



**HOUSING, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE
HIGHLIGHTS
Friday, April 29, 2022**

ATTENDANCE

Members: Marshall Goodman (Chair); Dan Wright (Vice Chair); LaTanya Bellow; Ken Berkman; Claudia Bill-de la Pena; Art Bishop; Harry Black; Leslie Castellano; Debbie Chamberlin; Liang Chao; Holly Charlety; Susan Cola; Matthew Downing; PJ Gagajena; Kelly Gordon; Christy Holstege; Dan Kalb; Mark Lazzaretto; Sue Long; Elyse Lowe; Tony Madrigal; Stacey Mattina; Laura McCorkindale; Thaddeus McCormack; John McKay; Lisa Motoyama; Vong Mouanoutoua; Trish Munro; Scott Nassif; Ian Ogelsby; Beth Painter; Alice Patino; Ray Pearl; Erin Resner; Joan Smith Freeman; Wes Speake; Sharon Springer; Julie Testa; Maureen Toms; Armando Villa; Barbara Whitehorn; Tyller Williamson; Amy Worth

League Partners: Alyssa Stinson

Staff: Jason Rhine, Assistant Director, Legislative Affairs

I. Welcome and Introductions

President Cindy Silva, Mayor Pro Tem, Walnut Creek, provided opening remarks and thanked committee members for their participation.

Chair Goodman, and Vice Chair Wright, welcomed committee members and provided an overview of the agenda.

II. Public Comment

Chair Goodman called for public comment. There were two members of the public that gave public comment testimony. Both centered around preserving local control and expressing gratitude that Cal Cities joined the SB 9 lawsuit.

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 Document, which includes the latest on legislative and budgetary matters affecting cities.

Jason Rhine provided a brief update on the general briefing document and encouraged the committee members to review the briefing and to reach out to the appropriate lobbyist if they have any questions

IV. Legislative Agenda

Jason Rhine provided the committee with an overview of the landscape of housing legislation this year and introduced AB 2053. Mr. Rhine walked the committee through what AB 2053 did and then asked if there were any questions.

The committee then discussed and debated AB 2053. A motion was made to support if amended. The amendments are as follows:

- Require all housing projects to follow locally adopted zoning and development standards.
- Only sites identified in a certified housing element may be used.
- Define "transit" as a major transit stop as defined in Section 21064.3 of the Public Resources Code.
- Ensure that all infrastructure needs associated with the housing project are covered by the developer.
- Ensure that AB 2053 does not reduce the amount of affordable housing funding available to local jurisdictions.

The motion passed 21 – 18.

Next, Mr. Rhine introduced AB 2295 (Bloom) and explained to the committee what the bill would do. The committee had a robust conversation about the bill and its impacts. A motion was made to support if amended. The amendments are as follows:

- Ensure that local voter approved growth limitations remain in place.
- Allow cities to enforce parking standards and traffic mitigation measures.
- Allows local educational agency sites to be determined adequate with regard to the housing element.
- Create a path to home ownership.
- Ensure that local educational agencies maintain enough nonhousing sites to accommodate future growth in student enrollment.
- Provide necessary funding to support local services for these new units.

The motion passed 28 – 12.

V. Strategies to Reform State Housing Laws and Increase Funding for Affordable Housing

Jason Rhine and Cal Cities Special Counsel Betsy Strauss gave a presentation on the state of local control and history behind it. Throughout the presentation, both Mr. Rhine and Ms. Strauss took questions from the committee.

Committee members provided valuable input and direction to Cal Cities staff on how the committee will proceed. A motion was made to focus the committee's attention on investigating opportunities to establish higher thresholds for the state to preempt cities and prohibit the state from dictating how a city addresses an issue of statewide concern. Additionally, the committee does not want to discount perusing an amendment to the California Constitution to expand local control beyond what is already provided.

The motion passed 21 – 14.

VI. Economic Development – Tax Increment Finance Tools

This item was not discussed due to time constraints.

VII. Legislative and State Budget Update

This item was not discussed due to time constraints.

VIII. City Leaders Summit – May 11-13, 2022

This item was not discussed due to time constraints.

VIII. Adjourn

Chair Goodman thanked the committee for their hard work this year and provided closing remarks. Chair Goodman then adjourned the meeting.

Next Virtual Meeting: Friday, June 10, 9:00 am. – 12:00 pm.