



**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**Date: 9/21/2015**

**Time: 4:00 p.m.**

**City Hall/Administration Building, 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room  
701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025**

**Councilmember Ohtaki will appear by telephone from the following location:  
8 Politzer, Menlo Park, CA 94555**

**4:00 p.m. Closed Session**

Public Comment on these items will be taken prior to adjourning to Closed Session

- CL1. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section §54957.6 to confer with labor negotiators regarding labor negotiations with Service Employees International Union (SEIU), American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and Police Officers' Association (POA), Unrepresented Management

Attendees: City Manager Alex McIntyre, Interim Administrative Services Director Nick Pegueros, City Attorney Bill McClure, Interim Human Resources Director Dave Bertini, Interim Finance Director Clay Curtin, Labor Counsel Charles Sakai

**Regular Session (or as soon as the closed session is concluded)**

**A. Call To Order**

**B. Roll Call – Carlton, Cline, Keith, Mueller, Ohtaki**

**C. Report from Closed Session**

**D. Public Comment**

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**E. Regular Business**

- E1. Provide direction regarding proposed resolutions to be considered at the League of California Cities Annual Conference and the election of officers for the Peninsula Division Executive Committee ([Staff report 15-146-CC](#))

- E2. Make appointment to “Closing the Gap”, the San Mateo County Affordable Housing Task Force  
(Attachment)

**F. Adjournment**

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**STAFF REPORT**

**City Council**

**Meeting Date:** 9/21/2015  
**Staff Report Number:** 15-146-CC

**Regular Business:** Provide Direction Regarding Proposed Resolutions to be Considered at the League of California Cities Annual Conference and Regarding Election of Officers for the Peninsula Division Executive Committee

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Council provide direction to the City’s voting delegate to the League of California Cities Annual Conference regarding resolutions to be considered and on the election of officers for the Peninsula Division Executive Committee.

**Policy Issues**

This action follows current practice.

**Background**

This year, the League of California Cities (League) Annual Conference will be held in San Jose from September 30 to October 2, 2015. Four resolutions will be considered and voted on during the annual business meeting. In addition will be the election of the Executive Committee for the Peninsula Division. On July 21, 2015 the Council affirmed that Mayor Carlton will be the City’s Voting Delegate at the conference and Councilmember Keith will be the Alternate.

**Analysis**

**Resolutions**

This year, four resolutions have been introduced for consideration by the Annual Conference. League staff has provided an analysis of the resolutions which is included in the Annual Conference Resolution Packet (Attachment A). Below are the titles of the resolutions and a short summary of each.

**Resolution #1**

**Title:** Resolution Relating to League Bylaws Amendments Regarding Succession of League Office to Fill Vacancies  
**Source:** League Board of Directors  
**Referred to:** Administrative Services Policy Committee  
**Summary:** This resolution seeks to streamline the succession process when filling a vacancy for the office of President of the Board of Directors. It would allow for the League bylaws to be amended, allowing the Immediate Past President to fill an unexpected vacancy in the office of President for the remainder of the vacating President’s term. Changes to League bylaws require a 2/3 vote of the General Assembly.

## Resolution #2

**Title:** A Resolution of the League of California Cities Calling for Legislation to Preserve Therapeutic Environments for Group Homes and Avoid Impacts of Overconcentration of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Recovery and Treatment Facilities in Residential Neighborhoods

**Source:** City of Malibu

**Referred to:** Housing, Community and Economic Development Policy Committee

**Summary:** This resolution calls for the Governor and the Legislature to work with the League and other stakeholders to explore options to address overconcentration of alcohol and drug abuse recovery and treatment facilities in residential neighborhoods while respecting the important legal rights of patients and legal obligations of public entities, avoid the creation of institutional setting when multiple facilities are concentrated in a single location, and determine the appropriate balance between not-for-profit facilities and for-profit facilities in residential neighborhoods.

## Resolution #3

**Title:** A Resolution of the League of California Cities Supporting SB 593 (McGuire) and Continued Flexibility for Cities as They Address Neighborhood and Fiscal Impacts of Temporary Rentals of Residential Units

**Source:** City of West Hollywood

**Referred to:** Housing, Community and Economic Development Policy Committee

**Summary:** This resolution seeks to highlight and increase support for SB 593 (McGuire), which is pending in the Legislature. SB 593, titled the Thriving Communities and Sharing Economic Act, seeks to bolster local effort to regulate and collect transient occupancy taxes from the temporary rental of residential houses, condominiums, rooms, and apartments for tourists and transient use. The League is currently in support of this legislation.

## Resolution #4

**Title:** Resolution Calling Upon the Governor and the Legislature to Work with the League of California Cities to Enact Legislation or to Otherwise Compel Southern California Edison to Create a Program to Automatically Provide Direct Compensation to its Customers Affected by Prolonged Electrical Power Outages Under Specified Circumstances

**Source:** City of Rancho Palos Verdes

**Referred to:** Environmental Quality Policy Committee

**Summary:** This resolution calls upon the Governor and the Legislature to work with the League of California Cities to enact legislation or to otherwise compel Southern California Edison to create a program to automatically provide direct compensation to its customers affected by a prolonged electrical power outage under specified circumstances.

## Executive Committee

In addition to the four resolutions, the election of the Executive Committee for the Peninsula Division will also be held at the annual business meeting. Cities are entitled to one vote for each position on the ballot.

The following are candidates for the Peninsula Division 2015-16 Executive Committee

**President:** Liz Kniss, Councilmember, City of Palo Alto

**Vice President:** Alicia Aguirre, Councilmember, City of Redwood City

**Secretary-Treasurer:** Marilyn Librers, Councilmember, City of Morgan Hill

**Board Director (2-year Term):** Kirsten Keith, Councilmember, City of Menlo Park

**At Large (Vote for one candidate for each County):**  
San Mateo County: Larry Moody, Councilmember, City of East Palo Alto  
Santa Clara County: Jim Davis, Councilmember, City of Sunnyvale

### **Impact on City Resources**

There is no impact on City resources.

### **Environmental Review**

This item does not require environmental review.

### **Public Notice**

Public Notification was achieved by posting the agenda, with the agenda items being listed, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

### **Attachments**

- A. LCC Annual Conference Resolution Packet
- B. Ballot and Candidates' Biographies for the Peninsula Division Executive Committee

Report prepared by:  
Pamela Aguilar, City Clerk

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*Annual Conference  
Resolutions Packet*

*2015 Annual Conference Resolutions*



*San Jose*

*September 30 – October 2*





## INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES

**RESOLUTIONS CONTAINED IN THIS PACKET:** The League bylaws provide that resolutions shall be referred by the president to an appropriate policy committee for review and recommendation. Resolutions with committee recommendations shall then be considered by the General Resolutions Committee at the Annual Conference.

This year, four resolutions have been introduced for consideration by the Annual Conference and referred to the League policy committees.

**POLICY COMMITTEES:** Four policy committees will meet at the Annual Conference to consider and take action on the resolution referred to them. The committees are Administrative Services; Environmental Quality; Housing, Community and Economic Development; and Revenue and Taxation. These committees will meet on Wednesday, September 30, 2015, at the Hilton San Jose. The sponsors of the resolutions have been notified of the time and location of the meetings.

**GENERAL RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:** This committee will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 1, at the San Jose Convention Center, to consider the reports of the four policy committees regarding the resolutions. This committee includes one representative from each of the League's regional divisions, functional departments and standing policy committees, as well as other individuals appointed by the League president. Please check in at the registration desk for room location.

**ANNUAL LUNCHEON/BUSINESS MEETING/GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** This meeting will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 2, at the San Jose Convention Center.

**PETITIONED RESOLUTIONS:** For those issues that develop after the normal 60-day deadline, a resolution may be introduced at the Annual Conference with a petition signed by designated voting delegates of 10 percent of all member cities (47 valid signatures required) and presented to the Voting Delegates Desk at least 24 hours prior to the time set for convening the Annual Business Meeting of the General Assembly. This year, that deadline is 12:00 p.m., Thursday, October 1. Resolutions can be viewed on the League's Web site: [www.cacities.org/resolutions](http://www.cacities.org/resolutions).

Any questions concerning the resolutions procedures may be directed to Meg Desmond at the League office: [mdesmond@cacities.org](mailto:mdesmond@cacities.org) or (916) 658-8224

## **GUIDELINES FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS**

Policy development is a vital and ongoing process within the League. The principal means for deciding policy on the important issues facing cities is through the League's eight standing policy committees and the board of directors. The process allows for timely consideration of issues in a changing environment and assures city officials the opportunity to both initiate and influence policy decisions.

Annual conference resolutions constitute an additional way to develop League policy. Resolutions should adhere to the following criteria.

### **Guidelines for Annual Conference Resolutions**

1. Only issues that have a direct bearing on municipal affairs should be considered or adopted at the Annual Conference.
2. The issue is not of a purely local or regional concern.
3. The recommended policy should not simply restate existing League policy.
4. The resolution should be directed at achieving one of the following objectives:
  - (a) Focus public or media attention on an issue of major importance to cities.
  - (b) Establish a new direction for League policy by establishing general principals around which more detailed policies may be developed by policy committees and the board of directors.
  - (c) Consider important issues not adequately addressed by the policy committees and board of directors.
  - (d) Amend the League bylaws (requires 2/3 vote at General Assembly).

## LOCATION OF MEETINGS

### **Policy Committee Meetings**

Wednesday, September 30

Hilton San Jose

300 Almaden Boulevard, San Jose

**9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.:** Environmental Quality  
Housing, Community & Economic Development

**10:30 a.m. – Noon:** Administrative Services  
Revenue and Taxation

### **General Resolutions Committee**

Thursday, October 1, 1:00 p.m.

San Jose Convention Center

150 West San Carlos Street, San Jose

### **Annual Business Meeting and General Assembly Luncheon**

Friday, October 2, 12:00 p.m.

San Jose Convention Center

150 West San Carlos Street, San Jose

## KEY TO ACTIONS TAKEN ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions have been grouped by policy committees to which they have been assigned.

Number	Key Word Index	Reviewing Body Action		
		1	2	3

1 - Policy Committee Recommendation to General Resolutions Committee  
 2 - General Resolutions Committee  
 3 - General Assembly

### ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE

		1	2	3
1	League Bylaw Amendment			

### ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY POLICY COMMITTEE

		1	2	3
4	Compensation for Prolonged Electrical Power Outages			

### HOUSING, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

		1	2	3
2	Overconcentration of Alcohol & Drug Treatment Facilities			
3	Residential Rentals, Support for SB 593 (McGuire)			

### REVENUE AND TAXATION POLICY COMMITTEE

		1	2	3
3	Residential Rentals, Support for SB 593 (McGuire)			

Information pertaining to the Annual Conference Resolutions will also be posted on each committee's page on the League website: [www.cacities.org](http://www.cacities.org). The entire Resolutions Packet will be posted at: [www.cacities.org/resolutions](http://www.cacities.org/resolutions).

**KEY TO ACTIONS TAKEN ON RESOLUTIONS (Continued)**

Resolutions have been grouped by policy committees to which they have been assigned.

**KEY TO REVIEWING BODIES**

- 1. Policy Committee
- 2. General Resolutions Committee
- 3. General Assembly

**ACTION FOOTNOTES**

- \* Subject matter covered in another resolution
- \*\* Existing League policy
- \*\*\* Local authority presently exists

**KEY TO ACTIONS TAKEN**

- A Approve
- D Disapprove
- N No Action
- R Refer to appropriate policy committee for study
- a Amend+
- Aa Approve as amended+
- Aaa Approve with additional amendment(s)+
- Ra Refer as amended to appropriate policy committee for study+
- Raa Additional amendments and refer+
- Da Amend (for clarity or brevity) and Disapprove+
- Na Amend (for clarity or brevity) and take No Action+
- W Withdrawn by Sponsor

**Procedural Note:**

The League of California Cities resolution process at the Annual Conference is guided by the League Bylaws. A helpful explanation of this process can be found on the League's website by clicking on this link: [Resolution Process](#).

## 2015 ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

### RESOLUTION REFERRED TO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE

#### 1. RESOLUTION RELATING TO LEAGUE BYLAWS AMENDMENTS REGARDING SUCCESSION OF LEAGUE OFFICES TO FILL VACANCIES

Source: League Board of Directors  
Referred to: Administrative Services Policy Committee  
Recommendation to General Resolutions Committee:

**WHEREAS**, the League of California Cities® is a nonprofit mutual benefit corporation under California law and, as such, is governed by corporate bylaws; and

**WHEREAS**, the League's Board of Directors periodically reviews the League's bylaws for issues of clarity, practicality, compliance with current laws, and responsiveness to membership interests; and

**WHEREAS**, on two occasions in recent years when vacancies arose in office of President of the Board of Directors after disappointing reelection results, the vacancy was filled in accordance with the League Bylaws by the First Vice President becoming President at the next Board meeting. This left a vacancy in the office of First Vice President that was filled by the Board by advancing the Second Vice President. This required recruiting a new Second Vice President that the Board chose, as provided in the Bylaws, from the ranks of the Board itself; and

**WHEREAS**, in September 2014 the Board chose a new Second Vice President as usual and also a new First Vice President who had not previously served as Second Vice President because the prior Second Vice President was elected to county office and was no longer eligible. When the President was not reelected in November 2014, the First Vice President advanced to the office of President with only two months of experience as a League officer. Additionally, the Second Vice President was advanced to First Vice President; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors believe this confluence of events twice in recent years demonstrates a weakness in the succession of League offices required by the League Bylaws because the accelerated advancement of officers in the event of a vacancy in the office of President may deprive the junior officers and the League of adequate time to serve and develop expertise and relationships in the offices of Second and First Vice President; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the unanimous recommendation of the League Board that the League membership amend article VIII, section 4, of the League bylaws to allow the Immediate Past President to fill an unexpected vacancy in the office of President for the unexpired term if the Immediate Past President agrees. If not, the current succession process would occur; and now, therefore, be it,

**RESOLVED**, by the General Assembly of the League of California Cities assembled in Annual Conference in San Jose, October 2, 2015, that article VIII, section 4 of the League bylaws be amended to read as follows:

**Article VIII: Officers**

**Section 1: Identity.**

The officers of the League are a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President/Treasurer, an Immediate Past President, and an Executive Director.

**Section 2: Duties of League Officers.**

- (a) **President.** The President presides at all League Board meetings and all General Assemblies. The President has such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by these bylaws or the League Board.
- (b) **First Vice-President.** The First Vice-President carries on the duties of the President in the President’s temporary absence or incapacity. The First Vice-President has such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by these bylaws or the League Board.
- (c) **Second Vice-President/Treasurer.** The Second Vice-President/Treasurer carries on the duties of the President in the President’s and First Vice-President’s temporary absence or incapacity. The Second Vice-President/Treasurer has such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by these bylaws or the League Board.

**Section 3: Election.**

The League Board elects the League’s President, First Vice-President and Second Vice-President for terms of one year. The election occurs at the League Board’s meeting at the Annual Conference.

**Section 4: Vacancies.**

A vacancy in the office of President is filled ~~at the next meeting of the League Board~~ by the *Immediate Past President who shall serve for the unexpired term of office and, upon election of a new President at the next Annual Conference, shall subsequently serve a full term as Immediate Past President. In the event the Immediate Past President is not available to fill the vacancy in the office of the President, or declines in writing, it shall be filled by the* succession of the First Vice-President to that office. A vacancy in the office of First Vice-President, or Second Vice-President/Treasurer, is filled for the un-expired term by appointment *by the League Board* of a member of the League Board. A vacancy in the office of the Immediate Past President is filled for the un-expired term by the last Past President continuing to hold a city office.

