

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of September 8, 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
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Dublin	Mayor Melissa Hernandez
Emeryville	Vice Mayor Scott Donahue
Fremont	Mayor Lily Mei
Hayward	Mayor Pro Tem Aisha Wahab
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

2. Approval of the July 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Russo Cutter seconded by Mayor Woerner to approve the July 14, 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

There were no comments or announcements.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Mayor Arreguin provided an update on the Regional Housing Needs Allocation process indicating that the Association of Bay Area Governments is currently reviewing the 28 appeals filed on the housing allocation and that the process is moving forward.

Mayor Russo Cutter provided an update on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District included its Vehicle Buy Back Program.

Mayor Mei discussed the plight of Afghan refugees in the City of Fremont and Afghans that have been in the City for some time. She is talking with community groups and agencies to determine the best options for assisting and will report back to the Mayors' Conference with any suggestions on how it can help.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

No appointments were scheduled for this meeting.

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

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities (League), provided an update on legislative action, including the status of AB 361 pertaining to open meeting laws and the continued use of teleconferencing for meetings should the Governors' Executive Order N-29-20 be rescinded. She also discussed SB 792, the continued look at broadband availability, and the annual League of California Cities Annual Conference.

8. Meeting Presentation

Emily Young, PSY.D., Administrator of the Youth and Family Services Bureau for the City of Hayward, and Tanya Bustamante, Aging Services Manager for the City of Berkeley Health, Housing, and Community Services, provided information as a follow up to the May 11, 2021, draft memo to Alameda County concerning Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) (Attached) and the opportunity for sharing related federal revenues with cities. The MAA program provides partial federal reimbursement for eligible administrative activities that support getting people enrolled in and using Medi-Cal-covered services.

The speakers used a PowerPoint presentation to introduce themselves and provide detailed information on the MAA program in their cities, including claiming plans, perpetual time studies, annual training, invoicing procedures, and program coordination. Emily Young indicated that the City of Hayward receives about \$400,000 to \$500,000 annually from the program. She noted that funding is a reimbursement mainly based on the number of individuals served in the community, the existing social services provided, and the staff time and capacity for program coordination.

Following the presentation, the speakers answered questions from Mayors Hernandez and Nagy. Mayor Schaaf provided more details on her interest in seeing the cities collaborate on developing a coordinated program and indicated it might be advantageous to utilize a consultant to assist cities with determining need and potential reimbursement.

Scott Coffin, Chief Executive Officer for the Alameda Alliance for Health, indicated that he had meaningful meetings with cities on this subject. He also stated that he welcomes information regarding opportunities for getting higher vaccination rates in all Alameda County cities.

9. Other Business Matter

a) Consideration of the City Council Partnership to Maximize Federal Funding for Health and Human Services.

This item was discussed as part of Agenda Item 8.

10. Request for Future Agenda Items

Mayor Russo Cutter indicated she could meet with other mayors to discuss federal recognition of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe.

Mayor Woerner expressed an interest in agendizing a discussion regarding the many ways that cities are addressing the COVID-19 pandemic, including vaccinations and potentially a coordinated statement to forward to Alameda County.

Mayor Arreguin discussed the City of Berkeley's mandate requiring vaccinations in specific business spaces, including those serving beverages, entertainment venues, etc.

Mayor Schaaf offered to provide information related to the Oakland Athletics proposed new stadium at Howard Terminal, including a tour of the proposed site if possible. She also indicated that the City of Oakland has made vaccinations a condition of employment.

President Ezzy Ashcraft indicated that we will agendize the COVID-19 discussion for the October 13, 2021, meeting and that she would like to schedule the Oakland A's discussion for the November 10, 2021 meeting.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director