

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of February 9, 2022

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 Preston Jordan
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Dublin	Mayor Melissa Hernandez
Emeryville	Mayor John Bauters
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 January 12, 2022, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Jordan seconded by Mayor Gray King to approve the January 12, 2022, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote. (Mayors Bauters and Schaaf were not present for the vote)

3. Reconfirmation of Alameda County Mayors Conference Resolution 3.21 Adopting Findings for the Continuation of Virtual Meetings

It was moved by Mayor Brown seconded by Mayor Woerner to approve Resolution 3.21 adopting findings to continue virtual meetings. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote. (Mayor Schaaf was not present for the vote)

4. Agenda Amendments

No agenda amendments

5. Public Comments and Other Announcements

No public comments

6. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Mayor Arreguin reported on a recent Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) joint planning committee meeting regarding the proposed transit-oriented commuting policy for One Bay Area funding. He will distribute the draft policy framework to the mayors.

Mayor Halliday reported that the Countywide Oversight Board approved all outstanding issues at its January 19, 2022 meeting. She also announced that she would not be seeking reelection in November 2022. Mayors Gray King, Bauters, and Mei commended and thanked Mayor Halliday for her many years of service.

7. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

President Ezzy Ashcraft announced that the Nominating Committee was unable to meet due to a computer malfunction. However, after an Executive Director summary report, she called for nominations.

It was moved by Mayor Jordan and seconded by Mayor Bauters that the membership reappoint Jeremy Johansen as a member to the Alameda County Transportation Commission Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a full two-year term running through February 2024. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

8. 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 the state's legislative activities.

9. Meeting Presentation

Dr. Margot Kushel, MD, Professor of Medicine, Director of UCSF Center for Vulnerable Populations; Kelly Knight, Ph.D. Professor and Vice-Chair of Department of Humanities and Social Services at UCSF; Graham Pruss, Ph.D. is a Post-Doctoral Scholar at UCSF Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative (BHHI), and Ned Resnikoff, Policy Manager at the BHHI made presentations concerning 1) homelessness among older adults: Causes, Consequences, and Solutions (Kushel and Resnikoff), and 2) Resident living in oversized vehicles in Oakland: What would meet their needs. (Knight and Pruss).

Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, Dr. Kushel provided statistics outlining homelessness within the population over 50 years of age. She indicated that this group's health is worse than the general population, and the majority of them became homeless for the first time after 50 years of age. She provided recommendations to address this issue, stating that the focus should be on the highest risk groups, including those residing in the high area deprivation index. Providing permanent housing opportunities should be prioritized, followed by social services after the housing is secured. Shared housing has proven to be successful.

Dr. Kushel answered questions and addressed comments from Mayors Bauters and Arreguin.

Using a PowerPoint presentation Kelly Knight and Graham Pruss discussed increases in vehicular homelessness. They stated that all types of vehicles are used, including cars, vans, trucks, and oversized vehicles. Their study estimates that 45% of the unsheltered in Alameda County live in vehicles. They provided additional information regarding the usage and challenges of this situation and recommended that cities consider expanding space capable of accommodating vehicular parking.

The presenters answered questions and addressed comments from Mayors Schaaf, Halliday, Ezzy Ashcraft, and Jordan.

The presenters were asked to provide the Executive Director with the slide decks for distribution to the membership.

10. Other Business Matter

Mayor Woerner expressed concern regarding the quality of Falck's service response times in the Tri-Valley area. He indicated that it had not met its service metrics for the past five months, and he is concerned with the limited options available to cities to address this issue. He thinks Contra Costa's public-private model has been more effective. Mayors Brown and Hernandez also expressed concern and stressed prioritizing the matter.

Mayors Dutra Vernaci, Gray-King, Mei, Schaaf, and Halliday, agreed with the need to address the issue.

Linda Smith, City Manager, City of Dublin, indicated that the county's city managers and fire chiefs were focused on the matter and looking for solutions. She suggested that staffing shortages and hospital processing are two conditions impacting the issue.

Mayor Halliday indicated it would be beneficial to present this matter at a future meeting. Mr. Bocian said he would meet with the city managers and try to schedule it for the March 9, 2022 meeting.

Mayor Brown informed members that the Board of Supervisors would be discussing this issue at its February 17, 2022 meeting, and she suggested that members contact their Supervisor regarding the matter.

11. Request for Future Agenda Items

The Executive Director will attempt to schedule both a review of the Falck ambulance service and a presentation regarding the East Bay Regional Park District at the March 9, 2022 meeting.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director