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**Background Information on Resolution No. 1**

**Source:** League Board of Directors

**Background:**

In 2010 and again recently in 2014 the city official elected League President at the Annual Conference in September was not returned to office by the voters of their city. This development triggered a series of steps laid out in the order of succession in the League Bylaws that mandates that the First Vice President advance to the office of President at the next Board meeting and that the Board fill the vacancy in the office of First Vice President for the remainder of the term.

When the Board filled the League offices in September 2014, the Second Vice President could not advance to First Vice President since she had been elected to the office of county supervisor and was ineligible to serve. Consequently the Board selected two directors to fill both the offices of First Vice President and Second Vice President. Neither had previously served as a League officer.

When the vacancy in the office of President occurred after the November general election, the First Vice President advanced to the office of President after having served only two months as a League officer in contrast to the normal advancement process of twenty-four months. The Second Vice President was advanced to the office of First Vice President after having served only two months as a League officer. The Board also chose a new Second Vice President.

At the February, 2015 meeting of the League Board of Directors, the Executive Committee recommended unanimously an amendment to the order of succession in Art. VIII, Sec. 4 of the League Bylaws. The proposed amendment would allow the most experienced member of the Executive Committee, the Immediate Past President, to fill out the remainder of the term of office of a President who leaves the office before its term is completed if the Immediate Past President is willing and able to do so. This arrangement would allow the First Vice President to continue serving and to advance to the office of President on the schedule envisioned by the League Bylaws. If the Immediate Past President were unable or unwilling to serve, the existing order of succession would occur.

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**League of California Cities Staff Analysis on Resolution No. 1**

Staff: Alicia Lewis  
Committee: Administrative Services Policy Committee

**Summary:**

This resolution seeks to streamline the succession process when filling a vacancy for the office of President of the Board of Directors. It would allow for the League bylaws to be amended, allowing the Immediate Past President to fill an unexpected vacancy in the office of President for the remainder of the vacating President's term. Changes to League bylaws require a 2/3 vote of the General Assembly.

**Background:**

The past few years have yielded several occasions where the succession line for Board of Directors leadership was disrupted due to disappointing election results and officers taking office outside of city government.

In September 2014 the Board chose a new First and Second Vice President. The First Vice President had not previously served as Second Vice President because the prior member was elected to county office and therefore no longer eligible. When the President was not reelected in the November 2014, the First Vice President advanced to the office of President with only two months of experience as a League officer. Additionally, the Second Vice President was advanced to First Vice President. This transition far outpaced the normal process for advancing as an officer on the Board of Directors.

**Fiscal Impact:**

This impact of this resolution would have no fiscal impact.

**Comments:**

The nature of this resolution is to ensure that there is a smooth succession process in place and that current Vice-Presidents (First and Second) have ample time to prepare for their role as President. By



allowing the Immediate Past President to finish out the term of a vacated presidency the Board would ensure there is minimal disruption to the workflow and goals of the association.

**RESOLUTION REFERRED TO HOUSING, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
POLICY COMMITTEE**

**2. A RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES CALLING FOR  
LEGISLATION TO PRESERVE THERAPEUTIC ENVIRONMENTS FOR GROUP HOMES  
AND AVOID IMPACTS OF OVERCONCENTRATION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE  
RECOVERY AND TREATMENT FACILITIES IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS**

Source: City of Malibu

Concurrence of five or more cities/city officials: Cities: Artesia; Duarte; La Canada Flintridge;  
Lakewood; Lomita; and Pico Rivera. City Officials: Los Angeles Council Member Mitchell Englander

Referred to: Housing, Community and Economic Development Policy Committee

Recommendation to General Resolutions Committee:

**WHEREAS**, residential group home facilities provide valuable rehabilitation and support services for those who live in them, which benefits the greater society; and

**WHEREAS**, state departments license these facilities through several state agencies, and operators are required to meet various state statutory requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to residents, these facilities often include live-in managers and other staff, who provide a variety of services to residents which may include meals, workshops, training, counseling and other services. These uses and services may also require frequent deliveries to be made to the facility, shuttle van service provided to residents, and additional automobile traffic due to shift changes, visiting hours, and other activities. Collectively, these uses often generate more noise and activity than expected from a traditional single-family home; and

**WHEREAS**, the overconcentration of residential group homes changes the character of neighborhoods as they become centers for the delivery of various services. This environment not only creates a disruption to long-time residents, it can also diminish the quality of the residential treatment experience for group home residents as the neighborhood assumes a more institutional setting; and

**WHEREAS**, the State and local governments operate in partnership regarding the location of these residential care facilities in residential neighborhoods in order to carry out the policy of the State to prevent overconcentration of such facilities in these neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, the state has adopted a 300 foot separation requirement between facilities licensed by the Department of Social Services,<sup>1</sup> but these siting standards have not been extended to apply to facilities licensed by other state agencies such as the Department of Health Care Services or other licensed or unlicensed facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the State that each county and city permit and encourage development of sufficient numbers and types of alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities as are commensurate with local need;<sup>2</sup> and

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<sup>1</sup> Health & Safety Code Section 1520.5

<sup>2</sup> Health & Safety Code Section 11834.20

**WHEREAS**, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act includes legal protection against discrimination against persons with disabilities through zoning laws, denials of use permits, and other actions authorized under the Planning and Zoning Law;<sup>3</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the Americans with Disabilities Act requires public entities to make reasonable accommodations in policies, practices, or procedures to avoid discrimination on the basis of a disability;<sup>4</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, there is no provision in State law that allows for the consideration of the impact of alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities on single-family neighborhoods or the overconcentration of these facilities as there is for residential group home facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, many community concerns could be addressed if State agencies communicated and collaborated more with local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the League of California Cities is committed to working in partnership with the Legislature and Administration to address overconcentration of alcohol and drug abuse recovery and treatment facilities in residential neighborhoods while respecting important legal rights of patients and legal obligations established by State and federal law.

**RESOLVED**, at the League of California Cities General Assembly, assembled at the League Annual Conference on October 2, 2015 in San Jose, that the League calls for the Governor and the Legislature to work with the League and other stakeholders to address the following issues:

1. Explore options to address overconcentration of alcohol and drug abuse recovery and treatment facilities in residential neighborhoods while respecting important legal rights of patients and legal obligations of public entities.
2. Avoid the creation of institutional settings when multiple facilities are concentrated in a single location, while also reducing noise, congestion and other concerns often raised by residents in residential neighborhoods.
3. Determine the appropriate balance between not-for-profit (including county) facilities and for-profit facilities in residential neighborhoods.

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### **Background Information on Resolution No. 2**

**Source:** City of Malibu

**Background:**

State law preempts local zoning regulation for licensed drug and alcohol treatment facilities. State and federal anti-discrimination laws require cities to treat facilities that function as single housekeeping units the same as any other “family.” In many areas of the state, these facilities are impacting residential neighborhoods because their concentration in certain neighborhoods tends to change the character of the area from a residential neighborhood to more like a hospital and institutional zone in terms of the land use impacts.

In order to avoid overconcentration in residential neighborhoods, most state-licensed group homes are required by state law to meet certain distancing requirements from other licensed group homes. Alcohol

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<sup>3</sup> Government Code 12955(l)

<sup>4</sup> 42 U.S.C. Section 12134

and drug programs are treated differently under state law in this respect and no distancing requirements apply. In fact, the state licensing agency does not impose any restrictions on the number of facilities in the vicinity of one another and have been allowing licensees to obtain two licenses on one lot and to operate integrated multi-structure facilities under the guise of multiple single-family residential licenses. Similarly, state law currently requires private foster family agencies operating in residential zones to be organized and operated on a nonprofit basis, while drug and alcohol programs and sober living homes are permitted to operate as a for-profit business in residential zones. The addiction recovery industry has become big business. There are now thousands of treatment facilities and sober living homes in California and the number is rapidly increasing.

State policy sought integration of group homes into residential neighborhoods, not disintegration of the residential character of the neighborhoods. A course correction is required to advance state policy. Through zoning authority, cities can preserve the very neighborhoods that the community-care model depends on to provide the therapeutic environment of a residential neighborhood. Distancing requirements both respond to the biggest concern of local government (over concentration that impairs neighborhood character) and advances state policy. In addition, limiting the zoning preemption to non-profit programs will also assist in preserving the integrity of residential neighborhoods.

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**League of California Cities Staff Analysis on Resolution No. 2**

Staff: Dan Carrigg  
Committee: Housing, Community and Economic Development

**Summary:**

This Resolution calls for the Governor and the Legislature to work with the League and other stakeholders to explore options to address overconcentration of alcohol and drug abuse recovery and treatment facilities in residential neighborhoods while respecting important legal rights of patients and legal obligations of public entities, avoid the creation of institutional settings when multiple facilities are concentrated in a single location, and determine the appropriate balance between not-for-profit (including county) facilities and for-profit facilities in residential neighborhoods.

**Background:**

The City of Malibu is sponsoring this resolution as a way of highlighting an issue that continues to create zoning and land use problems in single-family neighborhoods. While this is not a new issue for the League and its cities, and the League has existing policy in this area, the sponsors view the passage of this resolution as helpful in restarting conversations with the Legislature and the Governor's Administration that can hopefully lead to productive solutions.

HCED Committee member and Malibu Council Member Lou La Monte raised this issue at the Committee's June meeting, where he presented a resolution that had recently been adopted by the California Contract Cities Association on May 15. The Committee encouraged him to work with League staff in his effort to draft a measure to be presented at the League's annual conference. League staff worked with Mr. La Monte in this regard, mostly in helping ensure that the various "whereas clauses" appropriately reflect the important legal rights of patients and obligations of public entities that Legislators will expect to be balanced in any solutions to local land use issues.

**Resolved Clauses from Recent CCCA Resolution:**

*NOW THEREFORE, the Members of the California Contract Cities Association hereby re-affirms its commitment to cooperation among units of government that serve the people of California and urges the*

*California state legislature to enact legislation that empowers local government to preserve the residential character of neighborhoods necessary to effect state policy regarding group homes as follows:*

- 1. Amend the state law to provide the same distancing and notice requirements for ADP facilities as it does for Community Care Act facilities;*
- 2. Enact legislation providing standards that prevent overconcentration of unlicensed sober living homes to maintain residential character of neighborhoods which has therapeutic benefit for the occupants; and*
- 3. Restrict the zoning preemption for licensed ADP facilities to those owned and operated by non-profit organizations.*

**Fiscal Impact:**

Minor, if any.

**Comment:**

- 1) The League has significant existing policy in this area. In the past the League has had internal task forces and sponsored and supported various legislative proposals.
- 2) Making significant progress in this area has been difficult in the Capitol. Federal and state fair housing and anti-discrimination laws and various court decisions have bearing on local authority in this area. Patient advocacy groups and sympathetic legislators have been suspicious of any solutions that they see as limiting patient access. Thus, any effort to develop solutions to address local land use concerns must also remain sensitive to these issues and the perspective of legislators that sit on committees with jurisdiction in these areas.

**Existing League Policy:**

Related to this Resolution, existing policy provides:

- The League supports permitting cities to exercise review and land use regulation of group home facilities and residential care facilities in residential neighborhoods including the application of zoning, building and safety standards. State and county licensing agencies should be required to confer with the city's planning agency in determining whether to grant a license to a community care facility. The League recognizes that better review and regulation of residential care facilities will protect both the community surrounding a facility and the residents within a facility from a poorly managed facility or the absence of state oversight.
- The League supports state legislation to require a minimum distance of 300 feet between all new and existing residential care facilities. The League supports notification of cities about conditional release participants residing in group homes.

**RESOLUTION REFERRED TO HOUSING, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REVENUE & TAXATION POLICY COMMITTEES**

**3. A RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES SUPPORTING SB 593 (MCGUIRE) AND CONTINUED LOCAL FLEXIBILITY FOR CITIES AS THEY ADDRESS NEIGHBORHOOD AND FISCAL IMPACTS OF TEMPORARY RENTALS OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS**

Source: City of West Hollywood

Concurrence of five or more cities/city officials: Cities of Healdsburg, Mammoth Lakes, Napa, Piedmont, Santa Cruz, Santa Monica, Sonoma

Referred to: Housing, Community & Economic Development; Revenue & Taxation Policy Committees

Recommendation to General Resolutions Committee:

**WHEREAS**, the temporary rental of residential houses, condominiums, rooms, and apartments for tourist or transient use is a developing part of the sharing economy; and

**WHEREAS**, while these rentals provide additional options to the traveling public, and income to affected property owners or tenants, it is also important that such rentals comply with local laws, regulations and ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, the temporary rental of residential houses, condominiums, rooms, and apartments for tourist or transient use can present numerous challenges to neighborhoods and adjacent property owners and create additional noise, traffic, parking, privacy and public safety issues, subvert local rent-control laws, decrease available housing stock and in some cases turn residential neighborhoods into de-facto hotel rows; and

**WHEREAS**, where temporary rental of residential units for tourist or transient use is allowed in conformance with local laws, regulations and ordinances, the applicable transient occupancy tax (TOT) should also be collected. The temporary rental of residential units for tourist or transient use is in direct competition with hotels, motels and other accommodations where guests pay the local TOT, so all such uses should be subject to the same tax. The revenues generated support local streets, roads, fire, police, lifeguards, trash pick-up, park maintenance and other local public services which directly affect local quality of life and the attraction of the community for a visitor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Thriving Communities and Sharing Economy Act, introduced as SB 593 by Senator Mike McGuire (D-2, Healdsburg), prohibits the operators of transient residential hosting platforms from advertising residential units for tourist or transient use if such use will violate any ordinance, regulation, or law within the applicable city or county that opts into its provisions, and requires the confidential quarterly reporting to the city or county of the following information (if the City or County adopts an ordinance requiring the reporting of the data):

1. The address of each residential unit that was occupied for tourist or transient use during the quarterly period.
2. The total number of nights the residential unit was occupied for tourist or transient use.
3. The amounts paid for the occupancy of the residential unit for tourist or transient use.

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of SB 593 bolster existing local authority to enforce local ordinances and collect revenue associated with the temporary rental of residential units by allowing local agencies access to the data necessary to enforce their ordinances and requiring short-term rental hosting platforms to collect local TOT and remit it to the appropriate jurisdiction if short-term rentals are allowed in that jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of SB 593 provide a helpful regulatory framework that cities and counties may choose in lieu of exercising their existing authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the League of California Cities supports SB 593 because it recognizes and preserves local flexibility to address the temporary rental of residential units in the manner that best fits with the unique issues and conditions found in each local jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 593 provides local jurisdictions with the data and framework necessary to collect TOT revenues from short-term rentals, to pay for vital local services; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 593 provides local jurisdictions with the data and framework necessary to enforce local regulations designed to ensure the safety of the public and residents living adjacent to short-term rentals; and

**WHEREAS**, despite any existing challenges faced by cities in regulating or collecting revenue from the temporary rental of residential units, cities would oppose any effort to undermine their existing local authority to regulate land use or collect local TOT revenue.

