

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of October 13, 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'Nell Gary
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Dublin	Mayor Melissa Hernandez
Emeryville	Mayor Dianne Martinez
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 September 8, 2021, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Russo Cutter seconded by Mayor Dutra Vernaci to approve the September 8, 2021, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote with Mayor Brown absent (arrived after the minutes).

3. Agenda Amendments

The agenda was amended to include Item 9b concerning consideration to adopt resolution 2.21.

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

a) Mayor Schaaf provided a draft letter outlining support for the Oakland Athletics' Howard Terminal Ballpark project and requested the mayors to consider its adoption. She used a PowerPoint presentation to outline significant aspects of the project, including jobs creation, offsite improvements, housing affordability, zero net emissions, and the increased assessed value of the site. She also discussed the financing aspects of the project and stated that no General Obligation bonds would be issued and that there was no risk to the City of Oakland's General Fund

Mayor Schaff addressed comments and questions from mayors Gray King, Russo Cutter, Woerner, and Halliday,

b) Casey Farmer, Director of Community Engagement, Alameda County, provided information regarding the current Alameda County Board of Supervisor's redistricting project and the status of the federal census. She indicated that a new State law requires greater redistricting transparency, including outreach and public meetings and that the new maps are expected to be in use for the 2022 election. She also detailed the criteria for drawing the new district boundaries.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Mayor Arreguin indicated that the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board is scheduled to take action on *Plan Bay Area 2050* at its October 21, 2021, meeting and that he would like to have its staff make a presentation on the Plan and its implementation at a future meeting date. He also provided an update on the Regional Housing Needs Allocation process and indicated that recent polling indicates a lack of adequate support to pursue a regional housing funding measure.

Mayor Hernandez informed members of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance's upcoming Innovation Awards event.

Mayor Dutra Vernaci provided an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

Mayor Halliday congratulated Mayor Arreguin for his recent ABAG appointment and informed members that the East Bay Economic Development Alliance has developed the *East Bay Forward* plan and encouraged members to review and comment on the document.

Mayor Russo Cutter provided an update on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

No appointments were scheduled for this meeting. Steven Bocian informed members that the current list of vacancies has been updated to include the East Bay Community Energy Community Advisory Committee and that appointments will be considered at the November 10, 2021, 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 SB 556, which was vetoed by the Governor, SB156, which will expand broadband services, and AB 14 and SB 4. related to communications was also passed and signed by Governor Newsom. She indicated that Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft will be the new President of the League's East Bay division, that

CALPERS will be conducting a webinar, and that the League is also holding an education forum later this month.

8. Meeting Presentation

Jenifer Adrio, Regional Chief Executive Officer, American Red Cross, Northern California Coastal Region, provided an overview of services provided in Alameda County, including the relocation of its offices from Oakland to Davis Street in the City of San Leandro. She provided a PowerPoint with information indicating that \$0.91 of every dollar received goes to services, that COVID-19 hindered some services, such as installing smoke alarms. She also detailed its services related to residential home fires and its Sickle Cell initiative.

Mayor Russo Cutter commented on the agency's services.

9. Other Business Matter

a) The mayors discussed various programs concerning the COVID-19 vaccination process. Mayor Woerner indicated that he recently coordinated programs and actions with Alameda County. As a result, it may not be necessary to address the County on its vaccination processes at this time. However, should COVID-19 expand during the winter months, additional coordination between cities and Alameda County may be necessary. Mayors Halliday, Brown, and Hernandez commented on their city's hybrid city council meetings.

b) Members considered the adoption of Mayors' Conference Resolution 2.12. Following discussion, it was moved by Mayor and seconded by Mayor that the Alameda County Mayors' Conference adopt Resolution 2.12, a resolution of the Alameda County Mayors' Conference and the Alameda County City Selection Committee adopting findings regarding social distancing and public health arising from the COVID-19 pandemic which warrant the continuation of virtual public meeting. It was moved by Mayor Nagy seconded by Mayor Brown to adopt Resolution 2.21. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote with Mayor Arreguin absent.

10. Request for Future Agenda Items

Steven Bocian indicated that he would poll mayors regarding interest and availability to attend a tour of the Howard Terminal site, which is being considered by the Oakland Athletics as the site for its Ballpark project.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director