

# ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of March 10, 2021

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 Ge'Neil Gary
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Dublin	Mayor Melissa Hernandez
Emeryville	Mayor Dianne Martinez
Fremont	Mayor Lily Mei
Hayward	Mayor Barbara Halliday
Livermore	Mayor Bob Woerner
Newark	Mayor Al Nagy
Oakland	Mayor Libby Schaaf
Piedmont	Mayor Teddy Gray King
Pleasanton	Mayor Karla Brown
San Leandro	Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

## 2. Approval of the February 10, 2021, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Russo Cutter, seconded by Mayor Mei to approve the February 10, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

## 3. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

## 4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Abigail Ilagan expressed her concern about domestic and sexual assault, including acts against children, and encouraged cities to work with local school districts to address this issue.

## 5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

John Bauters, councilmember, City of Emeryville, provided an update on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, including implementing the investment plan related to the AB 617 Community Action Plan. As Chair of the Stationary Forces Committee, he is currently involved with enforcement

action against Berkeley Asphalt. He indicated that the Agency's budget is in good shape at this time.

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

No appointments were made at this meeting.

President Ezzy Ashcraft reminded members of the current regional board vacancies included in the Nominating Committee agenda packet.

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

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities (League), informed members that the American Rescue Plan was approved with \$65B earmarked for cities nationwide. Payments will be delivered in two allocations one year apart and must be spent by 2024. She also encouraged members to attend the League's bill's briefing scheduled for next week. She also discussed B278 and SB9. Members discussed issues and perspectives related to SB9.

## **8. Meeting Presentation**

Alex Briscoe, Principal, the California Children's Trust, presented on the social and emotional health of California's children before and during the current COVID-19 pandemic. He provided information about Medicaid and its limitation, the increases in inpatient visits for suicide, suicidal ideation, and self-injury in children. He also discussed the issue of race, economics, and governmental administration related to this issue.

Mr. Briscoe answered questions from Mayor Hernandez, Schaaf, Brown, and Halliday.

## **9. Other Business Matter**

a) President Ezzy Ashcraft opened the floor to discuss the proposed Resolution 21-01 denouncing xenophobia and anti-Asian racism arising due to fears of the COVID-19 pandemic and affirming the Alameda County Mayors' Conference's commitment to the well-being and safety of Asian Pacific Islanders communities.

It was moved by Mayor Russo Cutter, seconded by Mayor Gray King to approve resolution 21-01 denouncing xenophobia and anti-Asian racism arising due to fears of the COVID-19 pandemic and affirming the Alameda County Mayors' Conference's commitment to the well-being and safety of Asian Pacific Islanders communities. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote. Union City was absent.

- b) Kathleen Clanon, MD, FACP, Medical Director, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, used a PowerPoint presentation to highlighting recent COVID-19 vaccination activity in Alameda County. Vaccine information was provided by city, race, age and health issues. Dr. Clanon addressed questions from Mayors Woerner, Cutter, Mei, Nagy, Ezzy Ashcraft.

It was agreed that Mr. Bocian would work with Mayor Mei to draft a letter encouraging Alameda County to prioritize vaccinating employees working at biological and medical firms in the Bay Area. These individuals have been making the medical supplies for COVID -19 relief.

**10. Request for Future Agenda and Guest Speakers**

Mayor Schaaf requested that Mr. Bocian work with her staff to schedule a speaker from the Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative to discuss its work on health and health disparities.

Mayor Schaaf recommended scheduling Michael Tubbs, former Mayor for the City of Stockton, to discuss the guaranteed income program.

Mayor Russo Cutter recommended a presentation from Alameda County to discuss the regionalization of the federal Housing Assisted Program (HAP) and the differences between the Home Emergency Assistance Program (HEAP). It was also recommended that the Mayors' Conference transmit a letter to Alameda County regarding this matter. As an alternative, a HAP representative could attend the meeting but not be a guest speaker.

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian  
Executive Director