**RESOLVED**, at the League of California Cities General Assembly, assembled at the League Annual Conference on October 2, 2015 in San Jose, as follows:

1. Land use regulation and local tax collection are best overseen and implemented locally.
2. While temporary rental of residential units can offer innovative opportunities for travelers and property owners within the developing sharing economy, cities must retain flexibility to address any problems raised by such uses in a manner that reflects the unique issues and conditions in their communities.
3. Cities have existing legal authority and tools to regulate and collect revenue from the temporary rental of residential units, and SB 593 provides the data and framework that supports and bolsters such local efforts.
4. The League encourages cities to support SB 593.

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**Background Information on Resolution No. 3**

**Source:** City of West Hollywood

**Background:**

The sharing economy has quickly become common place in the everyday life of many individuals, whether they participate in ride-sharing, have rented a short-term residential unit, or live in a community where either is prevalent. The sharing economy has provided benefits to many, but also includes many issues that must be addressed in order to allow these sharing practices to effectively incorporate into our communities. Specifically, the short-term rental of residential units has grown exponentially within the last several years throughout the State, and its impacts need to be addressed.

Presently, many cities and counties prohibit the renting of residences for less than 30 days. However, these prohibitions are frequently ignored by Online Vacation Rental Businesses (“OVRBs”), causing unwanted burdens on cities while reducing TOT collection from sanctioned hotels. The short-term rental of residential properties presents numerous challenges within neighborhoods and to adjacent property owners. They may create additional noise, traffic, parking, privacy and public safety issues, subvert local rent-control laws, decrease available housing stock and in some cases turn residential neighborhoods into de-facto hotel rows. The rentals facilitated by OVRB’s in these cities and counties go against the expressed wishes of the residents.

For the cities and counties that do allow short-term residential rentals, most require hosts to register and that transient occupancy taxes be paid. However, registration and payment of TOT in these cities and counties are based on the owners of the short terms residential units voluntarily reporting their rental activity. However, there has been a severe under-registration of hosts and underpayment of TOT. Only 10% of hosts in San Francisco have followed the city ordinance to register. Sonoma County has had to spend in excess of \$200,000 in an attempt to track down those rentals that are not paying the required TOT under the ordinance. And Los Angeles is currently experiencing a rental housing shortage due in part to the recent popularity of OVRBs.

Cities and counties have been unable to obtain this information due to the fact that OVRB's pass their responsibility to individual homeowners. This lack of oversight and enforcement presents a gap in accountability, and as a result, local laws and regulations are not being followed.

Sen. Mike McGuire's Thriving Communities and Sharing Economy Act (SB 593) will provide local jurisdictions with the data and framework necessary to collect TOT revenues from short-term rentals, to pay for vital local services; or conversely, the data necessary to help cities enforce local regulations designed to ensure the safety of the public and residents living adjacent to short-term rentals, if those rental are not allowed.

Specifically, SB 593 would: 1) Prohibit the operators of short-term residential hosting platforms from advertising residential units for tourist or transient use if such use will violate any ordinance, regulation, or law, within the applicable city that opts into the bill's provisions; 2) Require short-term rental housing platforms to collect and remit applicable transient occupancy tax (if short-term rentals are allowed in the city and the collection of TOT is required by the city); and 3) Require the confidential quarterly reporting of the address of each residential unit that was occupied for tourist or transient use during the quarterly period, the total number of nights the residential unit was occupied for tourist or transient use, and the amounts paid for the occupancy of the residential unit for tourist or transient use.

The premise of SB 593 is simple: reinforce local laws already on the books. Where vacation rentals are legal, the bill will assist local jurisdictions in their regulation and collection of Transient Occupancy Taxes, (TOT) as more than 430 cities and 56 counties impose a TOT. Where vacation rentals are illegal by local ordinance, the bill will prohibit online vacation rental businesses from making a rental.

The Thriving Communities and Sharing Economies Act will empower local control, provide desperately needed funding for parks, local roads, fire and police services, and promote safe neighborhoods. SB 593 will require online vacation rental businesses to disclose information to cities and counties and/or collect and disperse Transient Occupancy Tax dollars – projected to be in the hundreds of millions of dollars statewide.

The emerging short term rental industry is an important segment of the state economic fabric and an issue of statewide importance. SB 593 would assist in facilitating a shared economy that will be beneficial to California's cities and their residents.

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### **League of California Cities Staff Analysis on Resolution No. 3**

Staff: Dan Carrigg  
Committees: Housing, Community & Economic Development; Revenue & Taxation

#### **Summary:**

This Resolution seeks to highlight and increase support for SB 593 (McGuire), which is pending in the Legislature. SB 593, titled the Thriving Communities and Sharing Economy Act, seeks to bolster local efforts to regulate and collect transient occupancy taxes from the temporary rental of residential houses, condominiums, rooms, and apartments for tourists and transient use. The League is currently in support of this legislation.

#### **Background:**

The City of West Hollywood and other cities are sponsoring the resolution in an effort to expand awareness of the issue among cities and encourage additional support for SB 593. They view the

legislation as helpful in bolstering local efforts to appropriately regulate a growing vacation rental industry.

The author introduced SB 593 based upon his past experience as both former Mayor of Healdsburg and a Sonoma County Supervisor. These areas are popular with tourists, and the affected communities are facing increasing land use and revenue collection issues. SB 593 is currently on the Senate Floor and is considered a "two-year bill," meaning that it cannot move until January 2016.

In addition to the League, SB 593 has a broad range of support:

**Support:** American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO; American Hotel and Lodging Association; Asian American Hotel Owners Association; American Insurance Association; Association of California Insurance Companies; Andaz West Hollywood General Manager Lin Schatz; Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs; City of Big Bear Lake; Borrego Springs Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau; California Apartment Association; California Association of Boutique and Breakfast Inns; California Association of County Treasurers and Tax Collectors; California Apartment Association; California Association of Code Enforcement Officers; California College and University Police Chiefs Association; California Narcotics Officers Association; California Police Chiefs Association; California Hotel and Lodging Association; California Labor Federation; California Professional Firefighters; California State Association of Counties; California Teamsters Public Affairs Council; Contra Cost County Treasurer-Tax Collector Russell Watts; Paul Desterman, Mindy Desterman; El Dorado County Treasurer-Tax Collector C.L. Raffety; Douglas Engmann; Fairmont San Jose General Manager Kelley Cosgrove; Hilton Los Angeles/Universal City General Manager Mark Davis; Hotel Association of Los Angeles; Hotel Council of San Francisco; Humboldt County Convention and Visitors Bureau; International Faith Based Coalition; League of California Cities; Long Beach Firefighter Association; Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy; Los Angeles Police Protective League; Town of Mammoth Lakes; Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers; Marriot Courtyard in Larkspur General Manager Sam Pahlavan; Denise McNicol; Mendocino County Board of Supervisors; Mendocino County Treasurer-Tax Collector Shari Schapmire; Mono County Board of Supervisors; Ashok Mukherje; National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies; Neighbors for Overnight Oversight; Jenny Oaks; Pacific Association of Domestic Insurance Companies; Riverside Sheriffs Association; Rural County Representatives of California; Sacramento Hotel Association; San Diego County Hotel-Motel Association; San Franciscans for Reasonable Growth; San Luis Obispo County Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector James Erb; San Mateo County Central Labor Council; Santa Cruz County Convention and Visitors Council; Service Employees International Union; ShareBetter San Francisco; Sierra County Auditor-Treasurer-Tax Collector Van Maddox; Siskiyou County Treasurer-Tax Collector Wayne Hammar; Sonoma County Auditor-Controller-Tax Collector David Sundstrom; Sonoma County Board of Supervisors; City of Thousand Oaks; Tulare County Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector Rita Woodard; Tuolumne County Treasurer-Tax Collector Shelley Piech; UNITE-HERE, AFL-CIO; United Firefighter of Los Angeles City, Local #112; Natasha Yankoffski.

**Opposition:** Airbnb; Consumer Watchdog; Internet Association, TechNet.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Transient Occupancy Taxes are a significant source of local revenue. Many cities and counties are encountering challenges identifying units in their community that are being used as vacation rentals and collecting associated revenue. Where vacation rentals are permitted by local ordinance, the passage of SB 593 can assist local efforts, thereby increasing local revenues to support local services.

**Comment:**

- 3) Earlier this year the League's Housing Community and Economic Development Committee and Revenue and Taxation Committee reviewed an earlier version of SB 593 and initially adopted a



Support, if Amended position, which was concurred with by the League board. The author later incorporated the League's amendments into the bill and the League issued a support letter on the current version of the bill.

- 4) Local governments already have extensive authority to regulate land use and collect local taxes. While vacation rentals may be an increasingly popular option for the traveling public, local ordinances are beginning to adjust. The League supports SB 593 because it is crafted in a way that supports local authority in dealing with this emerging issue. Local agencies can either opt in to its provisions or continue to address issues differently under their existing local authority.

**Existing League Policy:**

Related to this Resolution, existing policy provides:

**HCED Policy:** The League believes that local zoning is a primary function of cities and is an essential component of home rule.

**Rev. & Tax Policy:** Additional revenue is required in the state/local revenue structure. There is not enough money generated by the current system or allocated to the local level by the current system to meet the requirements of a growing population and deteriorating services and facilities.

**RESOLUTION REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY POLICY COMMITTEE**

4. **RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE TO WORK WITH THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES TO ENACT LEGISLATION OR TO OTHERWISE COMPEL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON TO CREATE A PROGRAM TO AUTOMATICALLY PROVIDE DIRECT COMPENSATION TO ITS CUSTOMERS AFFECTED BY PROLONGED ELECTRICAL POWER OUTAGES UNDER SPECIFIED CIRCUMSTANCES.**

**Source:** City of Rancho Palos Verdes

**Concurrence of five or more cities/city officials:** Cities of Hermosa Beach, Lomita, Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills and Rolling Hills Estates

**Referred to:** Environmental Quality Policy Committee

**Recommendations to General Resolutions Committee:**

**WHEREAS**, local governments in California are often reliant upon investor-owned private utility companies for the provision of electrical power to their citizens, businesses and institutions; and,

**WHEREAS**, the reliability and consistency of electrical supply and transmission is critically important to local governments to ensure the protection of the public safety, health and general welfare of communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, prolonged disruptions in electrical service can jeopardize the health of citizens who have a variety of physical challenges and rely on a constant source of power for medical devices; the safety of senior citizens who are particularly susceptible to injury if power outages persist for long periods of time into evening hours; and the financial well-being of citizens, businesses and institutions that suffer from the loss of food, medication and other perishable items during prolonged power outages; and,

**WHEREAS**, Southern California Edison (SCE), an investor-owned utility serving 15 million customers in Southern and Central California, experiences frequent and prolonged service disruptions due to both planned and unplanned outages, equipment failures and weather-related events, which adversely affect local governments within its service area; and,

**WHEREAS**, SCE has been fined by the California Public Utilities Commission in the past due to prolonged service disruptions, most recently being levied a \$24.5 million penalty as a result of a prolonged outage that resulted from a wind storm in 2011; and,

**WHEREAS**, although SCE provides a claim process by which its customers may seek compensation for financial losses incurred as a result of prolonged service disruptions, SCE appears to reject most such claims; which places an unreasonable burden upon its customers and creates a false impression that customers will be compensated for their losses; and,

**WHEREAS**, at least one other investor-owned utility in California, Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) in Northern and Central California, has existing programs and procedures in place (“Safety Net” and “Service Guarantee”) that automatically and directly compensate its customers when they are affected by prolonged service disruptions, including disruptions due to weather events and other causes, without the need for customers to seek compensation through a claim process; and,

**WHEREAS**, these PG&E programs provide for “Storm Inconvenience Payments” of \$25 to \$100 for weather-related service disruptions of forty-eight (48) hours or more; as well as \$30 service credits in instances of where the customer’s electrical service is not restored within four (4) hours, or the customer is not provided with a time for service restoration within four (4) hours; the customer is without electrical service for twenty-four (24) hours or more in the event of unplanned service disruptions (unless the cause of the disruption is completely beyond the utility’s control); and the customer is without electrical service as a result of a planned service interruption where less than seventy-two (72) hours’ notice is provided to the customer; and,

**WHEREAS**, local governments within SCE’s service area believe that requiring SCE to implement automatic and direct compensation programs for prolonged service disruptions, similar to those implemented by PG&E, will provide tangible relief to citizens, businesses and institutions that are adversely affected by prolonged outages, and will incentivize SCE to improve the reliability of its equipment and service; and now therefore let it be,

**RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the League of California Cities, assembled in San Jose on October 2, 2015, that the League calls for the Governor and the Legislature to work with the League of California Cities to enact legislation or to otherwise compel SCE to create a program to automatically provide direct compensation to its customers affected by prolonged electrical power outages under specified circumstances; and let it be,

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that such program shall be modeled upon PG&E’s “Safety Net” and “Service Guarantee” programs, and shall cover weather-related events and planned and unplanned service disruptions.

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**Background Information on Resolution No. 4**

**Source:** City of Rancho Palos Verdes

**Background:**

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes and other cities in the South Bay region of Los Angeles County have longstanding concerns regarding the ineffective process by which Southern California Edison (SCE) addresses residents’ claims, and desires to obtain the League’s assistance in correcting that process. On the Palos Verdes Peninsula, SCE’s aged infrastructure has caused fires and repeated, prolonged power

outages. The prolonged power outages are the focus of this request, because they adversely affect residents in a variety of ways, particularly:

- Residents who have a variety of physical challenges and rely on a constant source of power for medical devices;
- Residents who are senior citizens and are particularly susceptible to injury if power outages persist for a long period of time into the evening hours; and,
- Residents who suffer financial burdens as a result of losing food, medication and other perishable items during prolonged power outages.

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has the authority to impose penalties on utilities, including for prolonged power outages, and did so in connection with an extreme wind event that occurred in the Los Angeles area in 2011. However, the CPUC is not authorized to award claims to residents for prolonged electrical power outages. If a resident has a claim he or she wishes to pursue, the resident must file a claim with SCE, along with documentation of the financial loss that was incurred. If the claim is rejected, the resident then must file a lawsuit against SCE (probably in small claims court). Most residents will not want to spend the time and effort to pursue small claims for monetary damages arising from extended power outages.

SCE only awards claims for damages caused by its own negligence. This means that if an extended power outage is caused by a weather-related event, the claim will be denied. The SCE website also states that it will not cover claims for power surges. Since SCE often moves power from one line to another to enable repairs and maintenance, SCE can be the cause of the power surge, but residents still will not receive compensation for those claims.

#### **Proposed Legislation**

The proposed resolution calls upon the Governor and Legislature to enact legislation (or take other action) that will provide rebates in flat amounts to SCE customers for extended power outages under specified conditions. The proposed legislation could be modeled on the "Safety Net" and "Service Guarantee" programs offered by Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), another California-based investor-owned utility, which provides specific rebates to its customers based upon the type, cause and duration of service interruptions. These penalties are designed to provide direct compensation to SCE's customers who are adversely affected by prolonged power outages, and to incentivize SCE to restore the power as quickly as possible. They also will eliminate the frustration that SCE's customers experience as a result of SCE's existing claim process.

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#### **League of California Cities Staff Analysis on Resolution No. 4**

Staff: Jason Rhine  
Committee: Environmental Quality

#### **Summary:**

Resolution No. 4 calls upon the Governor and the Legislature to work with the League of California Cities to enact legislation or to otherwise compel Southern California Edison (SCE) to create a program to automatically provide direct compensation to its customers affected by a prolonged electrical power outage under specified circumstances.

