

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of July 12, 2023

This meeting was called to order on July 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. by President Jesse Arreguin at the Masonic Homes of California located at 34400 Mission Boulevard, Union City, California.

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
Emeryville	Mayor John Bauters
Fremont	Councilmember Mayor Raj Salwan
Hayward	Mayor Mark Salinas
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Michael Hannon
Piedmont	Mayor Jennifer Cavanaugh
San Leandro	Mayor Juan Gonzalez
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

2. Approval of the June 14, 2023, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft to approve the June 14, 2023, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Mayor Salinas introduced the summer intern working in the mayor's office.

Elizabeth Ames, BART Director, discussed the new BART funding provided by the state and indicated her interest in having BART work with agencies toward consolidating transit agencies and implementing customer convenient services.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

No reports were provided.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

President Arreguin announced that the Nominating Committee made its recommendations on the applications included in its July 12, 2023, meeting agenda and opened the floor for comments/nominations. Seeing no additional nominations, it was moved by Mayor Arreguin and seconded by Mayor Bauters that the Alameda County

Mayors Conference accept the Nominating Committee's recommendations for the following appointments:

Barbara Price was reappointed as a member of the Alameda County Commission on Aging representing District North for a full four-year term through July 2027.

Mayor Mark Salinas, Hayward, was reappointed as a member of the East Bay Regional Communication System Authority for a full two-year term through July 2025.

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

7. Other Business Matters

No matters were raised

8. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters

No recommendations were made

9. League of California Cities Reports, Legislative Updates and Actions

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

10. Host City Mayors' Report

Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci, Mayor of Union City, introduced the City of Union City elected officials and staff and thanked all involved in coordinating the event, including the Masonic Homes of California support team. Mayor Dutra-Vernaci discussed the vision for the City of Union City, focusing on the role of the Station District and the Intermodal Station.

She discussed the goal of generating housing, jobs, transit, and community and the significant infrastructure that is occurring to facilitate the goal. She emphasized the role of partnering with local agencies, the 20 years of planning, and the \$160M investment in developing the Union City Intermodal Station, which will act as a critical hub for East Bay transportation and transit.

11. Meeting Presentation

President Jesse Arreguin introduced Andrew B. Fermier, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)/ Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), to discuss Plan Bay Area 2050, including its implementation and focus on sustainability in transit and housing. He also discussed efforts to save transit service in the Bay Area, the impact of long and short-term transit services, transit agency financial shortfalls, the impacts of SB102 on providing a transit lifeline, and the need to focus on transforming transit by addressing fares, customer service, accessibility, funding, and coordinated services. Mr. Fermier discussed Bay Area mega projects, including the BART Transbay Corridor, Valley Link, and a proposed housing initiative. He also presented information on new housing efforts, including regional housing technical assistance, REAP 2.0, and a proposed 2024 Housing funding measure.

Mr. Fermier addressed questions from Mayor Bauters and Elizabeth Ames, BART Director.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director