

WHEREAS, S.B. 1164 follows a history of state laws aimed at limiting or denying access to abortion care, including an even more restrictive law, A.R.S. § 13-3603, that imposes a total ban on abortions and subjects providers to up to five years of imprisonment for performing abortions; and

WHEREAS, S.B.1164 is a near duplicate of the Mississippi ban at the center of *Dobbs v. Jackson*. If the United States Supreme Court maintains its draft decision, S.B. 1164 and other laws that currently are unenforceable because of *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* will be allowed to go into effect, prompting the Center for Reproductive Rights to designate Arizona “hostile” to abortion care;⁴ and

WHEREAS, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and other prominent medical organizations have determined that abortion bans will harm, rather than improve, patient health;⁵ and

WHEREAS, the narrow medical emergency exception in S.B. 1164, like the Mississippi ban, does not adequately protect patients in instances of serious medical conditions that may not qualify as “medical emergencies;”⁶ and

WHEREAS, abortion bans disproportionately target minority and lower-income patients, with up to 75% of those seeking abortion care living at or below 200% of the

² *To be codified as Gestational Limit on Abortion*, A.R.S. §§ 36-2321 to -2326.

³ A.R.S. §§ 36-2324 to -2325.

⁴ <https://reproductiverights.org/maps/state/arizona/>.

⁵ *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*. Brief of amici curiae American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American Medical Association, *et al.*, https://www.supremecourt.gov/DocketPDF/19/19-1392/193074/20210920174518042_19-1392%20bsacACOGetal.pdf#page=29

⁶ *Id.* at https://www.supremecourt.gov/DocketPDF/19/19-1392/193074/20210920174518042_19-1392%20bsacACOGetal.pdf#page=37

federal poverty level, and the majority identifying as Black, Hispanic, Asian, or Pacific Islander;⁷ and

WHEREAS, forcing patients to continue pregnancy subjects them to complications and a risk of death that is 14-times higher than abortion;⁸ and

WHEREAS, research shows that women denied a wanted abortion are less financially secure in subsequent years than those who received an abortion and being denied an abortion increases the chances that a woman's existing children live in poverty.⁹

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUCSON, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Mayor and Council support the rights of pregnant persons in the City to obtain access to the full spectrum of reproductive healthcare, including abortion care.

SECTION 2. The Mayor and Council oppose the draft majority opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*.

SECTION 3. The Mayor and Council denounce and oppose the implementation of S.B. 1164 and other Arizona laws that prohibit and criminalize abortions, including A.R.S. §§ 13-3603 through -3605 and A.R.S. § 36-2159, which if implemented will harm the autonomy and well-being of pregnant persons.

SECTION 4. The Mayor and Council support Tucson Police Chief Chad Kasmar in his establishing law enforcement priorities that consider the need to protect the physical, psychological, and socioeconomic well-being of pregnant people and their care providers.

⁷*Id.* at https://www.supremecourt.gov/DocketPDF/19/19-1392/193074/20210920174518042_19-1392%20bsacACOGetal.pdf#page=39.

⁸*Id.* at https://www.supremecourt.gov/DocketPDF/19/19-1392/193074/20210920174518042_19-1392%20bsacACOGetal.pdf#page=40.

⁹*Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. Brief of amici curiae Social Science Experts, https://www.supremecourt.gov/DocketPDF/19/19-1392/192992/20210920145519814_19-1392_Amicus%20Brief.pdf#page=51.

SECTION 5. If the United States Supreme Court overturns *Roe* and/or *Casey*, and/or if the Court upholds Mississippi's 15-week ban, the Mayor and Council support and authorize the Chief of Police to revise the Tucson Police Department's (TPD) General Orders to reflect that no physical arrest will be made by an officer for an alleged violation of A.R.S. §§ 13-3603 through -3605; A.R.S. § 36-2159; and/or the new title 36, ch. 23, Art. 3 and any charge arising out of those laws can proceed only by long form in lieu of arrest, where the conduct in question occurs at a medical facility.