#### **Background:**

City of Rancho Palos Verdes asserts that the South Bay region of Los Angeles County has longstanding concern regarding the ineffective process by which SCE addresses residents' claims associated with

prolonged electrical power outages. The City believes that SCE's aged infrastructure has caused fires and repeated, prolonged electrical power outages. Prolonged electrical power outages can adversely affect residents who have physical challenges and rely on a constant source of power for medical devices; residents who are senior citizens and are particularly susceptible to injury if electrical power outages persist for a long period of time into the evening hours; and, residents who suffer financial burdens as a result of losing food, medication and other perishable items during prolonged electrical power outages.

According to information provided by SCE, SCE has the following customer compensation program:

#### **Service Guarantee Program**

SCE shall provide the following four service guarantees to its electric customers and provide a \$30 credit when these service guarantees are not met. Unless otherwise stated below, the four service standards apply only to active service accounts served under the Residential, General Service and Industrial, or Agricultural and Pumping rate schedules.

- **Restoration of Service Within 24 Hours:** SCE will restore electrical service within 24 hours of when SCE first becomes aware of a power outage. The first credit will be applied if the outage exceeds 24 hours. Additional credits will be applied for each succeeding 24-hour period that the customer is without service. Partial credits will not be paid for outage periods less than a full 24-hour increment. *Power outages associated with a moderate, severe, or catastrophic storm condition are exempt from the program.*
- **Missed Appointments:** When an appointment for a field service visit is made with a customer for a specific appointment time, and the customer's presence is required for establishing new service, a billing inquiry, or meter installation, SCE will arrive at the agreed upon appointment within 30 minutes before or after the scheduled time.
- **Notification of Planned Outages:** SCE will provide customers with notification of a planned outage at least three calendar days prior to the event. SCE will notify customers either by US Postal Service mail, by phone, in-person or door-to-door through door hangers, or by e-mail if SCE has the customer's e-mail address on file. If a planned outage is rescheduled to a new date not specified in the original notice to the customer, SCE will provide a new notice at least three calendar days in advance of the rescheduled planned outage.
- **Timely and Accurate First Bill:** SCE will issue an accurate first bill to a new customer of record within 60 days of establishing service. The bill and bill accuracy is defined according to the terms and conditions of SCE's Rule 9 (Rendering and Payment of Bills) and Rule 17 Section A (Adjustment of Bills and Meter Tests Usage) and Section D (Adjustment of Bills for Billing Error). The service guarantee credit process will be initiated once SCE is aware that the first bill was either inaccurate or issued beyond sixty days of establishing service. The first bill for any given customer account is eligible for only one service guarantee credit regardless of whether the bill is late, inaccurate, or both.

According to PG&E's website, PG&E offers the following customer compensation programs:

#### **Compensation for Extended Outages**

**STORMS MESSAGE:** If you are a residential customer and have gone without power for at least 48 hours due to severe storm conditions, you may qualify for a payment under PG&E's Safety Net Program. This program provides for the automatic payment of \$25 - \$100, which is paid about 60 days following the storm outage. In some cases, processing may take 90-120 days (heavy storm season).

#### **Safety Net Program**

We understand how inconvenient it is for customers who go without power for 48 hours or longer due to severe events, such as a storm. That is why PG&E created the following:

- PG&E will provide payments to residential customers we determine were without power for more than 48 hours due to a severe storm.
- The payments will range from \$25 up to \$100, depending on the length of the outage.

### Eligibility

- The Storm Inconvenience Payment provision of the Safety Net Program applies to residential customers only (rate schedules E-1, E-6, E-7, E-8, E-9, EM, ES, ESR, ET, and EV); customers also may be enrolled in programs such as CARE and medical baseline.
- Businesses, agricultural accounts, multi-family building common areas, streetlights, and all other customers other than residential customers are ineligible for Storm Inconvenience Payments.
- Storm Inconvenience Payments will not be issued to customers in areas where access to PG&E's electric facilities was blocked (mud slides, road closures or other access issues). Also, if customer equipment prevented restoral or extended customer outage (ex. weatherhead, service drop, etc.).
- The outage must have occurred during a major weather-related event that caused significant damage to PG&E's electric distribution system.
- The outage must have lasted more than 48 hours.
- Storm Inconvenience Payments are in increments of \$25 (\$100 maximum per event). Payment levels are based on the length of the customer's outage:
  - 48 to 72 hours \$25
  - 72 to 96 hours \$50
  - 96 to 120 hours \$75
  - 120 hours or more \$100
- Both bundled-service and direct-access residential customers qualify for Storm Inconvenience Payments.
- Storm Inconvenience Payments will be issued to the customer of record.
- A customer with multiple residential services such as a primary residence and a vacation home is eligible for Storm Inconvenience Payments at each location where there was a storm-related outage of more than 48 hours.
- Customers must have an open account (service agreement) in good standing at the time of the outage and at the time payment is issued (generally 45 to 60 days after the event).
- For master-metered accounts such as mobile home parks, the customer of record will receive the Storm Inconvenience Payment for the master meter only.

### Service Guarantee Program

Gas and electricity are essential to keep your life running smoothly, safely and efficiently. When your service is interrupted or in need of repair, you expect a reasonable and timely response. To ensure that we provide this to you, PG&E has implemented service guarantees, which spell out our commitment to prompt customer service for our customers:

- **Guarantee 1: Missed Appointments:** PG&E will meet the agreed upon appointment time set with our customer during contact with our Call Center or automatically credit your account \$30.
- **Guarantee 2: Non-Emergency Investigations:** PG&E will investigate non-emergency situations (check meter) and communicate results to a customer within seven days of a customer's request. Check-meter appointments between October 15 and December 15 of each year will be scheduled within 10 workdays. If an off-site meter test is required, PG&E will communicate the results to the customer within 30 days. If access is required to the customer's premises, then an appointment is necessary. Failure to meet the service guarantee will result in a \$30 credit to the customer's account. An automatic credit to the customer's account would apply only if PG&E misses a scheduled appointment date. If

the appointment is scheduled beyond five workdays, the customer must notify PG&E to receive the credit. If PG&E's records show that such scheduling was at the customer's request, the credit does not apply.

- **Guarantee 3: Emergency:** The Emergency Service Guarantee is not currently in effect.
- **Guarantee 4: Complaint Resolution:** PG&E will decide on a course of action to resolve a complaint and communicate it to the customer within three working days. PG&E will communicate the complaints resolution to the customer within 10 working days, or 30 working days when an off-site meter test is required or an on-site home audit is requested. Failure to meet the service guarantee will result in a \$30 credit to the customer's account.
- **Guarantee 5: New Meter Installations:** PG&E will meet the agreed upon date for new service meter installations and service turn-ons or automatically credit your account \$50.
- **Guarantee 6: Electric Service Disruptions:** PG&E will respond to customer calls reporting electric service interruptions within four hours by restoring service; or by informing the customer, upon request, when service restoration is expected; or automatically credit your account \$30.
- **Guarantee 7: Electric Service Restoration:** PG&E will restore electric service within 24 hours, unless the cause is absolutely beyond our control, or we will automatically credit your account \$30 for each 24-hour period you are without service.
- **Guarantee 8: Commencing Bills:** PG&E will issue an accurate commencing bill to a new customer account within 60 days of service initiation, or we will automatically credit your account \$30.
- **Guarantee 9: Planned Interruptions:** PG&E shall provide at least three days' notice of a planned interruption in service. Failure to meet the service guarantee will result in a \$30 credit to the customer's account. This guarantee will require a customer call and PG&E investigation to determine if PG&E's commitment to notify customers 72 hours in advance of planned interruptions was missed. Customers notified of planned service interruptions 72 hours in advance may have their service interrupted on multiple occasions on the date(s).
- **Guarantee 10: Service Termination in Error:** Impacted customers will be eligible for a \$100 credit adjustment if PG&E terminates service in error.

**Fiscal Impact:**

No Impact on City Funds. Compelling SCE to create automatic direct compensation programs modeled on PG&E's "Safety Net" and "Service Guarantee" programs would have no direct fiscal impact on cities because the "Safety Net" program is limited to residential customers and the "Service Guarantee" program is very similar to SCE's existing program. However, residential customers would receive direct payments in specified circumstances for prolonged electrical power outages.

**Comment:**

- The City of Rancho Palos Verdes, in sponsoring this resolution, does not believe that SCE has an effective process to address customer damage claims associated with prolonged electrical power outages. According to the resolution, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes would like to compel SCE to create a program to automatically provide direct compensation to its customers affected by prolonged electrical power outages under specified circumstances. Additionally, the program would be modeled upon PG&E "Safety Net" and "Service Guarantee" programs, and shall cover weather-related events and planned and unplanned service disruptions.
- *What is SCE's process to provide relief to customers that have experienced a prolonged electrical power outage?* As part of SCE's four point service guarantee program, customers experiencing an electrical power outages exceeding 24 hours, may qualify for a \$30 credit under specific conditions. However, prolonged electrical power outages

caused by a moderate, severe, or catastrophic storm condition are exempt from the program.

- *How does PG&E provide relief to customers that have experienced a prolonged electrical power outage?* Like SCE, PG&E has a multi-point service guarantee program that provides customer credits that range from \$30 -\$100 for a wide range of activities. In addition, PG&E has a specific, weather related program, the “Safety Net” program, which provides automatic, direct payment to customers experiencing electrical power outages, in excess of 48 hours.
- *What type of customer compensation program does the Resolution call for?* The Resolution calls for a customer compensation program that expands beyond PG&E’s two existing programs. Under the Resolution, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes would like to compel SCE to adopt a program based on PG&E’s “Safety Net” and “Service Guarantee” programs, and also cover weather-related events and planned and unplanned service disruptions.
- *Do these programs really provide funds to residential customers?* While the Resolution holds PG&E’s programs in high esteem, after hearing from a number of city officials in PG&E’s service territory, it seems that there is a great deal of skepticism around the effectiveness and utilization of their residential compensation programs. Is PG&E’s program really working as described?
- *What about California’s other Investor Owned Utilities (IOU) and municipal utilities?* The Resolution is directed at SCE. However, the committee may want to consider the implications of the Resolution on the other investor owned utilities and municipal utilities.
- *Is legislation the best approach?* The Resolution calls upon the Governor and the Legislature to work with the League of California Cities to enact legislation or to otherwise compel SCE to create a program to automatically provide direct compensation to its customers affected by a prolonged electrical power outage. Given that the California Public Utilities Commission regulates all of the investor owned utilities, it may be more appropriate to seek a regulatory change rather than a legislative proposal.
- *More information to come.* The Resolution could have broader implications beyond SCE and PG&E. Prior to the Environmental Quality Policy Committee and General Resolutions Committee meeting at Annual Conference, League staff will provide additional background information on the following:
  - Other IOU electrical power outage compensation programs.
  - Municipal utility electrical power outage compensation programs.
  - Role of the California Public Utilities Commission.

**Existing League Policy:**

In response to the energy crisis of 2001, the League of California Cities established extensive policy and guiding principles related to the electric industry. However, there is no existing policy that pertains to prolonged power outages or compensating customers for damages incurred during a prolonged power outage.





**LETTERS OF CONCURRENCE**

Resolution No. 2

Overconcentration of Alcohol & Drug Treatment Facilities





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## THE CITY OF ARTESIA, CALIFORNIA

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July 15, 2015

President Stephany Aguilar  
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**Re: A RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES CALLING FOR LEGISLATION TO PRESERVE THERAPEUTIC ENVIRONMENTS FOR GROUP HOMES AND AVOID IMPACTS OF OVERCONCENTRATION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE RECOVERY AND TREATMENT FACILITIES IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS**

Dear President Aguilar,

I, Mayor Pro Tem Victor Manalo, City of Artesia wish to support the League of California Cities resolution for legislation to preserve therapeutic environments for group homes and avoid impacts of overconcentration of alcohol and drug abuse recovery and treatment facilities in residential neighborhoods to be adopted on October 2, 2015 at the Annual League of California Cities Conference in San Jose, California.

In the interest of continuing local control, land use and planning and home rule, we believe the Governor and Legislature should respect the individuals' legal rights. The California Fair Employment and Housing Act includes legal protection against discrimination against persons with disabilities through zoning laws, denials of use permits, and other actions authorized under the Planning and Zoning Law; and the Americans with Disabilities Act requires public entities to make reasonable accommodations in policies, practices, or procedures to avoid discrimination on the basis of a disability. There is no provision in State law that allows for the consideration of the impact of alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities on single-family neighborhoods or the overconcentration of these facilities as there is for residential group home facilities.

This resolution respectfully points out that community concern could be addressed if state agencies communicated and collaborated more with local government. Thank you in advance for considering, supporting and adopting the resolution at the annual conference on October 2, 2015.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Victor Manalo', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Victor Manalo  
Mayor Pro Tem  
City of Artesia



# City of Duarte

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July 22, 2015

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Tzeitel Paras-Caracci  
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Samuel Kang  
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Liz Reilly  
City Manager  
Dannell George

Re: A Resolution of the League of California Cities calling for legislation to preserve therapeutic environments for group homes, and avoid impacts of overconcentration of alcohol and drug abuse recovery and treatment facilities in residential neighborhoods

The City of Duarte wishes to support the League of California Cities' resolution for legislation to preserve therapeutic environments for group homes and avoid impacts of overconcentration of alcohol and drug abuse recovery and treatment facilities in residential neighborhoods, to be adopted on October 2, 2015, at the Annual League of California Cities Conference in San Jose, California.

In the interest of continuing local control, land use and planning, and home rule, we believe the Governor and Legislature should respect the individuals' legal rights. The California Fair Employment and Housing Act includes legal protection against discrimination against persons with disabilities through zoning laws, denials of use permits, and other actions authorized under the Planning and Zoning Law. The Americans with Disabilities Act requires public entities to make reasonable accommodations in policies, practices, or procedures to avoid discrimination on the basis of a disability. There is no provision in State law that allows for the consideration of the impact of alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities on single-family neighborhoods, or the overconcentration of these facilities, as there is for residential group home facilities.

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Sincerely,

Tzeitel Paras-Caracci  
Mayor



**City Council**  
David A. Spence, Mayor  
Jonathan C. Curtis, Mayor Pro Tem  
Michael T. Davitt  
Leonard Pieroni  
Terry Walker

July 15, 2015

President Stephany Aguilar  
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RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES CALLING FOR LEGISLATION TO PRESERVE THERAPEUTIC ENVIRONMENTS FOR GROUP HOMES AND AVOID IMPACTS OF OVERCONCENTRATION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE RECOVERY AND TREATMENT FACILITIES IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS

Dear President Aguilar:

I am a City Council member of the City of La Cañada Flintridge and wish to express my support of the League of California Cities' resolution for legislation to preserve therapeutic environments for group homes and avoid impacts of overconcentration of alcohol and drug abuse recovery and treatment facilities in residential neighborhoods. Said resolution is scheduled for consideration on October 2, 2015 at the Annual League of California Cities Conference in San Jose, California.

