



COMMUNITY SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 10, 2022
9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Register for this meeting:

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AGENDA

I. Welcome and Introductions

Speakers: Chair, Wanda Williams, Mayor Pro Tem, Suisun City
Vice-Chair, Jacque Casillas, Council Member, Corona
Cal Cities President Cindy Silva, Mayor Pro Tem, Walnut Creek
Cal Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman

II. Public Comment

III. General Briefing (Handout)

IV. Existing Policy and Guiding Principles (Attachment A) Action

V. Cal Cities 2022 Strategic Priorities (Attachment B) Informational

VI. Adoption of 2022 Work Program Action

To inform the work program, please fill out this [brief survey](#) in advance of our meeting.

VII. National League of Cities Early Childhood Success Team Presentation Informational

Speakers: Jammie Albert, Program Manager, Early Childhood Success
Dr. Tonja Rucker, Director, Early Childhood Success

VIII. Early Childhood Success Discussion Informational

Open forum opportunity for committee members to share what actions their city has taken to support early childhood success and what is needed to support this work.

IX. Budget Update/Legislative Wrap-up and Outlook Informational

Speakers: Caroline Cirrincione, League of California Cities
A list of the Cal Cities CS interest bills can be found [here](#).

X. Adjourn

Next Virtual Meeting: Thursday, April 28, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Brown Act Reminder: The League of California Cities' Board of Directors has a policy of complying with the spirit of open meeting laws. Generally, off-agenda items may be taken up only if:

- 1) *Two-thirds of the policy committee members find a need for immediate action exists and the need to take action came to the attention of the policy committee after the agenda was prepared (Note: If fewer than two-thirds of policy committee members are present, taking up an off-agenda item requires a unanimous vote); or*
- 2) *A majority of the policy committee finds an emergency (for example: work stoppage or disaster) exists.*

A majority of a city council may not, consistent with the Brown Act, discuss specific substantive issues among themselves at League meetings. Any such discussion is subject to the Brown Act and must occur in a meeting that complies with its requirements.

Summary of Existing Policies and Guiding Principles February 2022

Community Services

Scope of Responsibility

The Committee on Community Services reviews issues related to childcare, parks and recreation, libraries, cultural arts and community and human services programs.

Summary of Existing Policy and Guiding Principles

Animals

Cal Cities supports legislation to prevent a person or animal shelter from selling, giving or otherwise transferring living animals to research facilities or animal dealers.

Arts, Cultural Resources, Historic Preservation and Activities

Cal Cities supports continued state funding that recognizes the important role of local arts activities and historic preservation in community life and how these cultural activities affect the social health and economic vitality of cities.

Child Care

Cal Cities supports the creation of more affordable, innovative and quality parks and recreation and child care options for parents and concurrently encourages adherence to strict regulations and guidelines.

Cal Cities supports funding and resources to address the affordability and availability of early learning and care options.

Children

Cal Cities believes that the children of California must be recognized as our state's most valuable resource. Their development, education and well-being are key to our state's future. Further, it is essential that each child have the support needed to become a productive citizen in the world of the 21st Century. This involves supporting diverse before-and-after-school programs and creating stronger linkages between municipal services and school-based job training programs in order to produce more job placement opportunities.

Cal Cities promotes the development of a cooperative program with the goal to increase enrollment of California's children in the Healthy Families Program.

Cal Cities encourages cities to promote anti-bullying efforts across California as well as provide education and awareness to the general public about the imminent health and safety concerns for bullied children, especially those with special needs.

Cal Cities supports increasing opportunities for California's youth to participate in civic engagement activities.

Park Bond Funds

Cal Cities believes that any statewide park bond measure should include a component that provides per capita grants to cities and counties. Cal Cities opposes tying local eligibility for grant funds to non-park related issues, such as rent control or housing element status.

Public Parks/Recreational Facilities

While the State of California studies the use of crumb rubber in synthetic turf and playground surfaces, Cal Cities opposes legislation that requires cities to undertake specific actions before installation can occur.

Cal Cities supports requiring public pools to provide Automated External Defibrillator (AED) during pool operations.

Public Libraries

Cal Cities supports full funding of the Public Library Fund so that the State of California can fully fund its share of the program, understanding how libraries play an integral role in building and sustaining our communities. (Additional library-related policy is included in "Restructuring California's Public Library Services," the report of a joint task force co-sponsored by Cal Cities, CSAC, California Library Association and the California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners.)

