

# ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of May 10, 2023

This meeting was called to order on May 10, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. by President Lily Mei at the Tesla Training Center located at 45201 Fremont Boulevard, Fremont, California.

President Mei introduced Hrushi Sagar, Tesla Production Leader of its Fremont and Lathrop facilities, who provided an overview of Tesla operations and these facilities. He thanked President Mei and the Mayors' Conference for visiting the facility.

## 1. Roll Call

The following mayors, or their elected alternates, were present during the proceedings:

City	Member Attendee
Alameda	Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Albany	Mayor Aaron Tiedemann
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Dublin	Mayor Melissa Hernandez
Fremont	Mayor Lily Mei
Hayward	Mayor Mark Salinas
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Michael Hannon
Piedmont	Mayor Jennifer Cavanaugh
Pleasanton	Mayor Karla Brown
San Leandro	Mayor Juan Gonzalez
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

## 2. Approval of the March 8, 2023, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Brown and seconded by Mayor Hernandez to approve the March 8, 2023, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

## 3. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

## 4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

There were no public comments.

## 5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Mayor Arreguin provided an update on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) efforts regarding a proposed regional affordable housing measure. He also indicated that the ABAG General Assembly will meet in San Francisco on June 15, 2023, to approve the agency budget and work plan.

Mayor Dutra Vernaci addressed members regarding the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) retreat, which focused on housing and transportation. She also discussed the proposed Bay Area Housing Bond.

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

President Mei announced that the Nominating Committee made its recommendations on the applications included in its May 10, 2023, meeting agenda and opened the floor for comments/nominations. Seeing no additional nominations, it was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Brown that the Alameda County Mayors Conference accept the Nominating Committee's recommendations for the following appointments:

Alfred Exner was reappointed as a member of the Alameda County Transportation Commission Independent Watchdog Committee representing District 4 for a full two-year term through May 2025.

Kristi Marleau was reappointed as a member of the Alameda County Transportation Commission Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a full two-year term through May 2025.

The motion was approved unanimously by a roll call vote and so ordered. Mayor Arreguin abstained

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

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities (League), provided an update on the state's legislative activities, including current bills and the governor's anticipated budget revisions. She thanked the mayors for remaining engaged in the continual review of state legislative activity and indicated that the Leagues' general membership meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2023, and the Boci tournament is scheduled for May 29, 2023.

## **8. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters**

No future agenda items were recommended.

## **9. Host City Mayors' Report**

Mayor Lily Mei introduced the City of Fremont elected officials and staff and thanked all involved with coordinating the event.

## **10. Other Business Matters**

a) Election of a President and Vice President to the Alameda County Mayors' Conference.

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Brown to appoint Mayor Jesse Arreguin, Berkeley, as President of the Alameda County Mayors' Conference for a term ending May 8, 2024. The position of vice president was continued until the June 14, 2023, meeting to allow additional time for submittal of applications.

## **11. Meeting Presentation**

President Lily Mei introduced Dr. Rose-Margaret Itua, Ohlone College, and Donovan Lozaro, Economic Development Director, Fremont, who discussed current initiatives driving new workforce industry partnerships. They focused on how the City of Fremont, Tesla, and Ohlone College are partnering to accommodate economic development opportunities. Efforts include a focus on closing the technology gap, a smart

manufacturing program, and encouraging students who want to advance in engineering. The partnership also includes an internship program accommodating 50 students this summer. Other programs include the Ohlone Manufacturing Development Program (MDP), the City's Earn and Learn program, and Manufacturing Week. Considerable effort is also directed toward advancing women in engineering, which includes working with middle school girls to educate them about an engineering career.

## **12. Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian  
Executive Director