In the interest of continuing local control, land use and planning and home rule, I believe the Governor and Legislature should respect individuals' legal rights. The California Fair Employment and Housing Act includes legal protection against discrimination against persons with disabilities through zoning laws, denials of use permits, and other actions authorized under the Planning and Zoning Law; and the Americans with Disabilities Act requires public entities to make reasonable accommodations in policies, practices, or procedures to avoid discrimination on the basis of a disability. There is no provision in State law that allows for the consideration of the impact of alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities on single-family neighborhoods or the overconcentration of these facilities as there is for residential group home facilities.

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Thank you in advance for considering, supporting and adopting the resolution at the annual conference on October 2, 2015.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Davitt  
Council Member  
CCCA Executive Board Member

Ren Flores  
Vice Mayor

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Todd Rogers  
Council Member

Steve Craft  
Council Member

Diane English  
Council Member

CALIFORNIA

Jeff Wood  
Mayor

July 21, 2015

President Stephany Aguilar  
League of California Cities  
1400 K Street Suite 400  
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Resolution for Legislation to Preserve Therapeutic Environments for Group Homes and Avoid Impacts of Overconcentration of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Recovery and Treatment Facilities in Residential Neighborhoods

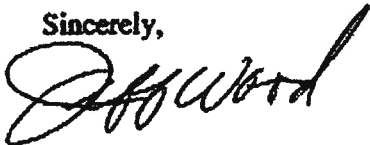
Dear President Aguilar:

The City of Lakewood supports the League of California Cities' resolution for legislation to preserve therapeutic environments for group homes and avoid impacts of overconcentration of alcohol and drug abuse recovery and treatment facilities in residential neighborhoods. We support that this resolution be adopted at the Annual League of California Cities Conference on October 2, 2015 in San Jose, California.

Lakewood recognizes that residential group home facilities provide valuable services for those who live in them. However, we also recognize that these facilities often generate more noise and activity than expected from a traditional single-family home, and that overconcentration of these homes can change the character of the neighborhoods where they are situated. Overconcentration can occur because state agencies that oversee these homes have different siting standards (facilities licensed by the state Department of Social Services require a 300 foot separation between facilities, but those facilities licensed by other state agencies, such as the Department of Alcohol and Drugs Programs, do not have such a requirement). This resolution will seek to address, via legislation, overconcentration of alcohol and drug treatment prevention facilities in residential neighborhoods while respecting important legal rights of patients and legal obligations of public entities.

Thank you for your consideration, support and adoption of this important resolution at the League Annual Conference.

Sincerely,



Jeff Wood  
Mayor

Lakewood



## MITCHELL ENGLANDER

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMEMBER, TWELFTH DISTRICT

July 24, 2015

President Stephany Aguilar  
League of California Cities  
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Sacramento, CA 95814  
Fax: (916) 658-8240

**Re: A RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES CALLING FOR LEGISLATION TO PRESERVE THERAPEUTIC ENVIRONMENTS FOR GROUP HOMES AND AVOID IMPACTS OF OVERCONCENTRATION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE RECOVERY AND TREATMENT FACILITIES IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS**

Dear President Aguilar,

I, Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitchell Englander, wish to support the League of California Cities resolution for legislation to preserve therapeutic environments for group homes and avoid impacts of overconcentration of alcohol and drug abuse recovery and treatment facilities in residential neighborhoods to be adopted on October 2, 2015 at the Annual League of California Cities Conference in San Jose, California.

In the interest of continuing local control, land use and planning and home rule, we believe the Governor and Legislature should respect the individuals' legal rights. The California Fair Employment and Housing Act includes legal protection against discrimination against persons with disabilities through zoning laws, denials of use permits, and other actions authorized under the Planning and Zoning Law; and the Americans with Disabilities Act requires public entities to make reasonable accommodations in policies, practices, or procedures to avoid discrimination on the basis of a disability. There is no provision in State law that allows for the consideration of the impact of alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities on single-family neighborhoods or the overconcentration of these facilities as there is for residential group home facilities.

This resolution respectfully points out that community concern could be addressed if state agencies communicated and collaborated more with local government. Thank you in advance for considering, supporting and adopting the resolution at the annual conference on October 2, 2015.

Sincerely,

MITCHELL ENGLANDER

President Pro Tempore,  
Chair, City of Los Angeles Public Safety Committee





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July 23, 2015

President Stephany Aguilar  
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**RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES CALLING FOR LEGISLATION TO PRESERVE THERAPEUTIC ENVIRONMENTS FOR GROUP HOMES AND AVOID IMPACTS OF OVERCONCENTRATION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE RECOVERY AND TREATMENT FACILITIES IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS**

Dear President Aguilar:

I, Mayor Henry Sanchez, Jr., City of Lomita, wish to support the League of California Cities resolution for legislation to preserve therapeutic environments for group homes and avoid impacts of overconcentration of alcohol and drug abuse recovery and treatment facilities in residential neighborhoods to be adopted on October 2, 2015 at the Annual League of California Cities Conference in San Jose, California.

In the interest of continuing local control, land use and planning and home rule, we believe the Governor and Legislature should respect the individuals' legal rights. The California Fair Employment and Housing Act includes legal protection against discrimination against persons with disabilities through zoning laws, denials of use permits, and other actions authorized under the Planning and Zoning Law; and the Americans with Disabilities Act requires public entities to make reasonable accommodations in policies, practices, or procedures to avoid discrimination on the basis of a disability. There is no provision in State law that allows for the consideration of the impact of alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities on single-family neighborhoods or the overconcentration of these facilities as there is for residential group home facilities.

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Sincerely,

Henry Sanchez, Jr.  
Mayor, City of Lomita

cc: Kelli Lofing, California Contract Cities Association, [kelli@contractcities.org](mailto:kelli@contractcities.org)

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**GREGORY SALCIDO**  
*Mayor*

July 15, 2015

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**Re: A RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES CALLING FOR  
LEGISLATION TO PRESERVE THERAPEUTIC ENVIRONMENTS FOR GROUP  
HOMES AND AVOID IMPACTS OF OVERCONCENTRATION OF ALCOHOL  
AND DRUG ABUSE RECOVERY AND TREATMENT FACILITIES IN  
RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS**

Dear President Aguilar,

I, Gregory Salcido, Mayor of the City of Pico Rivera wish to support the League of California Cities resolution for legislation to preserve therapeutic environments for group homes and avoid impacts of overconcentration of alcohol and drug abuse recovery and treatment facilities in residential neighborhoods to be adopted on October 2, 2015 at the Annual League of California Cities Conference in San Jose, California.

In the interest of continuing local control, land use and planning and home rule, we believe the Governor and Legislature should respect the individuals' legal rights. The California Fair Employment and Housing Act includes legal protection against discrimination against persons with disabilities through zoning laws, denials of use permits, and other actions authorized under the Planning and Zoning Law; and the Americans with Disabilities Act requires public entities to make reasonable accommodations in policies, practices, or procedures to avoid discrimination on the basis of a disability. There is no provision in State law that allows for the consideration of the impact of alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities on single-family neighborhoods or the overconcentration of these facilities as there is for residential group home facilities.

Stephany Aguilar, President  
League of California Cities  
Legislation to Preserve Therapeutic Environments  
for Group Homes  
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Sincerely,



Gregory Salcido  
Mayor

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**LETTERS OF CONCURRENCE**

Resolution No. 3

Residential Rentals, Support for SB 593 (McGuire)





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July 29, 2015

Stephany Aguilar, President  
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1400 K Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES SUPPORTING SB 593 (MCGUIRE) AND CONTINUED LOCAL FLEXIBILITY FOR CITIES AS THEY ADDRESS NEIGHBORHOOD AND FISCAL IMPACTS OF TEMPORARY RENTALS OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS FOR TOURIST OR TRANSIENT USES**

Dear President Aguilar:

The City of Healdsburg supports the proposed resolution related to the Sharing Economy and concurs in the submission of the resolution for consideration by the League of Cities General Assembly at its annual meeting on October 2, 2015.

The resolution reaffirms and acknowledges local efforts to effectively regulate land use impacts and collect applicable taxes from transient residential rentals as part of the emerging "shared economy".

The short-term rental of residential houses, rooms, condominiums, and apartments present numerous challenges within neighborhoods and to adjacent property owners. They may create additional noise, traffic, parking, privacy and public safety issues, subvert local rent-control laws, decrease available housing stock and in some cases turn residential neighborhoods into de-facto hotel rows.

Where the temporary rental of residential units is allowed by local regulation, the associated transient occupancy tax (TOT) should also be collected. These units are in direct competition with hotels, motels and other accommodations where guests pay the local transient occupancy tax, so all such uses should be subject to the same tax. The revenues generated support local streets, roads, fire, police, lifeguards, trash pick-up, park maintenance and other local public services which directly affect local quality of life and the attraction of the community for a visitor.

The City of Healdsburg believes SB 593, as referenced in the proposed resolution, acknowledges existing local authority in this area and provides the necessary data for local jurisdictions to enforce their regulations regarding short-term residential rentals and a helpful regulatory framework that local governments may choose in lieu of exercising their existing authority.

For these reasons, the City of Healdsburg supports the League's Resolution.

Sincerely,

  
Shaun F. McCaffery, Mayor  
City of Healdsburg

cc: Meg Desmond, League of California Cities, [mdesmond@cacities.org](mailto:mdesmond@cacities.org)  
John Leonard, City of West Hollywood, [jleonard@weho.org](mailto:jleonard@weho.org)







## **Mammoth Lakes Town Council**

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July 30, 2015

Stephany Aguilar, President  
League of California Cities  
1400 K Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: LETTER IN SUPPORT OF A RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES  
SUPPORTING SB 593 (MCGUIRE)**

Dear President Aguilar:

The Town of Mammoth Lakes supports the proposed resolution related to the Sharing Economy and concurs in the submission of the resolution for consideration by the League of Cities General Assembly at its annual meeting on October 2, 2015. The Town of Mammoth Lakes is a small, rural community in the Eastern Sierra Region of about 8,000 full-time residents. Mammoth Lakes is a tourist destination, servicing hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. We are geographically isolated from populated areas by several hundred miles and are supported by our one primary industry – tourism.

The League's proposed resolution reaffirms and acknowledges local efforts to effectively regulate land use impacts and collect applicable taxes from transient residential rentals as part of the emerging "shared economy".

The short-term rental of residential houses, rooms, condominiums, and apartments present numerous challenges within neighborhoods and to adjacent property owners. They may create additional noise, traffic, parking, privacy and public safety issues, subvert local rent-control laws, and decrease available housing stock. In Mammoth Lakes, with a limited police force that is not staffed 24-hours a day and a code enforcement staff of one, enforcement of these types of issues can be very challenging.

Where the temporary rental of residential units is allowed by local regulation, the associated transient occupancy tax (TOT) should also be collected. These units are in direct competition with hotels, motels and other accommodations where guests pay the local transient occupancy tax, so all transient rentals should be subject to the same tax. The revenues generated support local services, including but not limited to, public safety, snow removal, maintenance of public parks and facilities, road maintenance, and recreation programs, which directly affect local quality of life and the attraction of the community for a visitor.

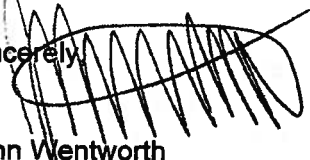
This proposal will make it much easier for communities such as Mammoth Lakes that depend on revenue from TOT to enforce existing rules and regulations and collect TOT as specified in our Municipal Code. Mammoth Lakes relies heavily on TOT collection to operate the Town government; nearly 65% of the Town's operating budget is funded by the collection of TOT.

Collection of TOT is so important to the Town that we have three full-time employees dedicated its enforcement. This includes making sure that people remit their taxes on time, but more importantly it is tracking down violators who are renting their units without an approved permit, renting units in locations where the zoning does not permit it, and/or not remitting their taxes to the Town. Enforcement is made much more difficult by the use of online vacation rental business (OVRB) websites where unit numbers and addresses are typically not listed and often owners do not require the payment of TOT. The data proposed to be collected and provided to us by OVRBs will be of great value as we manage transient rentals in our community.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes believes SB 593, as referenced in the proposed resolution, acknowledges existing local authority in this area and provides the necessary data for local jurisdictions to enforce their regulations regarding short-term residential rentals and a helpful regulatory framework that local governments may choose in lieu of exercising their existing authority.

For all of these reasons, the Town of Mammoth Lakes supports the League California Cities' Resolution.

Sincerely,



John Wentworth  
Councilmember  
Town of Mammoth Lakes

cc: Meg Desmond, League of California Cities, [mdesmond@cacities.org](mailto:mdesmond@cacities.org)  
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**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

July 27, 2015

Stephany Aguilar, President  
League of California Cities  
1400 K Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear President Aguilar:

**RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES SUPPORTING SB 593 (MCGUIRE) AND CONTINUED LOCAL FLEXIBILITY FOR CITIES AS THEY ADDRESS NEIGHBORHOOD AND FISCAL IMPACTS OF TEMPORARY RENTALS OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS FOR TOURIST OR TRANSIENT USES**

The City of Napa supports the proposed resolution related to the Sharing Economy and concurs in the submission of the resolution for consideration by the League of Cities General Assembly at its annual meeting on October 2, 2015.

The resolution reaffirms and acknowledges local efforts to effectively regulate land use impacts and collect applicable taxes from transient residential rentals as part of the emerging "shared economy".

The short-term rental of residential houses, rooms, condominiums, and apartments present numerous challenges within neighborhoods and to adjacent property owners. They may create additional noise, traffic, parking, privacy and public safety issues, subvert local rent-control laws, decrease available housing stock and in some cases turn residential neighborhoods into de-facto hotel rows.

The City of Napa's zoning ordinance defines a "Rental Housing Shortage" as a vacancy rate less than 5%. A vacancy rate of less than 2% is defined as "Severe". We are currently at severe levels. The City's vacancy rates have continued to decline from 4% in 2009 to less than 2% today. Our Housing Element recognizes the issue of rising housing costs in Napa and its impact on the goal of maintaining Napa's quality of life by balancing the availability of housing with other environmental considerations. Maintaining and protecting our housing stock is of utmost importance to the City of Napa.

Where the temporary rental of residential units is allowed by local regulation, the associated transient occupancy tax (TOT) should also be collected. These units are in direct competition with hotels, motels and other accommodations where guests pay the local transient occupancy tax, so all such uses should be subject to the same tax. The revenues generated support local streets, roads, fire, police, lifeguards, trash pick-up, park maintenance and other local public services which directly affect local quality of life and the attraction of the community for a visitor.

The City of Napa believes SB 593, as referenced in the proposed resolution, acknowledges existing local authority in this area and provides the necessary data for local jurisdictions to enforce their regulations

regarding short-term residential rentals and a helpful regulatory framework that local governments may choose in lieu of exercising their existing authority.

For the reasons as stated above, the City of Napa supports the proposed Resolution.

Sincerely,



Jill Techel  
Mayor  
CITY OF NAPA

JT/dr

cc: City of Napa City Councilmembers  
Meg Desmond, League of California Cities, [mdesmond@cacities.org](mailto:mdesmond@cacities.org)  
John Leonard, City of West Hollywood, [jleonard@weho.org](mailto:jleonard@weho.org)  
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CITY OF PIEDMONT  
CALIFORNIA



July 30, 2015

Stephany Aguilar, President  
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1400 K Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES SUPPORTING SB 593 (MCGUIRE) AND CONTINUED LOCAL FLEXIBILITY FOR CITIES AS THEY ADDRESS NEIGHBORHOOD AND FISCAL IMPACTS OF TEMPORARY RENTALS OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS FOR TOURIST OR TRANSIENT USES**

Dear President Aguilar:

The City of Piedmont supports the proposed resolution related to the Sharing Economy and concurs in the submission of the resolution for consideration by the League of Cities General Assembly at its annual meeting on October 2, 2015.