Cal Cities opposes legislation that requires public libraries to install and maintain computer software for use on computers in the library that prohibits access to obscene material to minors and other library patrons. Cal Cities believes that this issue is more appropriately addressed at the local level, in ways that meet local circumstances, and thus is an issue of local control.

Seniors

Cal Cities encourages cities to recognize seniors as a valuable state resource and to develop and improve intergenerational programs and activities. Cal Cities supports legislation that would provide funding for side-by-side day care facilities for California's youth, adults and seniors.

Healthy Cities

Cal Cities encourages California cities to help parents make healthy family choices; create healthy schools; provide access to healthy and affordable foods; and adopt city design and planning principles that promote physical activity.

Cal Cities encourages cities to involve youth, especially middle and high school students, with city health-related programs.

Cal Cities encourages cities to address the needs of an aging population through local and statewide planning, education and conference programming.

Cal Cities encourages cities to establish their own rules and regulations pertaining to community recreational activities.

Natural Disaster Preparation

Cal Cities supports additional funding for local agencies to recoup the costs associated with fire safety in the community and timely mutual aid reimbursement for disaster response services in other jurisdictions. Cal Cities also supports additional funding for local agencies to preposition "emergency response" personnel and equipment as well as coordinate notification systems with local and state agencies.

Cal Cities supports measures that provide resources for local governments to coordinate services to assist displaced residents and communities recover from wildfires, earthquakes and other natural disasters.

Smoking and Tobacco Control

Cal Cities supports legislation that establishes a statewide smoking and tobacco control standard that includes electronic cigarettes and vapor products, as long as such legislation does not preempt the ability of cities and counties to enact local laws that are stronger than the statewide standard or to regulate in areas not covered in the statewide standard. Cal Cities opposes legislation that would restrict such local authority.

Cal Cities supports legislation that limits the ability of minors to obtain tobacco and tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes and vapor products.

Cal Cities supports and advocates that all 480 California cities be equitably included in the distribution of moneys that the state receives from the Tobacco Settlement Memorandum of Understanding, and believes that the moneys received by counties should benefit all cities within the county and that cities have input into the decision-making process.

Cal Cities supports legislation that requires tobacco retailers to obtain a state-issued license to sell tobacco products, as long as the legislation does not restrict or preempt the ability of cities to enact and enforce their own retail licensing programs and to enforce the state-wide licensing program. Cal Cities also supports legislation designed to restrict the sale of illegal, counterfeit tobacco products.

Note: Cal Cities will review new legislation to determine how it relates to existing Cal Cities policies and guiding principles. In addition, because this document is updated every two years to include policies and guiding principles adopted by Cal Cities during the previous two years, there may be new, evolving policies under consideration or adopted by Cal Cities that are not reflected in the current version of this document. However, all policies adopted by Cal Cities Board of Directors or Cal Cities General Assembly become Cal Cities policy and are binding on Cal Cities, regardless of when they are adopted and whether they appear in the current version of "Summary of Existing Policies and Guiding Principles."

League of California Cities 2022 Action Agenda

- 1. Secure funding to increase the supply and affordability of housing and reform state housing laws to retain local authority.** Secure adequate and sustainable funding for cities to increase construction of housing at all income levels, particularly affordable housing and workforce housing. Reform state housing laws to ensure cities retain local decision-making to meet the needs of their communities.
- 2. Attain investments to strengthen and sustain critical infrastructure.** Advocate for policies that strengthen the conditions of local streets, highways, bridges, public transit, and broadband to improve workforce and economic development. Secure support for the modernization and expansion of the statewide water grid, including infrastructure, storage, and conveyance. Work with stakeholders to provide cities with access to the tools needed to ensure projects are delivered efficiently and cost-effectively to meet current and future needs.
- 3. Secure increased funding and resources to prevent homelessness and assist individuals experiencing homelessness.** Secure additional ongoing, flexible resources to provide navigation assistance, emergency shelters, and permanent supportive housing. Enhance city and county coordination and strengthen partnerships with stakeholders to ensure adequate wraparound services are available for adults and youth at risk of, or already experiencing, homelessness in our communities, and effectively address mental health and substance use disorders.
- 4. Strengthen disaster preparedness, resiliency, and recovery from climate change impacts through improved collaboration and resources.** Secure additional resources and support to mitigate the effects of climate change, including catastrophic wildfires, drought, and sea level rise. Promote collaboration with other city, state, and federal governments, to strengthen disaster preparedness, resiliency, and recovery.