



**PUBLIC SAFETY POLICY COMMITTEE
HIGHLIGHTS
Friday, April 29, 2022**

ATTENDANCE

Members: Pippin Dew (Chair); Ray Marquez (Vice Chair); Roger Aceves; Walt Allen; Jan Arbuckle; Steve Bird; Dan Buckshi; Peter Castro; Chris Catren; Lara Delaney; Bea Dieringer; Bob Dunn; Phill Dupper; Liseth Flores; Claudia Frometa; Bob Frutos; Gerry Gonzalez; Susan Harvey; Jason Hedden; Laura Hernandez; Gene Hernandez; Peggy Huang; Melissa Hunt; Mike Judge; Andrea Marr; Brigid Martin; Yvonne Martinez Beltran; LeeAnn McPhillips; Peggy McQuaid; Javier Moreno; Greg Park; Karen Pinkos; Gabriela Plascencia; Karen Rarey; Ernie Reyna; Kendall Rose; Tessa Rudnick; Karin Schnaider; Martin Serna; Scott Smith; Edwin Smith; Dan Stefano; Michael Vargas

League Partners: Lisa Holmes

Staff: Elisa Arcidiacono, Legislative Affairs, Lobbyist

I. Welcome and Introductions

President Cindy Silva, Mayor Pro Tem, Walnut Creek welcomed the committee members and thanked them for their involvement in the Cal Cities policy committee process. She reminded them of the important work the committees do and how their voices carry weight with the Board members.

Chair Dew, and Vice Chair Marquez also welcomed committee members and provided an introduction.

II. Public Comment

Chair Dew asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

III. The Economics of Cannabis

Dustin McDonald, Partner/Government Relations Lead, with the Square Root Group walked committee members through data involving the tax structures, revenues and state allocations tied to commercial cannabis activities statewide.

Committee members expressed a variety of viewpoints, ranging from concern to full support. Members outlined concerns with state imposition on local ordinances and identifying levels of intoxication as a means for ensuring public safety. Other members offered insight on city regulations which yielded high revenues that could be utilized for additional enforcement.

Members asked that per-reviewed health data be added to the presentation prior to being sent out following the meeting and Mr. McDonald agreed to do so.

IV. 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.

V. Legislative Agenda

Elisa Arcidiacono presented the committee with [SB 1326 \(Caballero\)](#), which would allow for the import and export of cannabis and cannabis products by authorizing the Governor to enter into an agreement to provide lawful interstate commerce.

Members discussed conflicts with Federal law and the implications of cherry picking which laws to follow. Members also discussed concerns with long-term health effects following cannabis use.

Members also expressed support for signing onto the bill, given the Federal government's lack of enforcement within states that have chosen to regulate cannabis.

A motion was brought forward to oppose the measure. The motion was approved 29-9.

Chair Dew then brought forward a motion to add to the agenda the Behavioral Health policy that had just been approved by the Community Services Committee. The motion was approved 31-3.

Additionally, Chair Dew brought forward a motion to endorse the policy and recommend support to the Board of Directors. The motion was approved 30-3.

VI. Legislative Update

Ms. Arcidiacono provided an update on Cal Cities efforts on addressing Proposition 47 concerns, following the failure of [AB 1599 \(Kiley\)](#). She also provided updates on Cal cities opposition to [SB 1186 \(Wiener\)](#), which would infringe on local decision-making authority relating to the delivery of medicinal cannabis. Additionally, Ms. Arcidiacono discussed support for emergency management legislation aimed at reducing patient offload delays for first responders and increasing mutual aid statewide.

Finally, Ms. Arcidiacono provided an update on [SB 1338 \(Umberg\)](#) otherwise known as CARE Court, which is meant to serve our most highly acute mental health populations. The update also included a variety of mental health bills being sponsored by the Big City Mayors Coalition which are aimed at improving behavioral health service provision and outcomes.

VII. Police Reform Internal Procedural Justice

Renee Mitchell, Senior Police Researcher, RTI International presented committee members with data-driven solutions for improving community policing and increasing external legitimacy.

VIII. Adjourn

Chair Dew thanked the committee for their hard work this year and said some closing remarks. Chair Dew then adjourned the meeting.

Next Virtual Meeting: Friday, June 10, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.