The resolution reaffirms and acknowledges local efforts to effectively regulate land use impacts and collect applicable taxes from transient residential rentals as part of the emerging "shared economy".

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The City of Piedmont believes SB 593, as referenced in the proposed resolution, acknowledges existing local authority in this area and provides the necessary data for local jurisdictions to enforce their regulations regarding short-term residential rentals and

a helpful regulatory framework that local governments may choose in lieu of exercising their existing authority.

For these reasons, the City of Piedmont supports the Resolution.

Sincerely,

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Paul Benoit  
City Administrator  
City of Piedmont

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July 27, 2015

Ms. Stephany Aguilar, President  
League of California Cities  
1400 K Street, Suite 400  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES SUPPORTING SB 593 (McGUIRE) AND CONTINUED LOCAL FLEXIBILITY FOR CITIES AS THEY ADDRESS NEIGHBORHOOD AND FISCAL IMPACTS OF TEMPORARY RENTALS OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS FOR TOURIST OR TRANSIENT USES**

Dear President Aguilar:

As Mayor of the City of Santa Cruz, I am writing in support of the proposed resolution related to the Thriving Communities and Sharing Economy Act and concur in the submission of the resolution for consideration by the League of California Cities (LOCC) General Assembly at its annual meeting on October 2, 2015.

The resolution reaffirms and acknowledges local efforts to effectively regulate land use impacts and collect applicable taxes from transient residential rentals as part of the emerging “shared economy.”

The short-term rental of residential houses, rooms, condominiums, and apartments present numerous challenges within neighborhoods and to adjacent property owners. Such rental situations may create additional noise, traffic, parking, and privacy and public safety issues; subvert local rent control laws; decrease available housing stock; and, in some cases, turn residential neighborhoods into de facto hotel rows.

Where the temporary rental of residential units is allowed by local regulation, the associated Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) should also be collected. These units are in direct competition with hotels, motels, and other accommodations where guests pay the local TOT, so all such uses should be subject

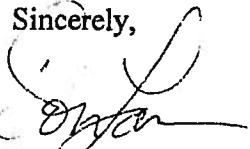
Ms. Stephany Aguilar, President  
July 27, 2015  
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I believe SB 593, as referenced in the proposed resolution, acknowledges existing local authority in this area and provides the necessary data for local jurisdictions to enforce their regulations regarding short-term residential rentals and a helpful regulatory framework that local governments may choose in lieu of exercising their existing authority.

For these reasons, I support the proposed resolution and hope that the LOCC will consider adoption of this resolution at its October conference.

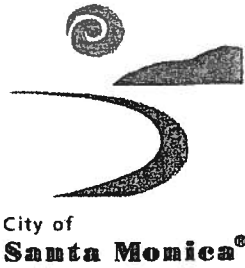
Sincerely,



Don Lane  
Mayor

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July 24, 2015

Stephany Aguilar, President  
League of California Cities  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear President Aguilar:

**RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES SUPPORTING SB 593 (MCGUIRE) AND CONTINUED LOCAL FLEXIBILITY FOR CITIES AS THEY ADDRESS NEIGHBORHOOD AND FISCAL IMPACTS OF TEMPORARY RENTALS OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS FOR TOURIST OR TRANSIENT USES**

The City of Santa Monica supports the proposed resolution related to the Sharing Economy and concurs in the submission of the resolution for consideration by the League of Cities General Assembly at its annual meeting on October 2, 2015.

The resolution reaffirms and acknowledges local efforts to effectively regulate land use impacts and collect applicable taxes from transient residential rentals as part of the emerging "shared economy".

The short-term rental of residential houses, rooms, condominiums, and apartments present numerous challenges within neighborhoods and to adjacent property owners. They may create additional noise, traffic, parking, privacy and public safety issues, subvert local rent-control laws, decrease available housing stock and in some cases turn residential neighborhoods into de-facto hotel rows.

Where the temporary rental of residential units is allowed by local regulation, the associated transient occupancy tax (TOT) should also be collected. These units are in direct competition with hotels, motels and other accommodations where guests pay the local transient occupancy tax, so all such uses should be subject to the same tax. The revenues generated support local streets, roads, fire, police, lifeguards, trash pick-up, park maintenance and other local public services which directly affect local quality of life and the attraction of the community for a visitor.

The City of Santa Monica believes SB 593, as referenced in the proposed resolution, acknowledges existing local authority in this area and provides the necessary data for local jurisdictions to enforce their regulations regarding short-term residential rentals and a helpful regulatory framework that local governments may choose in lieu of exercising their existing authority.

In Santa Monica, a city of just over 90,000 residents, passage of SB 593 in concurrence with our local ordinance, will generate estimated annual revenues of approximately \$138,500 in Transient Occupancy Tax and would return approximately 1,000 units to the housing market.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Monica supports the City's Resolution.

Sincerely,

Kevin McKeown  
Mayor

cc: Meg Desmond, League of California Cities, [mdesmond@cacities.org](mailto:mdesmond@cacities.org)  
John Leonard, City of West Hollywood, [jleonard@weho.org](mailto:jleonard@weho.org)



# City of Sonoma

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July 27, 2015

Stephany Aguilar, President  
League of California Cities  
1400 K Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear President Aguilar:

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The City of Sonoma believes SB 593, as referenced in the proposed resolution, acknowledges existing local authority in this area and provides the necessary data for local jurisdictions to enforce their regulations regarding short-term residential rentals and a helpful regulatory framework that local governments may choose in lieu of exercising their existing authority.

The City of Sonoma is a tourist destination and the proliferation of vacation rentals is a top priority for City staff. The workload in monitoring and attempting to ensure compliance with local

regulations is over-burdening our small staff. In addition, the sale of available housing has become a market for out of town investors to purchase and create new vacation rentals. Without legislative intervention, vacation rentals become an epidemic in a desirable destination location and the local residents "pay the price".

For these reasons, the City of Sonoma supports the League's Resolution.

Sincerely,



Carol E. Giovanatto  
City Manager  
For and on behalf of the City of Sonoma

cc: Meg Desmond, League of California Cities, [mdesmond@cacities.org](mailto:mdesmond@cacities.org)  
John Leonard, City of West Hollywood, [jleonard@weho.org](mailto:jleonard@weho.org)

**LETTERS OF CONCURRENCE**

Resolution No. 4

Compensation for Prolonged Electrical Power Outages





# City of Hermosa Beach

Civic Center, 1315 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254-3885

July 30, 2015

Stephany Aguilar, President  
League of California Cities  
1400 K St., Ste. 400  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear President Aguilar:

The City of Hermosa Beach supports the City of Rancho Palos Verdes' effort to submit a resolution for consideration by the General Assembly at the League's 2015 Annual Conference in San José.

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes' resolution seeks to address the failure of Southern California Edison (SCE) to reasonably compensate its customers for losses incurred due to prolonged service disruptions. Prolonged electrical outages jeopardize the public safety, health and general welfare of the communities within SCE's service area. Among the populations that are most at risk as a result of outages are:

- Customers with physical challenges who rely on a constant source of power for medical devices;
- Customers who are senior citizens and are particularly susceptible to injury if power outages persist for long periods of time into evening hours; and,
- Customers who suffer financial burdens as a result of losing food, medication and other perishable items during prolonged power outages.

At least one other California utility, Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), provides automatic, direct rebates to its customers in the event of prolonged power outages for a variety of causes, including severe weather and other planned and unplanned outages. Rebates are provided automatically to PG&E's customers without filing a claim, which we believe demonstrates that such a program is feasible for SCE as well.

As a member of the League, our city values the policy development opportunity provided by the Annual Conference Resolution process. We appreciate your time and consideration of this important issue. Please feel free to contact Andrew Brozyna at (310) 318-0238 or [abrozyna@hermosabch.org](mailto:abrozyna@hermosabch.org) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Tom Bakaly  
City Manager

**CITY COUNCIL**

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**CITY OF LOMITA**

July 28, 2015

Stephany Aguilar, President  
League of California Cities  
1400 K St., Ste. 400  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear President Aguilar:

The City of Lomita supports the City of Rancho Palos Verdes' effort to submit a resolution for consideration by the General Assembly at the League's 2015 Annual Conference in San José.

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes' resolution seeks to address the failure of Southern California Edison (SCE) to reasonably compensate its customers for losses incurred due to prolonged service disruptions. Prolonged electrical outages jeopardize the public safety, health and general welfare of the communities within SCE's service area. Among the populations that are most at risk as a result of outages are:

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As a member of the League, our city values the policy development opportunity provided by the Annual Conference Resolution process. We appreciate your time and consideration of this important issue. Please feel free to contact Laura Vander Neut, Management Analyst at (310) 325-7110, ext. 151 or [l.vanderneut@lomitacity.com](mailto:l.vanderneut@lomitacity.com) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Henry Sanchez Jr.' The signature is written in a cursive style.

Henry Sanchez, Jr.  
Mayor, City of Lomita

cc: Kit Fox, Senior Administrative Analyst, City of Rancho Palos Verdes, [KitF@rpvca.gov](mailto:KitF@rpvca.gov)

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CITY OF

# Palos Verdes Estates

OFFICE OF  
THE MAYOR

July 29, 2015

Stephany Aguilar, President  
League of California Cities  
1400 K St., Ste. 400  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear President Aguilar:

The City of Palos Verdes Estates supports the City of Rancho Palos Verdes' effort to submit a resolution for consideration by the General Assembly at the League's 2015 Annual Conference in San José.

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes' proposed resolution seeks to address the failure of Southern California Edison (SCE) to reasonably compensate its customers for losses incurred due to prolonged service disruptions. Prolonged electrical outages jeopardize the public safety, health and general welfare of the communities within SCE's service area. Among the populations that are most at risk as a result of outages are:

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As a member of the League, our City values the policy development opportunity provided by the Annual Conference Resolution process. We appreciate your time and consideration of this important issue. Please feel free to contact City Manager Anton Dahlerbruch at 310.378.0383 or [adahlerbruch@pvestates.org](mailto:adahlerbruch@pvestates.org) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

James F. Goodhart  
Mayor

Enclosure: Rancho Palos Verdes Proposed League Resolution

c: Palos Verdes Estates City Council  
Rancho Palos Verdes City Council  
Doug Willmore, Rancho Palos Verdes City Manager  
Jeff Kiernan, League of California Cities Regional Public Affairs Manager (via email)  
Post Office Box 1086, Palos Verdes Estates, California 90274-0283



# City of Rolling Hills

INCORPORATED JANUARY 24, 1957

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ROLLING HILLS, CALIF. 90274  
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FAX: (310) 377-7288

July 30, 2015

Stephany Aguilar, President  
League of California Cities  
1400 K Street, Suite 400  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear President Aguilar,

The City of Rolling Hills supports the City of Rancho Palos Verdes' effort to submit a resolution for consideration by the General Assembly at the League's 2015 Annual Conference in San Jose.

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes' resolution seeks to address the failure of Southern California Edison (SCE) to reasonably compensate its customers for losses incurred due to prolonged service disruptions. Prolonged electrical outages jeopardize the public safety, health and general welfare of the communities within SCE's service area. Among the populations that are most at risk as a result of outages are:

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As a member of the League, our city values the policy development opportunity provided by the Annual Conference Resolution process. We appreciate your time and consideration of this important issue. Please feel free to me at (310) 377-1521 or [rcruz@cityofrh.net](mailto:rcruz@cityofrh.net) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Raymond R. Cruz  
City Manager

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c: Mayor and City Council

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July 29, 2015

Stephany Aguilar, President  
League of California Cities  
1400 K Street, Suite 400  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear President Aguilar:

As Mayor of the City of Rolling Hills Estates, I support the City of Rancho Palos Verdes' effort to submit a resolution for consideration by the General Assembly at the League's 2015 Annual Conference in San Jose.

The proposed resolution seeks to require reasonable compensation to Southern California Edison (SCE) customers for losses incurred due to prolonged service disruptions which jeopardize the safety, health and general welfare of the communities within SCE's service area. Among the populations that are most at risk as a result of these outages are:

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- Customers who suffer financial burdens as a result of losing food, medication and other perishable items during prolonged power outages.

I urge the League to place this matter before the General Assembly for consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



John C. Addleman  
Mayor

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PENINSULA DIVISION  
2015-16 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS BALLOT



**PENINSULA DIVISION  
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- CAMPBELL
- COLMA
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ALICIA AGUIRRE  
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**CITY:**

Please return to the Peninsula Division c/o Nancy Hall Bennet at 286 Mountain View Avenue, San Rafael, CA 94901 (please note that this is a personal address) by September 29<sup>th</sup> or deliver at the Annual Breakfast on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**President:**

Liz Kniss, Councilmember, Palo Alto Yes\_\_\_

**Vice President:**

Alicia Aguirre, Council Member, Redwood City Yes\_\_\_

**Secretary-Treasurer:**

Marilyn Librers, Councilmember, Morgan Hill Yes\_\_\_

**Board Director (Two Year Term)**

Kirsten Keith, Council Member, Menlo Park Yes\_\_\_

**At-Large – VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE FOR EACH COUNTY**

**San Mateo County**

Larry Moody, Councilmember, East Palo Alto Yes\_\_\_

**Santa Clara County**

Jim Davis, Councilmember, Sunnyvale Yes\_\_\_

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Name (please print)

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Title

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Signature

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## Candidates' Biographies for the 2015-16 League of California Cities Peninsula Division Executive Committee

### **Position: President**

**Candidate: Liz Kniss, Councilmember, City of Palo Alto**



### **Application Statement:**

I am currently serving as Vice President, and was elected to fill the vacant position after the November election. I have enjoyed serving as Vice President with Kirsten, and would like an opportunity to continue my service to the Peninsula Division of the League of California Cities.

I believe I have a good record of leadership, accountability, and taking responsibility regardless of what governing body I am serving on. While serving on the county Board of Supervisors I played a leadership role at the national level (NACO) chairing a major national committee; I also played a role in our local state organization, CSAC, serving on the board for several years and chairing a major statewide committee there as well.

I believe strongly in the role of governance and in the role we play on a governing body. Although Palo Alto has a large budget and we serve 65,000 people, I believe we need to remember that the prime reason cities exist is to provide our citizens with adequate police and fire protection. Following closely on public safety is our infrastructure, planning and zoning, and adequate administrative services. Although we offer far more services than those in our city, I think the four items listed above are the essence of serving in our cities.

I have had a very good record of attending meetings in all of the governing bodies I have served on. I traveled throughout the U.S. while on the NACO board, and in many parts of our state for CSAC. In addition, I really enjoy serving on boards, committees and commissions. I make a strong contribution, and I believe I'm an enthusiastic team member on governing boards. I have often served as "Chair" and believe I do a good job of handling that hard role.

