

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of July 13, 2022

This telephonic/video meeting, held at the Oakland Zoo located at 9777 Golf Links Road, Oakland, California, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Lily Mei.

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
Emeryville	Mayor John Bauters
Fremont	Mayor Lily Mei
Hayward	Mayor Barbara Halliday
Newark	Mayor Al Nagy
Oakland	Councilmember Treva Reid
Pleasanton	Mayor Karla Brown
San Leandro	Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

2. Approval of the June 8, 2022, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Bauters and seconded by Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft to approve the June 8, 2022, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously and so ordered.

3. Agenda Amendments

No agenda amendments

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

No public comments or announcements

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Mayor Dutra Vernaci addressed members regarding the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) activity and her recent visit to Washington, DC, where she had the opportunity to meet with elected officials to discuss housing issues.

Mayor Arreguin discussed the availability of technical assistance from the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) staff to assure cities stay competitive for available grant dollars.

Mayor Russo-Cutter indicated that Mayor Bauters is now the chair of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD).

Mayor Bauters discussed recent management changes at the BAAQMD and the process for filling the currently vacant Executive Director position, recent personnel policy changes, and the process for the placement of generators.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

President Lilly Mei announced that the Nominating Committee made its recommendations on the applications included with its July 13, 2022, meeting agenda and opened the floor for comments/nominations. Seeing no nominations, it was moved by Mayor Dutra Vernaci and seconded by Mayor Russo Cutter that the Alameda County Mayors' Conference accept the Nominating Committee's recommendations as follows:

- Reappoint Mayor Barbara Halliday to the Association of Bay Area Governments Executive Board for a term expiring in December 2022.
- Appoint Josh Thurman as the Tri-Valley representative to the EveryOne Home Leadership Board for a three-year term expiring in July 2025.
- Appoint Laurie Flores as the South County representative to the EveryOne Home Leadership Board for a three-year term expiring in July 2025.

The motion was approved unanimously and so ordered.

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

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities (League), could not attend this meeting.

8. Meeting Presentation

Nik Dehejia, Chief Executive Officer of the Oakland Zoo, provided an overview of Zoo activities and operations focusing on the animals in the California Trail. He indicated that the Oakland Zoo has existed for 100 years and continues to conduct community outreach to attract visitors from all economic incomes to the Zoo. He discussed the recent acquisition of two tigers rescued from private captivity in Oklahoma, efforts to restore Bison, mountain lions, California Condor, and other endangered animals. He indicated that it is the only Zoo endorsed by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). He thanked mayors for helping with the Zoo's reopening last year during the pandemic.

Mr. Dehejia also provided information regarding the Oakland Zoo camp, the Zoo's work on climate change, the process of vaccinating animals with the COVID vaccine, COVID vaccination clinics operated in cooperation with Alameda County, and its summer education program.

9. Other Business Matter

- a) Consideration of United States Conference of Mayors' Resolution Concerning Supreme Court Opinion on Dobbs v. Jackson's Health Organization.

Steven Bocian provided an overview of the draft resolution and outlined options for the mayors to consider.

Nina Senn, a member of the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women, addressed the membership on this matter and the Commission's recent activity. She asked the Mayors' Conference to support the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), an international treaty adopted in 1979 by the United Nations General Assembly.

It was moved by Mayor Brown and Seconded by Mayor Halliday that the Alameda County Mayors Conference approve the Alameda County Mayors' Conference Resolution 1.22 "A RESOLUTION OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE RELATING TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE; DECLARING OPPOSITION TO THE OPINION IN *DOBBS V. JACKSON WOMEN'S HEALTH ORGANIZATION*; DENOUNCING STATE LAWS AND OTHER PROVISIONS CRIMINALIZING ABORTION; SUPPORTING THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF PREGNANT PERSONS, INCLUDING THEIR ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE AND ABORTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY" and that copies of the resolution be distributed to Congressmen whose districts serve Alameda County, the United States Conference of Mayors, The United States Conference of Mayors, and Alameda County Cities.

The motion was approved unanimously and so ordered.

10. Request for Future Agenda Items

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director