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.

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

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.