I would welcome your support!  
Liz Kniss

### **Councilmember Liz Kniss – Biography**

#### **Occupation**

- Manager, Marketing and Communications, Sun Microsystems Laboratories
- Director, Stanford Friends of Nursing, Stanford University Hospital
- Public Health Nurse, San Mateo County
- Public Health Nurse, Cupertino Union School District
- Registered Nurse

#### **Education**

- BSN Simmons College, Boston, MA
- MPA, Public Administration and Health Care Policy, Cal State University
- Graduate work in Health Policy and Economics, UC Berkeley

#### **Memberships, Affiliations, Community Service (partial list)**

- AAUW, Palo Alto Chapter
- American Leadership Forum; Senior Fellow
- Association for Senior Day Health
- California Elected Women's Assoc. for Ed. & Research (CEWAR)
- Children's Health Awareness Council (CHAC) Advisory Council

- Democratic Activists for Women Now (DAWN)
- Democratic Forum of Santa Clara County
- Joint Venture Silicon Valley; current member and past Co-Chair
- League of Women Voters, Palo Alto Chapter
- Palo Alto Rotary
- Palo Alto Women's Club
- Voices of Reform Advisory Board, Commonwealth Club of California 2004-2005

#### **Public Service - Elected**

- 2001 - 2012: Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, President 2005 and 2009
- 1989 - 2000: Palo Alto City Council, Council Member, Mayor 1994 and 2000
- 1985 - 1989: Palo Alto School Board, Member, President 1988

#### **Policy Committees and County Representation**

- Health and Hospital Committee; Vice-Chair 2001, Chair 2002 - 2012
- Legislative Committee; Vice-Chair 2001-2005, Chair 2006 - 2012
- Housing, Land Use, Environment, Transportation Committee; Vice-Chair 2009 - 2012
- Finance and Government Operations Committee; Vice-Chair 2006 - 2008
- Public Safety and Justice Committee; Chair 2001 Vice-Chair 2002 - 2005
- County Library District Joint Powers Authority; 2001 - 2012
- Santa Clara County Health Authority Board of Directors; 2001 - 2011
- Santa Clara County Emergency Preparedness Council 2004 - 2011
- First Five Santa Clara County Board of Directors 2009
- SCC Cities Association Joint Economic Development Policy Committee; 2005- 2008
- County Fire Department Liaison; 2001 - 2012
- County Planning Commission Liaison; 2001 - 2009
- Disaster Council 2006 - 2011
- Energy Task Force 2001
- Juvenile Detention Reform Planning Committee 2004
- Juvenile Detention Reform Oversight Committee 2005 - 2006

#### **Regional Representation**

- Bay Area Air Quality Management District; 2001 - 2012
- Bay Conservation and Development Commission; 2001 - 2011
- Local Agency Formation Commission; 2001 - 2011
- Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District Financing Authority 2001 - 2012
- Regional Hazardous Waste Management Facility Allocation; 2001- 2006
- Valley Transportation Authority; 2005 - 2012, Chair 2008

#### **State and National Representation**

- California State Association of Counties Board of Directors; 2006 - 2012
- California State Association of Counties; Health and Human Services Committee; Member 2003 - 2012, Vice-Chair 2006, Chair 2008 - 2012
- California Urban Counties Caucus; Member 2006 - 2012, Chair 2011
- National Association of Counties; 2006 - 2012, Board of Directors 2010 - 2012
- National Association of Counties; Health Steering Committee; Member 2004 - 2012, Chair 2010 - 2012
- National Association of Counties; Large Urban County Steering Committee 2006 - 2012
- National Association of Counties; Sustainability Leadership Team 2003 - 2006

#### **Palo Alto City Council 1989 - 2000, 2013 -**

- Member, City Council Rail Committee; 2013
- Chair, City/School Liaison Committee; 2014



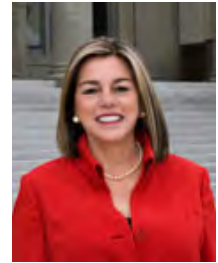
- Member, City/School Liaison Committee; 1992, 1994-97, 2013
- Member, Council/CAO Committee; 1993-94, 2013-15
- Member, Finance Committee, 1997, 20014-15
- Chair, Policy & Services Committee, 2013
- Liaison, Public Art Commission, 2015
- Liaison, Art Center Foundation, 2014-15
- Liaison, Avenidas, 2014-15
- Liaison, Historic Resources Board, 2014
- Liaison, Board of Realtors, 2013-14
- Liaison, Midpeninsula Community Media Center, 2013
- Liaison, Neighbors Abroad; 1993, 1997, 2013-14
- Liaison, Palo Alto Downtown Business & Professional Association, 2013
- Liaison, Palo Alto Housing Corporation, 1993, 1997, 2013
- Liaison, Valley Transportation Authority, Policy Advisory Committee, 2014-15
- Liaison, Valley Transportation Authority, El Camino Real Rapid Transit Policy Advisory Board, 2013
- Liaison, Caltrain Policy Maker Committee, 2014
- Library Advisory Commission; 1999
- Palo Alto Community Child Care; 1990, 1993, 1995, 1998-1999
- Millennium Night/Year 2000 Committee; 1999
- National League of Cities - Women in Municipal Government Board; 1998
- National League of Cities - Steering Committee; 1995, 1998-99
- Santa Clara County Foundation (now Palo Alto Fund); 1990-99
- Telecommunications Advisory Board; 1998-99
- Senior Coordinator Council; 1991, 1998
- County Board of Supervisors Liaison; 1997
- California Avenue Area Development Association; 1997
- Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce; 1997
- Santa Clara Valley Water District Commission; 1997
- Stanford University Liaison; 1994-97
- Downtown Merchants' Association; 1995-97
- Historic Resources Board; 1995-96
- League of California Cities - Committee on Housing, Community and Association of Bay Area Governments; 1994-95
- League of California Cities - Peninsula Division; 1994-95, 2015
- Economic Development; 1991-95
- East Palo Alto Liaison Committee; 1993-95
- Santa Clara County Cities Association; 1994
- Family Resource Center Task Force; 1994
- Santa Clara County Transportation Commission; 1991-94
- Palo Alto Centennial Committee; 1990-1994
- Disability Awareness Task Force; 1993
- Public Art Commission; 1992
- Santa Clara County Intergovernmental Council; 1992
- Senior Coordinating Council; 1992
- Santa Clara County Emergency Preparedness Council; 1990-91
- Santa Clara County Paratransit Coordinating Council; 1991

**Position: Vice President**

**Candidate: Alicia Aguirre, Councilmember, City of Redwood City**

**Application Statement:**

I have served on the Peninsula Division of the League of CA Cities for the last year as Secretary/Treasurer. I am a member of the Leagues' Policy Committee for Transportation, Communication, and Public Works. I am also the President of the Latino Caucus of the League. I have worked with the League since I was elected for the past 10 years and have also been on other Policy Committees. I believe that it is important to continue to work with my colleagues at the local, regional and state level on issues that are important to our cities. I would be honored to serve as the Vice President of the Peninsula Division of the League of California Cities.



**Councilmember Alicia Aguirre – Biography**

Alicia C. Aguirre is the former Mayor of the City Redwood City and is a serving member of the City Council. She is the first Latina/o Mayor in the history of Redwood City. She was appointed in January, 2005 and was elected in November, 2005, 2007, and 2011. She also served as a Trustee and the President of the Redwood City Elementary School Board.

As an elected official, she serves on many of the City's committees and several regional boards in the County of San Mateo and statewide.

As an active community member, she has served on numerous community boards in San Mateo County and the State of California and has received many awards. Some of these include:

- Woman of the Year 2012 State of California 21<sup>st</sup> Assembly District's by Assemblyman Rich Gordon
- Recipient of the OHTLI Award and Medal by the Mexican Government
- President of the Statewide Latino Caucus Executive Board of the League of California Cities
- Trustee, Notre Dame De Namur University
- Inducted into the Redwood City San Mateo County Chamber Hall of Fame
- Treasurer of the Latino Political Action Committee of San Mateo County
- Vice Chair, CCAG - City County Association of Governments Board
- Secretary/Treasurer of the Peninsula Division of the League of CA Cities
- Chair of the Redwood City Chamber Leadership Committee and member of the Government Relations Committee
- Metropolitan Transportation Commissioner, representing the Cities of SMC
- Latina Mentor Advisory Council of the San Mateo County Office of Education
- Redwood City Library Foundation
- President of the Board of the Service League of San Mateo County
- Shelter Network Board
- Hispanos Unidos
- Mt. Carmel School Board and the Garfield Charter School Board

Alicia is a professor at Cañada College. She has taught there since 1988 in the English Institute and the Spanish Department. She was Chair of the District Curriculum Committee and on the District Academic Senate. She holds an M.A. from Eastern Michigan University and has done Doctoral studies in Social Anthropology at the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City. She was a Fulbright Exchange Professor in Argentina.

For more information please visit her website at [www.aliciaaguirre.com](http://www.aliciaaguirre.com)

## **Position: Secretary/Treasurer**

**Candidate: Marilyn Librers, Councilmember, City of Morgan Hill**

### **Application Statement:**

I am requesting appointment to the Secretary/Treasurer position for the Peninsula Division of the League of California Cities. The past two years I have served on the League of CA Cities as a Board Director and also on the 2015 Community Services policy committee. With these two appointments, I have learned how the League runs and how it benefits the City members. I will be a good appointee for the Secretary/Treasurer position with this League experience. I am now midterm in my second four year term as a City Councilmember for Morgan Hill. South County has little to no representation in the Peninsula Division at this time.



I have also attended the League's Mayors and Councilmember conference held this past June in Monterey. I attend all of the League's Annual Conferences and also Legislative Days in Sacramento. I participate and attend as many Peninsula dinners as I can with a good attendance record.

Professionally, I am the Executive Director of a nonprofit organization. I am a retiree YMCA executive and have a solid background as a team player. Attached please find my resume.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Librers

## **Councilmember Marilyn Librers – Biography**

### **Experience**

Pauchon Research Foundation

July 1, 2008 – Present

Executive Director

Executive Director of nonprofit private Foundation. The Mission is to support and fund research in the fields of science, medicine and business for the betterment of mankind. This funding can be for individuals who have achieved proven accomplishments or are working towards a project with a goal of completion. Responsibilities include daily operation of the organization, fiscal management of a two million dollar diversified portfolio, board of director interaction and public relations. Identifying grant recipients, award of grants and visitation of science labs and institutions.

Accomplishments include:

- Opening of first business office in 2008 and facilitating move to larger space in 2012.
- Recruiting founding Board of Directors.
- Advising Board of Directors in October 2008 to move investment out of stock market at a saving of \$85,000 per month at the beginning of the economic depression.
- Awarding over \$61,000 in grants and materials to awardees globally.
- Purchase of five rental properties which included refurbishing each property for rental or re-sale.
- Establishing local science fair for students to encourage science at a young age. These science fairs are funded by fund raising efforts at no cost to the Foundation. A total of \$1500 has been awarded to local students in the last three years.
- Created website, brochure and logo for Foundation.
- Established worldwide relations with other scientific organizations including attending the annual conference of scientists in Panama City, Panama hosted by the Smithsonian of the Caribbean and the IEEE conference in Seattle.
- Joining the planning team for IEEE 2013 to be held in San Jose.
- Establishing media relations which included a full page story in the inaugural edition of Morgan Hill Life newspaper.

- Creating partnership with American Institute of Mathematics for speaker series to be held in 2014 in Morgan Hill.

#### City of Morgan Hill

November 2008 – Present

Elected City Council Member – Vice Mayor

Responsible for all facets of running and operation of the City of Morgan Hill, population 40,000 people. Elected to second four year term in November 2012. Departments include parks, roads, building, recreation, library and arts, police and fire services, legal, records, finance department, utilities, administration, tourism, youth development, public works, flood control, emergency services and economic development. City Manager, City Attorney and Police Chief report directly to the City Council. Outside committee assignments for me include Board of Directors, Morgan Hill Economic Development Corporation, Sister City International, Health Foundation of Morgan Hill, Economic Development Committee liaison for Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Association, City Corporation Yard Commission, Waste Water and Flood Control Board, and Habitat Conservation Committee.

Attend budget workshops, strategic planning sessions and annual two day goal setting retreat.

#### Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce

January 2007 – June 2008

Director of Membership

Responsibilities included the sales of memberships to community businesses along with retaining memberships. Duties included orientation of member services to new members, coordinating ribbon cuttings and introduction of members at Chamber events. Direct responsibility for the Women in Business luncheon which included managing a volunteer committee. Attendance of approximately 50 members monthly. Direct responsibility for the Chamber Ambassador Committee which included the coordination of a volunteer committee. Monthly meetings of a committee of 15 members. Responsible for fiscal reporting on membership sales. Initiating Mini Trade Show two times per year which is still being used as a membership incentive.

#### Webco Sweeping

April 1995 – January 2007

Sales Manager

Reported directly to the owner of a large service company which included the supervision of two customer service representatives. Responsible for company sales in Northern California and Nevada. Developed and implemented the first marketing plan that increased sales four times over previous year. Sales continued to increase annually at rate of at least 100% over previous year. Responsible for generating accounting reports and monthly billings. Took on the responsibility of a first ever business budget for the company which included income and expenses. Negotiated all corporate and government sales contracts. Implemented customer services procedures and conducted ongoing training.

#### Mt. Madonna YMCA

February 1986 to October 1993

Director of Administrative Services

Reported to the Executive Director and was directly responsible for all facets of the operation's administrative function which encompassed volunteer, community service, public relation programs and supervisory duties.

- Developed, implemented and monitored budgets for all administrative, fund raising accounts and building occupancy and maintenance.
- Implemented and supervised all billing and collections for YMCA branch accounts.
- Participated in creative promotions for membership growth and membership retention along with program sales. This resulted in a significant membership growth.
- Successfully worked with local media and developed brochures and flyers for volunteer recruitment, program information and special events.
- Worked directly for the Board of Directors which included recruitment of Board Members.

- Direct responsibility for the Public Relations Volunteer Committee, annual Fund Raising Committee. Coordinated meetings and victory dinner for annual campaign.
- Directly managed five full time employees. Conducted ongoing training of customer services procedures for over 25 additional employees.
- Event Manager for annual golf tournament. Recruited and managed volunteer committee. Secured corporate sponsorships and community sponsorships. Event included a full day of programming during the play of the tournament and ending with dinner and entertainment. This was a significant contribution to the annual budget.

**Present Affiliations**

- China Silicon Valley Foundation – Executive Board Member
- League of California Cities – Board Director and Community Services Policy Committee member
- Silicon Valley Leadership Group – Women Executives
- Santa Clara County Cities Association - member
- Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce – member
- Silicon Valley Capital Club - member
- Rotary Club of Morgan Hill since 2002 – past board of directors
- Tourism Committee of the Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce
- Numerous fund raising committees for nonprofit organizations

**Past Affiliations**

- United Way of South County Board Member 1989-1993
- Community Solutions Board Member 1994-1999
- City of Morgan Hill Parks and Recreation Commissioner 2002-2008
- Morgan Hill Community Foundation Board Member 2002-2008
- City of Morgan Hill Centennial Celebration Committee Treasurer 2006
- YAC (Youth Action Committee) Advisor and City Liaison 2003-2008
- Saint Louise Regional Hospital Foundation fund raising committee 2008 & 2009

**Recent Additional Accomplishments**

- 2014 Selected to represent the City of Morgan Hill in the inaugural trip of Mayors and Vice Mayors of Silicon Valley to Mainland China to promote economic trade agreements
- 2013 Representing the City of Morgan Hill traveled to Turkey and Ireland for promotion of friendship with foreign countries
- Ethics training mandatory yearly – 4 years

**Position: Board Director (Two Year Term)**

**Candidate: Kirsten Keith, Councilmember, City of Menlo Park**

**Application Statement:**

It has been a pleasure to work with all of you and serve as the President of the Peninsula Division League of Cities this year. I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you and look forward to continuing our work together to support and enhance legislation that affects our cities and our ability to govern locally. Prior to being the President of our wonderful division, I was the Vice-President, Treasurer and a League Representative. I have actively served on the League Employee Relations subcommittee from 2010 to 2014 and currently serve on the Revenue and Taxation subcommittee. Please feel free to call me at [650-796-1009](tel:650-796-1009) or email me at [kirsten.keith@gmail.com](mailto:kirsten.keith@gmail.com) with any questions or thoughts. Thank you for your consideration.



