

# ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of May 13, 2020

This a 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 Al Nagy 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 Nick Pilch
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Dublin	Mayor Dave Haubert
Emeryville	Mayor Christian Patz
Fremont	Mayor Lily Mei
Hayward	Mayor Barbara Halliday
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Al Nagy
Oakland	Mayor Libby Schaaf
Piedmont	Mayor Robert McBain
Pleasanton	Mayor Jerry Thorne
San Leandro	Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

## 2. Approval of the April 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft to approve the April 15, 2020 meeting minutes. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Ezzy Ashcraft, Pilch, Arreguin, Haubert, Patz, Halliday, Marchand, Nagy, McBain, Thorne, Russo Cutter, Dutra-Vernaci.

Noes: None

Absent: Members Mei, Schaaf

## 3. Agenda Amendments

No agenda amendments.

## 4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Ellen Corbett, Board President, East Bay Regional Park District provided an update regarding the status of its parks and trails during the COVID-19 shelter in place order indicating that parks are operating and that some restrooms are

beginning to open. She expressed an interest in the Park District partnering with cities towards the opening of parks and public spaces. The mayors inquired regarding various park openings and services including parking fees, fishing availability and joint town hall meetings.

Stephen Baiter, Executive Director of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance announced that the Spring Membership Meeting, which will be held on May 21, 2020 as a video teleconference meeting, will include the presentation of the 2020-2021 East Bay Economic Outlook Report and he thanked cities for participating in the East Bay small business survey.

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

Mayor Dutra-Vernaci provided an update on the MTC including its budget workshop and the implementation of its cashless bridge toll collection system.

Mayor Halliday County provided an update on the Association of Bay Area of Governments (ABAG) indicating an interest in requesting an extension for the completion of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process and the Plan Bay Area.

Mayor Russo Cutter commented on the Bay Area Air Quality Control District activities including funding reduction for the Community Air Risk Evaluation Program.

Mayor Marchand indicated that the Valley Link Project's Executive Advisory Committee recommended full funding for the Valley Link Project and the recommendation will be heard later this month by the Valley Link Project Board and the Alameda County Transportation Commission.

Mayor Arreguin provided an update on ABAG and the RHNA Housing Methodology Committee indicating that it is moving ahead with the RHNA process and that discussions are currently focused on income distribution methodology. He further indicated that ABAG is still required to meet completion deadlines but that he will be sending a letter to the state regarding extending the timeline and the potential loss of funding which is earmarked to be used for completion of housing elements.

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

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 discussed the League's fiscal impact survey which shows an estimated \$7B COVID-19 related financial shortfall over two years. The shortfall will impact a wide range of city services including police, fire, library,

and parks and recreation services. She discussed the federal legislation H.R. 6800 HEROS Act and indicated that the state intends to adopt a simple “workload only” budget and that there will be minimal state legislative activity focusing on COVID-19, housing, and wildfire issues.

#### **8. Meeting Presentation**

Scott Rogalski, Director of Northern California Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Finance Center, provided information regarding the agency’s services including assisting small businesses with apply for and processing low interest and deferred business loans from the federal government’s Small Business Administration and California Go-Biz program.

#### **9. Other Business Matter**

Members discussed issues related to COVID-19 including:

Mayor Cutter commented on requests from local churches to reopen. Mayor Haubert indicated that the City of Dublin has also received requests to reopen and Mayor Schaaf indicated that Oakland has helped churches by providing technical information to facilitate streaming services into homes.

Mayor Schaaf announced that Oakland’s Disparities Task Force will have its first meeting on May 14, 2020 and that it will be broadcast on her YouTube channel. The Oakland City Council has formed an Economic Recovery Council.

Mayor Halliday commented that Alameda County has concerns regarding the reopening of churches and that she would like to know when cities can start holding public meetings. She also commented on the County’s proposed moratorium on rent evictions ordinance and expressed concern that it would override each city’s ordinance. Mayor Arreguin indicated that Alameda County has not adopted the ordinance and that it is schedule to be back before the Board of Supervisors on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. He indicated their biggest concern is with how the rent debt is paid. He also indicated that he reviewed the Board of Supervisor’s letter concerning the CARE Act which stated that it was not in agreement with the cities letter concerning the allocation of funds.

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

A request was made to invite the Alameda County Counsel to attend a future meeting to discuss the County’s proposed rent eviction moratorium ordinance.

A request was made to invite Dr. Erica Pan, Interim Alameda County Health Officer, to attend a future meeting for a general discussion regarding the County’s shelter in place order.

**11. Election of Alameda County Mayors' Conference Officers including the Offices of President, Vice President and Appointment of Treasurer**

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Halliday that the membership accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint David Haubert, Mayor, City of Dublin, as the Alameda County Mayors' Conference President for a term of one year beginning on May 14, 2020 and concluding at the Conference's May 12, 2021 Business Meeting, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor, City of Alameda, as the Alameda County Mayors' Conference Vice President for a term of one year beginning on May 14, 2020 and concluding at the Conference's May 12, 2021 Business Meeting and Jeff Kay, City Manager, San Leandro, as Treasurer for a term consistent with his employment as the City of San Leandro's City Manager or until such time as changed by members. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Ezzy Ashcraft, Pilch, Arrequin, Haubert, Patz, Halliday, Marchand, Nagy, Schaaf, McBain, Thorne, Russo Cutter, Dutra-Vernaci.  
Noes: None  
Absent: Members Mei

Mayor Haubert and Vice President Ezzy Ashcraft expressed their appreciation for being elected and the work carried out by outgoing President Nagy.

Respectfully submitted,

*Steven Bocian*

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Executive Director