



**GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENCY AND LABOR RELATIONS POLICY COMMITTEE
HIGHLIGHTS
June 20, 2024**

ATTENDANCE

Members: Frank Yokoyama (Chair); Jaime Patino (Vice Chair); Michael Allawos; Gary Alpert; Jan Arbuckle; Jessica Blair; Desrie Campbell; Susan Candell; Jaimie Cannon; Martha Cardenas-Singh; Cedric Cesena; Christine Cordon; Elisa Cox; Mini Diallo; Ramon Ebert; Mike Healy; John Jansons; Randi Johl; Lisa Kaplan; Linda Krupa; Kari Leon; Dianna MacDonald; LeeAnn McPhillips; Katherina Mirassou; John Mirisch; David Newman; Buenaflor Nicolas; Mitzi Ortiz; Travis Paden; Chuck Page; LaVonda Pearson; Chaps Poduri; Pam Powell; Jeremy Ray; Rocky Rhodes; Tanya Spiegel; Blair Stewart; Ali Taj; Frank Yokoyama; Mary Zendejas

Cal Cities Partners: Chris Neumeyer; Patty Senecal

Staff: Johnnie Pina, Legislative Affairs Lobbyist
Jolena Voorhis, Legislative Affairs Lobbyist

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Frank Aurelio Yokoyama, Council Member, Cerritos, and Vice Chair Jaime Patino, Council Member, Union City, introduced themselves and welcomed committee members.

Cal Cities' Executive Director and CEO, Carolyn Coleman joined the meeting to commend the work of the committee and inform them that Cal Cities is hard at work to protect and represent the interests of cities. Ms. Coleman also provided an update on an impending decision from the California Supreme Court regarding the lawsuit on the Taxpayer Deception Act. Ms. Coleman thanked members for their commitment to the committee and underscored the importance of the committees, which drive the work that informs and sets the direction of Cal Cities.

II. Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

III. General Briefing

Following the customary practice of convening all policy committee members for a general briefing before 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. Artificial Intelligence Update

Cal Cities staff, Johnnie Pina, welcomed and introduced guest speaker, Jonathan Mehta Stein, Executive Director of California Common Cause, an organization that works to strengthen public participation and foster public trust in California's democratic processes. Mr. Stein presented on AI disinformation and how it impacts democracy. In the January committee meeting, he discussed the expansion of this

work and the launch of [California Initiative for Technology & Democracy: CITED](#), which works to impartially address emerging threats to democracy, including the spread of disinformation related to AI.

Mr. Stein informed the committee that the 2024 general election will be the nation's first generative AI election, in which AI will be involved in the political discourse around the election. The committee was shown AI-generated images and cautioned the committee about how deep fakes are being used in campaigns to manipulate voters. CITED worked on a bill package with several legislators seeking to address deceptive misuses of generative AI in election cycles.

Mr. Stein introduced retired Senator Bill Monning, who works with CITED and spoke to the committee about the importance of educating and protecting the public from AI threats and the spread of disinformation. Guest speaker, Leora Gershenzon, Policy Director of CITED, also joined the committee to discuss the intent of the three-bill package. The speaker discussed the different tools used to identify AI-generated content and how the CITED bill package would require policymakers to leverage those tools to flag fake and deceptive content.

V. Legislative Update and Discussion

Cal Cities Legislative Lobbyist, Johnnie Pina, provided a legislative update and detailed discussion on priority legislation related to Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations. More information on Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations position bills can be found [here](#).

VI. Adjourn

Chair Yokoyama thanked committee members for attending and adjourned the meeting.

Next Meeting: Staff will notify committee members by August 23 if the policy committee will meet **virtually** in October. If you have any questions, please contact [Meg Desmond](#), Cal Cities Associate Manager, Legislative Administration.