

# ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of March 11, 2020

The meeting, hosted by Mayor Nick Pilch, City of Albany, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Al Nagy at the Albany Community Center located at 1249 Marin 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	Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft
Albany	Mayor Nick Pilch
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Dublin	Mayor Dave Haubert
Emeryville	Mayor Christian Patz
Fremont	Mayor Lily Mei
Hayward	Mayor Barbara Halliday
Newark	Mayor Al Nagy
Oakland	Mayor Libby Schaaf
Piedmont	Mayor Robert McBain

## 2. Approval of the February 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Patz and seconded by Mayor Ashcraft to approve the February 12, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion was unanimous and so ordered.

## 3. Agenda Amendments

No agenda amendments.

## 4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

A member of the public, Ken Bukowski expressed concern about SB238. Frank Mellon, Director, East Bay Municipal Water District, provided information on water conservation and using water thoughtfully.

## 5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committee

John Bauters, Director, Bay Area Air Quality Management District provided an update on recent District activity.

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

It was moved by Mayor Patz and seconded by Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft that the Alameda County City Selection Committee accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to reappoint John Bauters, Councilmember, City of Emeryville, as a

Director to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District for a term of two years effective April 13, 2020. The motion was unanimous and so ordered.

President Nagy informed members of the current regional board vacancies and directed them to review Item 6 of the Executive Director's Report, which provides detailed vacancy information.

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

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities indicated that the League is monitoring the coronavirus closely and that future League meetings will be adjusted in accordance with state and regional guidelines. Ms. Caygill indicated that 2,297 bills were introduced by the end of February 2020, including bills related to addressing homelessness and housing and she provided information regarding the League's current positions on these issues. She also announced upcoming League meetings, including a discussion on the current RHNA process and reminded members that April 9, 2020 is the deadline for the receipt of Helen Putman award applications.

**8. Other Business Matter**

Coleen Chowla, Director, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, provided information on COVID-19 reiterating information shared this afternoon on a conference call with local officials. She also indicated that the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a worldwide pandemic. She indicated that all known cases in Alameda County are from high exposure risk contact, outlined the symptoms of coronavirus and described the County's Health Care Services recently issued guidance. She also indicated that the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency has been active in providing public information to government officials and the general public and requested that members provide weblinks to the Agency's website to assure that the public is sharing the same information.

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

Mayor Nick welcomed attendees and introduced City of Albany councilmembers and guests and city staff who he thanked for their work in changing venues with a short notice. He thanked Mayor Schaaf for working with Governor Newsome regarding the Grand Princess ship that will be docking in Oakland and spoke of the evolution of the city of Albany including its new housing developments, a specific plan for San Pablo Avenue, and plans for a new affordable housing project. He introduced Susan Friedland, Chief Executive Officer for Satellite Affordable Housing Associates who discussed plans for an affordable housing project on Cleveland Avenue.

**10. Request for Future Agenda Items**

There were no requests for future agenda items.

**11. Meeting Presentation**

Jamie Almanza, Executive Director for Bay Area Community Services (BACS) provided a presentation concerning community-based organizations' role,

responsibility, strengths and challenges in partnering with cities to solve the unhoused crisis. She indicated that beginning in 2007, BACS began focusing on serving the unhoused population and that this effort continues today with the Keep Oakland Housed program. She also discussed some of the causes of homelessness, the main attributes of the Keep Oakland Housed program, key BACS organizational goals and discussed various levels of intervention to keep people housed all of which are addressed by BACS services. She discussed the need to break down silos that act as an impediment to regional housing solutions and indicated that cities and the county can help BACS by streamlining the permitting and compliance process and supporting flexible subsidy pools.

**12. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian  
Executive Director