

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of April 10, 2019

The meeting, hosted by Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci, City of Union City, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Barbara Halliday at the Kennedy Youth Center located at 1333 Decoto Road, Union City, 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
Dublin	Mayor Dave Haubert
Emeryville	Mayor Ally Medina
Hayward	Mayor Barbara Halliday
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Al Nagy
Piedmont	Mayor Robert McBain
Pleasanton	Mayor Jerry Thorne
San Leandro	Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

2. Approval of the March 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Cutter to approve the March 13, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion was unanimous and so ordered.

3. Agenda Amendments

President Halliday informed the mayors of the amendment to agenda item 8 (4) which was distributed on April 5, 2019.

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Ken Bukowski, an East Bay resident, expressed the need for more city representation at various CASA meetings.

Michael Northam with East Bay Economic Development Alliance introduced Stephen Baiter, the agency's new Executive Director and announced upcoming events. Stephen Baiter addressed the membership and expressed his enthusiasm and interest in working with all member cities.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Mayor Russo Cutter provided an update on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District including information regarding BAAQMD Wood Smoke Reduction Incentive Program and requested that information be distributed to staff as well as mayors so that it gets to the appropriate people in the city.

Mayor Arreguin provided an update on the CASA Legislative Task Force including an announcement that there is an upcoming meeting to discuss the regional framework.

Mayor Ashcraft also provided information on CASA and requested that mayors send her information regarding their issues and insights.

Mayor Dutra-Vernaci indicated that the MTC Regional Measure 3 has prevailed in court but that the case is now subject to appeal.

Mayor Marchand indicated that allowing the CASA Compact to move forward has created an impression on the state level that it was improved by the MTC.

President Halliday indicated that the Alameda County Oversight Board has recently approved measures as required.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

1.) *Sitting as the Alameda County City Selection Committee:*

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Nagy that the Alameda County City Selection Committee accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint Mayor Dave Haubert to the Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission as an Alternate member for a term of four years effective May 6, 2019. The 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 and informed members of the upcoming election of officers that is scheduled for the May 2019 meeting.

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 bills related to regulating rent increases and rental assistance, and source reduction. She recommended members to be prepared to act as SB50 may move through the legislature quickly. She announced upcoming events including the Legislative Action Day scheduled for April 24, 2019

8. Other Business Matters

Mayor Arreguin and Councilmember Peggy McQuaid, City of Albany, made a presentation concerning United Against Hate week and Not in our Town.

President Halliday indicated that the Executive Committee discussed an amendment regarding reappointment priorities to regional boards for councilmembers in cities with rotating mayors who were appointed to the regional board while they were mayor.

It was moved by Mayor Halliday and seconded by Mayor Haubert that the Executive Director prepare an amendment to the bylaws for consideration at the May 8, meeting reflecting that mayors from rotating cities have the same priority for reappointment to regional boards other mayors on the following conditions:

- J The councilmember was a mayor at the time of appointment to the regional board;
- J The councilmember has been nominated by the city's current mayor;
- J The councilmember attends meetings regularly (or informs the current mayor) for the purpose of reporting activities of the regional board;
- J The councilmember is a current member of the city council.

President Halliday informed the membership that the Executive Committee discussed the concept of term limits for membership on a regional boards as raised in December 2018 and that it is was recommending a limit of eight years plus the duration of any unexpired term.

It was moved by Mayor Haubert and seconded by Mayor Dutra Vernaci that the Executive Director prepare an amendment to the bylaws establishing an eight year, plus any partial unexpired term, term limit for membership on a regional board. The motion was approved and so ordered with eleven (11) members voting in favor and one-member voting against (Russo-Cutter).

President Halliday provided information concerning the authorization of an April 10, 2019 letter prepared in response to the March 11, 2019 letter received from Jason Bezis regarding alleged Brown Act violations.

It was moved by Mayor Halliday seconded by Mayor Medina that the Executive Director be authorized to execute the letter dated April 10, 2019 and forward to Jason Bezis concerning alleged Brown Act violations regarding the Alameda County City Selection Committee. The motion was unanimous and so ordered.

9. Host City Mayor's Report

Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci welcomed attendees and introduced City of Union City councilmembers, staff, and community members and thanked the staff for their work on this event. She indicated that everything that we will be using for dinner is compostable.

Using a PowerPoint presentation Mayor Dutra-Vernaci informed members of the facts about Union City including that 42% of population is immigrant born and 46% have a college degree. She also indicated that the population is aging, that the city has the second-best maintained roadways, that it is a Compassionate City and that the City just held an Annual Sheik Turban day. The City just recently adopted comprehensive commercial cannabis program, is developing a five-year strategic plan, a ten-year financial forecasting model and is continuing to work on building out property near the Union City BART Station as part of a Station Transformation District. She identified current challenges facing the City including costs for fires services, the impact on online retail on local businesses, economic development and employee benefits and wages. She provided information regarding the development and reutilization of the Kennedy Youth Center.

10. Request for Future Agenda Items

There were no recommendations for future agenda items.

11. Meeting Presentation

President Halliday introduced Casey Farmer, Executive Director of Alameda County's Complete Count Committee to discuss the upcoming 2020 Census. Casey Farmer indicate that the upcoming census is important for many reasons including the fact that it determines significant federal funding, congressional representation and an account of local demographics. A total of 60% of federal dollars is distributed based on census figures and as a result it is important to have an accurate count.

Casey Farmer indicated that this will be the first digital census and it is important that the public is informed regarding the process and importance of this census. The census will include nine questions and a question regarding citizenship is scheduled to be reviewed by the Supreme Court later this month. The census questionnaire will be printed in 22 languages, which is less than the 59 languages spoken in Alameda County. She provided information regarding hard to count population and stressed how important it is that these individuals be included in the census and discussed the process and timeline overall. She also stressed that the personal information on the census is confidential and that personal information cannot be used by ICE, the IRS or any other agency. The majority of the counting will occur in March through May 2020.

She responded to questions from the audience and urged members to contact here for further information and public outreach.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director