

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of July 8, 2020

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 David Haubert 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
Dublin	Mayor Dave Haubert
Emeryville	Mayor Christian Patz
Hayward	Mayor Barbara Halliday
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Al Nagy
Piedmont	Mayor Robert McBain
San Leandro	Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

2. Approval of the June 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Dutra-Vernaci to approve the June 10, 2020 meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

3. Agenda Amendments

No agenda amendments.

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Mayor Haubert introduced Clifford Chan, the newly appointed General Manager for the East Bay Municipal Utility District and Mr. Chan discussed his background and provided a summary of the organization, its customer service focus and its plan for the future including its social justice perspective.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Mayor Halliday indicated that the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board approved a staff recommendation to activate the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority as authorized in AB1487 to further the interest in building housing in the region. She also indicate that ABAB received the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) numbers from the State and that it represent an 135% increase over the current RHNA period.

Mayor Dutra-Vernaci updated members on recent activity of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) including the status of its move to cashless tolling as soon as possible and the status of its federal CARE funding.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

It was moved by Mayor Dutra Vernaci and seconded by Mayor Patz that the membership accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to reappoint Councilmember Ally Medina, to the East Bay Economic Development Alliance for a term of two years effective July 1, 2020. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

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

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities (League) discussed the status of the California legislature which is currently on break. She indicated that the State Budget was approved but indicated they may review it again in the future once there are better numbers regarding tax revenues. She indicated that there is a total of \$500M available to cities in CARE's funding and she discussed details regarding the expenditure requirements and tracking process for these funds

8. Meeting Presentation

Darlene Flynn, Director, City of Oakland, Department of Race and Equality made a PowerPoint presentation outlining the department's mission, programs, goals, and accomplishments. The presentation included matters such as providing a definition and stating the importance of the words equality and equity and systemic racism, taking a blame free approach to addressing racial equality issues, focusing on taking responsibility, a vision that includes the elimination of racial disparities and the development of racial equity. She discussed the program's three primary goals including identifying and eliminating systemic causes of racial disparities in city government, promoting inclusion and full participation, and reducing race-based communities. She discussed working assumptions about race and indicated that her department provides the tools to deal with these assumptions and she discussed the race and equity change process. She presented a map depicting redlining and discussed the historical roots of racial residential segregation and persistent poverty. She also discussed the need to replace common narratives about disparities, which restricts change. She concluded by informing members that one of the department's approach is to tell people that they should not just tell a different version of the same story but that they should change the story.

Darlene Flynn addressed member questions.

9. Other Business Matter

a) Discussion Regarding COVID-19.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft discussed the status of the Oakland Zoo encouraging members to contact their County Supervisor to encourage it to allow the Zoo to reopen. The members asked the Executive Director to prepare a letter to the Supervisors that could be sent my individual members requesting that it be reopened. Asked that we send a letter to support the zoo.

b) Discussion regarding civil unrest Mayors.

Mayor Cutter advised members of a recent protest in front of her house.

Mayor Pilch discussed a recent town hall meeting on racism and that the City is hiring a consultant to work with its Social and Economic Justice Commission to address some of the issues it heard at the meeting.

Mayor Haubert discussed efforts on the City of Dublin and its Zoom town hall meetings.

Mayors Cutter and Dutra Vernaci discussed Alameda County Supervisor Richard Valle's meeting regarding efforts to expand the Alameda County Fire Department and fire services in Union City including an attempt to have an initiative regarding fire services.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft discussed how they are reimagining police service and exploring alternative service delivery models and she discussed and interest in a program similar to the Crisis Assistance Helping out on the Streets (CAHOOTS) program currently operating in Eugene, Oregon. City of Albany Councilmember Peggy McQuad expressed an interest in a coordinated county-wide program similar to CAHOOTS. Mayor Marchand indicating that Alameda County is piloting a similar program referred to a CATS.

10. Request for Future Agenda Items

Members requested an interest in scheduling a presentation from CAHOOTS and that the Alameda County Community Assessment and Transportation Team (CATT) program.

11. Discussion Regarding Status of a September 2020 Business Meeting

Members indicated that the Executive Director should work to try and get the Oakland Zoo opened and that if so, that the September meeting would be held at the Zoo. If the Zoo is not open at that time, then the next alternative would be to have a regular business meeting on September 9, 2020.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director