



**PUBLIC SAFETY POLICY COMMITTEE
HIGHLIGHTS
Thursday, June 12, 2025**

ATTENDANCE

Members: Stephanie Youngblood (Chair); Scott Nassiff (V. Chair); Andrea Alexander; Walt Allen; Danny Alvarez; Jan Arbuckle; Gerry Beaudin; Ken Berkman; Steve Bird; Ed Chen; Ed Delgado; Lisa Diaz Nash; Bea Dieringer; Philippe Eskandar; Claudia Frometa; Joe Garcia; Larry Gonzalez; Bob Hariman; Susan Harvey; Rod Hill; Lynda Johnson; Jean Josey; Mike Judge; Mark Kairis; Larry Koman; Kaylee May Law; Polly Low; Yvonne Martinez-Beltran; Brian McCarthy; Sean Mill; Sharona Nazarian; Liz Pharis; Rick Robinson; Lydia Romero; Steve Sanchez; Shannon Shaw; Marc Shaw; Daniel Stefano; Jennifer Torres-O'Callaghan; Andrew Tse; Michael Vargas; Vicki Veenker; Jeff Wang; Ian Winbro

Staff: Jolena Voorhis, Legislative Advocate
Zack Cefalu, Policy and Legislative Affairs Analyst

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Youngblood welcomed the committee members and introduced themselves and present Cal Cities staff. Each committee member provided self-introductions.

II. Public Comment

Chair Youngblood asked if any non-committee member wanted to provide public comment, none was given.

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 provided a General Briefing Update, which includes the latest on legislative and budgetary matters affecting cities.

IV. Proposition 36 Implementation Panel

Larry Gonzalez, Chief of Police for the City of Riverside, Charles Cinnamo, Deputy Police Chief for the City of Anaheim, and Bret Wasley, Assistant Chief Deputy District Attorney for the Sacramento District Attorney's Office all provided an overview on the implementation of Proposition 36. Each presenter covered how implementation is varying in their region of California and the different successes they are seeing and struggles they are facing.

The Committee had a robust discussion with questions and comments regarding the implementation of Proposition 36.

V. Wildfires, Fire Insurance, and Zone Zero

Robert Troy the Assistant Director of Cal OES, Julia Juarez, Deputy Commissioner of the California Department of Insurance, and Daniel Berlant the State Fire Marshal all presented on a panel related to recovery from the Los Angeles wildfires, the

Department of Insurance's work addressing the fire insurance crisis, and an update on the Zone Zero regulations. Cal OES provided an overview of the ongoing Los Angeles wildfires recovery and rebuilding efforts as well as a high-level after action briefing on the initial response to the fires. The California Department of Insurance discussed the amount of claims filed and paid out since the fires began as well as the reforms they have undergone to protect California policyholders. The State Fire Marshal outlined the three main focuses of California Wildfire strategy as well as provided an overview of the developing Zone Zero regulations and their importance. Members of the Committee had a few questions of the panelists.

VI. Legislative and Budget Update

Cal Cities staff provided an overview of priority legislation, including:

- Public safety budget updates
- Proposition 36 implementation and Cal Cities budget ask
- Legislation on cannabis, emergency medical services, wildfires and fire insurance, loitering with the intent to commit prostitution, and law enforcement education requirements.

Questions were raised about a few of the bills that Cal Cities has a pending position on and staff provided an update on those bills which included AB 426, AB 568, AB 1388 and SB 701.

VII. Adjourn

Next Virtual Meeting: Staff will notify committee members by **August 18** if the policy committee will meet in October. If you have any questions, please contact [Meg Desmond](#), Cal Cities Associate Manager, Legislative Administration.