SECTION 6. If the United States Supreme Court overturns *Roe* and/or *Casey*, or in the alternative, the United States Supreme Court does not formally overturn *Roe* and/or *Casey* but nevertheless upholds Mississippi's 15-week ban, the Mayor and Council support and authorize the Chief of Police to revise TPD's General Orders to reflect that if or when TPD receives a complaint asserting solely a violation of A.R.S. § 36-2159 or the new title 36, ch. 23, Art. 3, TPD will refer the matter to the Arizona Department of Health Services for investigation and will not respond to the premises if that premises is a licensed medical facility.

SECTION 7. The City Clerk is instructed to provide copies of this Resolution to the Tucson Police Department and the Pima County Attorney's Office

SECTION 8. The various City officers and employees are authorized and directed to perform all acts necessary or desirable to give effect to this Resolution.

SECTION 9. WHEREAS, it is necessary for the preservation of the peace, health, and safety of the City of Tucson that this Resolution become effective immediately, an emergency hereby is declared to exist, and this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of
Tucson, Arizona, June 7, 2022.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

REVIEWED BY:

CITY ATTORNEY

CITY MANAGER

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ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE

Resolution No. 1.22

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE RELATING TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE; DECLARING OPPOSITION TO THE OPINION IN *DOBBS V. JACKSON WOMEN'S HEALTH ORGANIZATION*; DENOUNCING STATE LAWS AND OTHER PROVISIONS CRIMINALIZING ABORTION; SUPPORTING THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF PREGNANT PERSONS, INCLUDING THEIR ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE AND ABORTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, access to health care promotes the general welfare; and

WHEREAS, access to reproductive health care is critical to women's physical, psychological, and socioeconomic well-being; and

WHEREAS, abortion is a safe medical intervention that roughly one in four women have had in their lifetime;¹ and

WHEREAS, the right to decide to have an abortion before viability has been a legal right for nearly 50 years; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* overturns the constitutional right to abortion as recognized in *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), and reaffirmed in *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey*, 505 U.S. 833 (1992); and

WHEREAS, State legislatures, including those in Arizona, Mississippi, Texas, and West Virginia, have adopted laws banning abortions generally after 15 weeks of gestation except in narrowly defined medical emergencies,² and also providing that physicians who violate the ban are guilty of a criminal offense and subject to penalties;³ and

WHEREAS, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and other prominent medical organizations have determined that abortion bans will harm, rather than improve, patient health;⁴ and

WHEREAS, the narrow medical emergency exceptions in State laws, such as Mississippi, do not adequately protect patients in instances of serious medical conditions that may not qualify as "medical emergencies;"⁵ and

WHEREAS, abortion bans disproportionately target minority and lower-income patients, with up to 75% of those seeking abortion care living at or below 200% of the federal poverty level, and the majority identifying as Black, Hispanic, Asian, or Pacific Islander;⁶ and

WHEREAS, forcing patients to continue pregnancy subjects them to complications and a risk of death that is 14-times higher than abortion;⁷ and

WHEREAS, research shows that women denied a wanted abortion are less financially secure in subsequent years than those who received an abortion, and being denied an abortion increases the chances that a woman's existing children live in poverty.⁹

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER THE FOLLOWING:

SECTION 1. The Alameda County Mayors' Conference supports the rights of pregnant persons in the City to obtain access to the full spectrum of reproductive healthcare, including abortion care.

SECTION 2. The Alameda County Mayors' Conference opposes the Supreme Court ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*.

SECTION 3. The Alameda County Mayors' Conference denounces and opposes the implementation of State laws that prohibit and criminalize abortions, which will harm pregnant persons' autonomy and well-being.

SECTION 4. The Alameda County Mayors' Conference supports law enforcement priorities that consider the need to protect pregnant people's physical, psychological, and socioeconomic well-being and their care providers.

SECTION 5. WHEREAS it is necessary for the preservation of the peace, health, and safety that this Resolution become effective immediately, an emergency hereby is declared to exist, and this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Alameda County Mayors' Conference at its meeting on July 13, 2022.

I, Steven Bocian, Executive Director of the Alameda County Mayors' Conference, certify that the Alameda County Mayors' Conference adopted this resolution at its meeting held on the thirteenth day of July 2022 by the following vote:

AYES

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTION:

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