

# ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of October 11, 2023

Due to the scheduled absences of Mayors Arrequin and Hernandez, Mayor Karla Brown called the meeting to order on October 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Rosewood Conference Center located at 4400 Rosewood Drive, Pleasanton, California.

## 1. Roll Call

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

| City        | Member Attendee                |
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| Dublin      | Vice Mayor Michael McCorriston |
| 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 | Councilmember Victor Aguilar   |

## 2. Approval of the September 13, 2023, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Hannon to approve the September 13, 2023, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

## 3. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

## 4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Andy Kelley, BART, Principal Government and Community Affairs Representative, informed members of available funding for pedestrian and bicycle improvement near BART stations and discussed improved ridership. Mayor Mei raised concern regarding funding to acquire land near the Fremont BART Station.

Mayor Salinas invited members to the November 8, 2023, Alameda County Mayors' Conference meeting that will be held at California State East Bay.

## 5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

No reports were provided.

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

Mayor Brown announced that the Nominating Committee made its recommendations on the applications included in its October 11, 2023, meeting agenda and opened the floor for comments/nominations. Seeing no additional nominations, it was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Cavanaugh that the Alameda County Mayors

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

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft was reappointed as a member of the Association of Bay Area Governments Regional Planning Committee for a full two-year term through October 2025.

Denise McCowan was appointed as a member of the Alameda County Commission on Aging representing District North for a full four-year term through October 2027.

Corina Lopez was appointed as a member of the East Bay Regional Park District Park Advisory Committee for a full two-year term through October 2025.

The motion was approved unanimously, except that Mayor Mei voted no for the East Bay Regional Park District Advisory Committee appointment.

#### **7. Other Business Matters**

There were no other business matters discussed.

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

No recommendations were made for future agenda items or speakers

#### **9. 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 pending state legislation and League activities.

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

Mayor Brown thanked all involved with coordinating the event and introduced city staff and councilmembers. Mayor Brown discussed the City's Axis Bridge Mental Health Urgent Care and the Pleasanton Police Department's Alternative Response to Mental Health program, which recently received a Helen Putnam Award for Excellence. The multi-faceted program was developed through a regional partnership with the cities of Dublin and Livermore, Axis Community Health, and grants from Alameda County Behavioral Health and the federal government.

The programs provide personnel resources to provide a range of services, including short-term counseling, support for preventing an escalation of symptoms, step-down support for hospitals, navigational guidance for mental health treatment, assistance with connecting patients with resources, free weekly mental health services by licensed clinicians for middle and high school students, and utilization of clinicians for mental health emergencies rather than uniformed police officers.

In addition to general assistance for improved mental health well-being, the programs have reduced the number of mental health calls requiring uniformed police officers, emergency

room hospital visits, and 5150 holds, all at significant cost savings to partners and local hospitals.

Comments were made by Mayor Salinas and Pleasanton Councilwoman Julie Testa.

### **11. Meeting Presentation**

Mayor Brown introduced Jessica Fain, Director of Planning at the San Francisco Bay Conservation (BCDC), to discuss the Bay Adapt Initiative. Jessica Fain provided an overview of her organization's structure, mission, past, and future. She indicated that BCDC programs are moving into the implementation phase to address the impact of sea level rise, which could be 6-10 feet by the end of the century. Because recent studies predict an overall financial impact of \$230B from sea level rise, it is beneficial to begin implementing projects and programs to mitigate this impact. She encouraged members to utilize BCDC's resources and offered to meet with cities to strategize this issue.

Questions and comments were made by Mayors Brown and Hannon and councilmember Arkin from Pleasanton.

### **12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian  
Executive Director