

GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENCY AND LABOR RELATIONS POLICY COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Friday, April 16, 2021

Zoom

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ATTENDANCE

Members: Lori Ogorchock (Chair); Rick Bonilla (Vice Chair); Michael Allawos; Dana Anderson; Bill Baber; Melanie Bagby; Darlene Berber; Dan Buckshi; Aram Chaparyan; Richard Constantine; Katherine Cooley; Ken Domer; Kerri Dorman; Leon Garcia; Raymond Hamada; George Harris; Sue Higgins; Linda Hollinsworth; John Jansons; Kathleen Kelly; Paolo Kespradit; Jelani Killings; Dawn LaBar; Joe Lillio; Joe Lopez; Steve Martin; Aaron Meadows; Jason Nutt; Alexandra Orogas; Gaudenz Panholzer; Glenn Parker; Jamie Patino; LaVonda Pearson; Karen Pinkos; Mary Ann Reiss; Daniel Sanchez; Jesse Sandoval; Reina Schwartz; Rhonda Shader; Corey Sianez; Renata Sos; Bruce Souplet; Kim Summers; Anthony Tave; Hans Uslar; Erica Vega

League Partners: Alicia Berhow

Staff: Bijan Mehryar, Legislative Representative; Caroline Cirrincione, Legislative Policy Analyst

I. Welcome and Introductions

President Cheryl Viegas Walker, Mayor, El Centro, welcomed everyone to the April policy committee meeting and thanked members for their service to all California cities. She explained that policy committees are vitally important and directly connected to Cal Cities' core mission of advocating for the common interests of cities.

Mayor Viegas Walker emphasized this past year has been challenging for city officials, navigating a global pandemic while managing budget shortfalls that have forced cuts to local services. However, she explained that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. The supply of vaccine doses is growing, eligibility is expanding, and assistance for cities in the recently enacted American Rescue Plan is on the way.

With the legislative session in full swing, Mayor Viegas Walker stressed the role city leaders play in advancing Cal Cities advocacy efforts. She urged policy committee members to contact their lawmakers, so their voices are heard loud and clear. She closed by thanking everyone in attendance for their work as a policy committee member.

Mayor Viegas Walker then introduced Carolyn Coleman, Cal Cities Executive Director. Ms. Coleman welcomed committee members and thanked them for their work. She applauded the efforts of city leaders in pushing their members of Congress to pass the American Rescue Plan. Ms. Coleman explained that Cal Cities is working diligently to protect cities' interests not only in the State Legislature but also as a partner in implementing the American Rescue Plan. She explained that in the coming weeks, Cal Cities will be distributing resources so cities have the tools they need to utilize this funding in their communities. She thanked committee members again for serving on the committee and wished them a great meeting.

Chair Lori Ogorchock, Councilmember, Antioch and Vice Chair Rick Bonilla, Deputy Mayor, San Mateo welcomed committee members and provided an introduction.

- II. Public Comment**
Chair Lori Ogorchock asked if there was any public comment. There was no public comment.
- III. General Briefing**
In accordance with the customary practice of convening all policy committee members for a general briefing prior to the start of policy committee meetings, the Cal Cities advocacy team compiled a [General Briefing Update Document](#), which includes the latest on legislative and budgetary matters affecting cities.
- IV. CalPERS Presentation**
Michael Cohen, Chief Financial Officer, CalPERS, presented to the committee on the Asset Liability Management (ALM) process. Mr. Cohen's presentation is linked [here](#).
- V. Asset-Liability Management Policy Discussion**
Based on the presentation given by CalPERS Chief Financial Officer Michael Cohen, the committee discussed and evaluated options for engagement in the Asset-Liability Management (ALM) process. After a robust discussion, the committee decided to discuss a formal policy recommendation in June.
- VI. General Pension Policy Discussion**
Glenn Parker, Councilmember, Brea, presented an informational item to the committee regarding a legislative proposal related to CalPERS Modernization. Proposals details can be found in the [Policy Committee Slides](#).
- VII. Next Meeting:** Friday, June 4, 2021, 1:30 – 4:30