**Councilmember Kirsten Keith – Biography**

Attorney, Councilmember and Former Mayor, Community Volunteer

Kirsten Keith was appointed by the City of Menlo Park to the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) in 2013. The city provides water to about 10,000 residents in two enclaves of the city, while other water purveyors serve the rest of the city’s residential, commercial and industrial customers.

Ms. Keith was elected to a four-year term on the Menlo Park City Council in November 2010 and served as Mayor in 2012. She was re-elected to Council in November 2014. Prior to her election on the City Council, Ms. Keith’s volunteer work with community organizations throughout San Mateo County spanned over two decades. She served on the Board of Directors of Sor Juana Inez, a battered women’s service agency, and is a member of the Advisory Board of the Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA). She served as President for two consecutive years on the San Mateo County Commission on the Status of Women, an organization she was actively involved in for eight years. Ms. Keith is a member of the San Mateo County Legal Aid Society’s fundraising committee for over fourteen years, which raises money to help people in the County obtain legal services they could not have otherwise afford. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Service League of San Mateo County. In Menlo Park, Ms. Keith served on the Community Mediation Services Committee and Housing Commission. She was also appointed to the Planning Commission in 2004 where she served as Chair in 2007.

Ms. Keith is the President of the League of California Cities Peninsula Division. Ms. Keith serves on a number of committees, including the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG), County of Santa Clara Community Resources Group for Stanford University, the Dumbarton Rail Policy Committee, Grand Boulevard Task Force, and is the Chair of the San Francisquito Joint Powers Authority. She represents the City of Menlo Park on the Caltrain Modernization Local Policy Group. She also serves as Council Liaison to the Menlo Park Bicycle Commission, Stanford Parcel Negotiation and Community Grant Funding Committees.

Ms. Keith has had her law practice in San Mateo County for 19 years. She is a long time resident of Menlo Park, and is a proud parent of children attending Menlo Park public schools.

**Position: At-Large Representative, Santa Clara County**  
**Candidate: Jim Davis, Councilmember, City of Sunnyvale**  
**Application Statement:**



I have been very active on league committees. I served on the committee to plan training for the 2013 conference, the Helen Putman Awards Committee, and the League Public Safety Policy Committee. Besides regular attendance at policy committee meetings, I served on the 201 medical transportation committee as well as the sub committee on gun violence. I also serve nationally on the National League of Cities Public Safety Steering Committee. Additionally I am the Chairman of the National League of Cities Large Cities Council. Locally I serve on the Grand Blvd, Committee. I serve on the VTA Policy Advisory Committee. I am also a member of the Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Committee. Finally I serve on the Executive Committee for ABAG. I believe the breadth of my service speaks to my understanding of the major issues that the Bay Area faces. My service on the California League and the National League of Cities provides me a strong background regarding League operations. I am retired and have the time to participate in a range of activities that others might not be able to do. I hope that this resume assures members of my willingness and ability to serve the Peninsula Division of the California League of Cities.

**Councilmember Jim Davis – Biography**

Jim Davis is a 36 year law enforcement professional. Facing retirement from the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety Jim knew that he needed to find a retirement job. So putting his Political Science Degree from San Jose State to use he headed out and started walking the streets of Sunnyvale meeting the residents. On November 8, 2011 the citizens elected him to the Sunnyvale City Council. Jim is a native of Santa Clara County. During his law enforcement career Jim developed an expertise in narcotics and gang enforcement. The last 6 years of his career he was a Neighborhood Resource Officer which allowed him to participate in his passion of helping school age students. He received recognition for his excellent service from the nine schools that he served.

Outside of his professional career Jim has been an advisor for the Homestead High School Key Club. In 2011 he was named Advisor of the year for the entire Key Club District. Jim's fellow officers named him officer of the year in 2009 and he was selected as Volunteer of the Year by the City of Sunnyvale in 2005. Today Jim's talents are dedicated to doing the best that he can for the citizens of Sunnyvale.

**Education**

Associate of Science Degree, Administration of Justice, West Valley Community College (1970 – 1973)  
Bachelor of Science, Political Science, Minor Psychology San Jose State University (1973- 1975)

**Professional Experience**

City Council Member City of Sunnyvale (January 2012 - Present)  
Sunnyvale Public Safety Officer (July 1986 – October 2011)  
San Jose Law Enforcement (October 1975 – July 1986)

**Professional Organizations**

California Narcotic Officers Association (19876 – Present)  
Peace Officers Research Association of California (1975 – 2011)  
Member, California Gang Investigators Association (Present)  
Member, Central Coast Gang Investigators Association (Present)  
Member, Sunnyvale Public Safety Officers Association (Present)

**Community Service**

Regional Advisor, Cali Nev Ha Key Club (2006 – Present)  
Instructor, Parent Project (2008 – Present)  
Advisor, Homestead High School Key Club (2001 – Present)  
Advisor, Sunnyvale Middle School Builders Club (2003 – Present)  
Chairman, Sunnyvale Pet Parade (2010)  
Member, Mayor's Reading by Third Grade Committee (2008)

Sunnyvale Basketball Shoot-Off Program (2006 – 2011)  
Sunnyvale Charter Review Committee (1991)

### **Memberships**

Silicon Valley Kiwanis (1999 – Present)  
Cops Care Cancer (2006 – Present)  
Sunnyvale Challenge Team (Present)  
Mt. View Challenge Team (Present)

### **Commendation and Awards**

Advisor of the Year, Cali Nev Ha Key Club 2011  
Recognition of Service, SNAIL Neighborhood Association (2011)  
Public Safety Officer of the Year (2009)  
Certificate of Excellence, Sunnyvale Middle School (2009)  
Distinguished Service Award, Cal Nev Ha Kiwanis (2008)  
Distinguished Service, Vargas Elementary School (2006 – 2008)  
Ellis Elementary School Recognition of Service (2008 & 2009)  
Sunnyvale Volunteer of the Year Award (2005)  
California State Senate Recognition of Public Service (2005)  
California State Assembly Recognition of Public Service (2005)  
Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors Recognition of Public Service (2005)  
Kiwanis Member of the Year (2003)  
Alan J. Garcia Leadership Award (2001)  
Who's Who Leadership Recognition (1994)

### **Inter Governmental Assignments**

Representative to Association of Bay Area Governments  
Commissioner County Expressway Planning Advisory Board  
Member Grand Boulevard Task Force  
Member Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board  
Commissioner County Emergency Operations Council  
Member Valley Transpiration Authority Policy Advisory Board  
Member Caltrain Modernization Project Advisory Group  
Alternate to Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Authority  
Chairman National League of Cities Large Cities Council  
Member National League of Cities Public Safety Policy Board  
Member California Leagues of Cities Public Safety Policy Board.

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**Position: At-Large Representative, San Mateo County**

**Candidate: Larry Moody, Councilmember, City of East Palo Alto**

**Application Statement:**

I would be honored to serve the Peninsula League of cities as a At Large Representative. Since my election in 2012, I have prioritized engaging in the affairs of the League, as strategy to better equip myself for public service. I have attended 80% many of the Peninsula dinners to date. I have learned the stories of other communities thru the lens of elected leaders. I have gained valuable knowledge from the various speakers and topic discussion, as well as sharing the good news of East Palo Alto and hosting leaders on local tours of our city. This past year I was offered a Presidential Appointment to serve on the Housing, Community and Economic Development Policy Committee of the California League of Cities, where we are charged with making legislative recommendations to the Governor and State Legislator on a wide range of topic impacting California citizens today. I received a certificate for completion of the Leadership Training from the League last year. I have attended two conferences for New Mayors and Council Members. The resource guide for members developed by the League is a daily resource guide for my activities as a Council Member. Locally I continue to serve as the Chair of the County Housing and Community Development Commission.



**Councilmember Larry Moody – Biography**

In November of 2012 the citizens of East Palo Alto elected Larry Moody to serve on the Council. We were elected on the promise to provide leadership for Today's East Palo Alto not the image of the 90's and to engage the community in the affairs of the county. To participate in the practices and relationship that makes San Mateo County great.

In San Mateo County, I have represented EPA's collective interests while serving on the League of California Cities; Housing Community, Economic Development, Policy Committee, San Trans Citizens Advisory Board, San Mateo County Housing and Community Development Commission, Achieve 180-Peer Mentoring Coordinator (a re-entry strategy to address recidivism) in the local jails, Community Advisor for the Fatherhood Collaborative, Community Advocate for Foster Care & Kinship support programs, and Member of the Bond Measure L Committee: Sequoia Union High School District.

In East Palo Alto, I have been elected to serve as a Trustee for the Ravenswood City School District, elected board member of the East Palo Alto Sanitary District, and appointed Commissioner to the Measure C Task Force. I am the Founding Chairperson of Making it Happen for Our Children EPA (community development initiative), Founder of the Al Julian Track Meet, Founder of the Fellowship of Faith Consortium Group, Compassion Weekend Leadership Team member 2001-2009, and I hosted the first National Night Out event in 2004. I also assisted the City Council, in reestablishing a California Police Activities League chapter in EPA.

As a public servant, my professional life has been devoted to representing East Palo Alto on many of the important topics impacting the quality of life in our community.

My wife Lisa and my four sons have benefited greatly from the vibrant diversity of our community, and we proudly represent EPA where ever we go. As residents, we have committed ourselves to being the best neighbors and advocates for the right values of our community.

**Civic Engagement-Elected Offices held:**

- San Mateo County Housing and Community Development Commission
- Sequoia Union School District Bond Measure Commission
- East Palo Alto Measure C Task Force Commissioner
- Former Trustee for the Ravenswood City School District,
- Board member of the East Palo Alto Sanitary District
- San Mateo County, Re –Entry Peer Mentoring Coordinator (Achieve 180 demonstration project)
- 2007- Peninsula Interfaith Action Unsung Hero Award

- 2006- San Francisco Library- Unsung Bay Area Hero Award
- 2002- Kellogg Foundation- Wildflower Fellow Member

**Accomplishments:**

*Ravenswood Board Member*

- As Board President we supported policies that were successful in raising the API Test scores 68 pts.
- Provided a Balanced Budget every year 2006-10
- Lead a community effort to address LATE BUS SERVICE for former Ravenswood Students of EPA attending, Carlmont High School.
- Founding Chairperson of Making it Happen for Our Children EPA (community development Education-initiative)
- Instituted the Two by Two quarterly meetings which allowed The City District- and the Sequoia District to address Education and Facilities Issues related to EPA.
- Provided Leadership towards the Passing of Two Bonds in six yrs. to assist with Teacher retention in Ravenswood District.
- Founding Board member of the Ravenswood Education Foundation

*Sanitary District*

- Held rate increase down for three yrs. Extended the work/service days for all employee's from 32hrs to 40
- Approved the purchasing of new Technology to assist with the evaluating of the pipes and services offered the community
- Approved the purchase of New Trucks and mandatory upgrade of all Safety measures in the District.
- Approved Board Norms that allowed for a more proficient meetings and Board member interactions.

**Community Involvement:**

2010-Assisted EPA City Council, in reestablishing a California Police Activities League chapter in EPA.

2009-Formed the Making It Happen for Our Children EPA- Coalition Non-Profit Organization

2007-Formed the Save our Saviors benefit Barbeque Cook Off at Jack Ferrell Park to raise support for victims of the Katrina Floods who were relocated to East Palo Alto

2004-Founded the Fellowship of Faith –Non Profit Organization

2004 Sponsored the 1st National Night Out, event, which continues today in 7 neighborhoods in EPA.

2004-While serving Menlo Park Presbyterian Church as the Director of Local Ministry, the East Palo Alto Charter School, was chosen, as the site for the 1st service learning project in EPA. 1400 Volunteers participated in transforming 17 class rooms, building a playground and soccer field. As a result of this successful endeavor, Compassion Weekends began. Today EPA Schools and Non Profits continue to partner with the Service learning Mission of MPPC.

2004-Lead a Service Project at the East Palo Alto Senior Center, with 20 community volunteers. Cleaned out the storage areas and pulled wire for the instillation of computer for the Tap Center.

2002-Lead a Community effort to bring the San Francisco Giants Foundation to EPA, to build at Jack Ferrell Park the Tee Ball Pitching Machine Baseball Field.

2002-Launched the 1st Annual AL Julian Track Meet in partnership with the Ravenswood School District. The meet is now in its 11th year.

2000-Held the 1st Coaches and Volunteers appreciation breakfast. Positive Coaching Alliance

2000-Open the Moldoff- Zafferoni, East Palo Alto Boys and Girls Club as the Social Education Director

1996-2000-Former Program Coordinator Park Recreation/Community Services East Palo Alto

1994-97-Former Director of the East Palo Alto Midnight Basketball League

CAROLE GROOM  
SUPERVISOR, SECOND DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

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August 13, 2015

Alex McIntyre, City Manager  
701 Laurel Street  
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Dear Alex,

San Mateo County has a growing gap between the number of jobs and the number of available, affordable housing units. Bridging that gap will not be easy. It will take collaboration, coordination and a countywide commitment by public, private and nonprofit agencies. That is why I am inviting the City of Menlo Park to be a member of **Closing the Gap, the San Mateo County Affordable Housing Task Force**.

I have asked Supervisor Horsley and Supervisor Slocum to co-chair the Task Force. Over the next year, the Task Force will meet monthly to hear presentations and engage in discussions about the challenges and community impacts of our current housing market. The group will examine the factors that have contributed to the housing gap and current efforts to improve the situation will be discussed. After establishing a common background, the Task Force will work together to develop a suite of solutions to the job/housing gap that can be implemented throughout the county.

The first four Task Force meetings will be:

- Thursday, September 24, 2015, 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday, October 22, 2015, 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday, December 3, 2015, 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday, January 28, 2016, 7:30 to 12 noon

A calendar for the rest of the 2016 meetings will be distributed in September. The Task Force will meet in the San Mateo County Department of Housing conference room located at 264 Harbor Boulevard in Belmont. Continental breakfast will be served at all the meetings. Please note that the January meeting will be a Working Summit and is scheduled for 4 ½ hours. Also, to keep the Task Force to a reasonable size, please send only one person from your community to the meetings.

I hope that your community will join Supervisor Horsley and Supervisor Slocum on the **Closing the Gap Task Force**. Please RSVP to Kim Hurst at [khurst@smcgov.org](mailto:khurst@smcgov.org) no later than September 15, 2015 with the name and contact information for your representative. I look forward to welcoming your community to the Closing the Gap Task Force in September.

Sincerely,

  
Supervisor Carole Groom



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