



***FINAL REPORT  
RESOLUTIONS APPROVED***

***2018 Annual Conference***



***Long Beach, California***

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## **FINAL REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS**

### **September 2018**

The 2018 League of California Cities Annual Conference was held September 12-14, 2018, in Long Beach. On Wednesday, September 12, the Environmental Quality; Governance, Transparency and Labor Relations; Housing, Community and Economic Development; Revenue and Taxation; and Transportation, Communication and Public Works Policy Committee met and considered the resolutions assigned to them.

The General Resolutions Committee met on Thursday, September 13 to consider these resolutions. The chart on page 2 of this packet includes a summary of the actions taken on the resolutions by the Policy Committees and the General Resolutions Committee.

The General Assembly met on September 14 and approved the resolutions contained in this packet.

The League thanks the city officials who served on Policy Committees, the General Resolutions Committee and those city officials who participated in the General Assembly. This report is available on the League's website at: [www.cacities.org/resolutions](http://www.cacities.org/resolutions)

## KEY TO ACTIONS TAKEN ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions have been grouped by policy committees to which they have been assigned.

Number	Key Word Index	Reviewing Body Action		
		1	2	3
		1 - Policy Committee Recommendation to General Resolutions Committee 2 - General Resolutions Committee 3 - General Assembly		

### ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY POLICY COMMITTEE

		1	2	3
2	Repeal Preemption of Regulating Rodenticides	Aa	Aaa	Aaa

### GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENCY & LABOR RELATIONS POLICY COMMITTEE

		1	2	3
1	Local Municipal Authority, Control, and Revenue	A	A	A

### HOUSING, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

		1	2	3
1	Local Municipal Authority, Control, and Revenue	A	A	A

### REVENUE & TAXATION POLICY COMMITTEE

		1	2	3
1	Local Municipal Authority, Control, and Revenue	A	A	A

### TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC WORKS POLICY COMMITTEE

		1	2	3
1	Local Municipal Authority, Control, and Revenue	A	A	A

The entire Resolutions Packet will be posted at: [www.cacities.org/resolutions](http://www.cacities.org/resolutions).

## **KEY TO ACTIONS TAKEN ON RESOLUTIONS (*Continued*)**

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### **KEY TO REVIEWING BODIES**

1. Policy Committee
2. General Resolutions Committee
3. General Assembly

### **ACTION FOOTNOTES**

- \* Subject matter covered in another resolution
- \*\* Existing League policy
- \*\*\* Local authority presently exists

### **KEY TO ACTIONS TAKEN**

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| A   | Approve   |
| D   | Disapprove  |
| N   | No Action   |
| R   | Refer to appropriate policy committee for study             |
| a   | Amend+  |
| Aa  | Approve as amended+   |
| Aaa | Approve with additional amendment(s)+                       |
| Ra  | Refer as amended to appropriate policy committee for study+ |
| Raa | Additional amendments and refer+                            |
| Da  | Amend (for clarity or brevity) and Disapprove+              |
| Na  | Amend (for clarity or brevity) and take No Action+          |
| W   | Withdrawn by Sponsor  |

### **Procedural Note:**

The League of California Cities resolution process at the Annual Conference is guided by the League Bylaws. A helpful explanation of this process can be found on the League's website by clicking on this link: [Resolution Process](#)

**1. RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES CALLING UPON THE LEAGUE TO RESPOND TO THE INCREASING VULNERABILITIES TO LOCAL MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, CONTROL AND REVENUE AND EXPLORE THE PREPARATION OF A BALLOT MEASURE AND/OR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT THAT WOULD FURTHER STRENGTHEN LOCAL DEMOCRACY AND AUTHORITY**

Source: City of Beverly Hills

Concurrence of five or more cities/city officials

Cities: Duarte; Oceanside

City Officials: Sho Tay, Mayor, Arcadia; Emily Gabel-Luddy, Mayor, Burbank; Steven Scharf, Council Member, Cupertino; Alan Wapner, Mayor pro Tem, Ontario; Lydia Kou, Council Member, Palo Alto; Bill Brand, Mayor, Redondo Beach; David Terrazas, Mayor, Santa Cruz; Michael Goldman, Council Member, Sunnyvale; Patrick Furey, Mayor, Torrance; Lauren Meister, Council Member, West Hollywood

Referred to: Governance, Transparency & Labor Relations; Housing, Community & Economic Development; Revenue and Taxation; and Transportation, Communication & Public Works Policy Committees

**WHEREAS**, the State of California is comprised of diverse communities that are home to persons of differing backgrounds, needs, and aspirations; yet united by the vision that the most accessible, responsive, effective, and transparent form of democratic government is found at the local level and in their own communities; and

**WHEREAS**, subsidiarity is the principle that democratic decisions are best made at the most local level best suited to address the needs of the People, and suggests that local governments should be allowed to find solutions at the local level before the California Legislature imposes uniform and overreaching measures throughout the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Constitution recognizes that local self-government is the cornerstone of democracy by empowering cities to enact local laws and policies designed to protect the local public health, safety and welfare of their residents and govern the municipal affairs of charter cities; and

**WHEREAS**, over recent years there have been an increasing number of measures introduced within the Legislature or proposed for the state ballot, often sponsored by powerful interest groups and corporations, aimed at undermining the authority, control and revenue options for local governments and their residents; and

**WHEREAS**, powerful interest groups and corporations are willing to spend millions in political contributions to legislators to advance legislation, or to hire paid signature gatherers to qualify deceptive ballot proposals attempting to overrule or silence the voices of local residents and their democratically-elected local governments affected by their proposed policies; and

**WHEREAS**, powerful interest groups and corporations propose and advance such measures because they view local democracy as an obstacle that disrupts the efficiency of implementing corporate plans and increasing profits and therefore object when local residents—either through their elected city councils, boards of supervisors, special district boards, or by action of local voters—enact local ordinances and policies tailored to fit the needs of their individual communities; and

**WHEREAS**, public polling repeatedly demonstrates that local residents and voters have the highest levels of confidence in levels of government that are closest to the people, and thus would be likely to strongly support a ballot measure that would further strengthen the ability of communities to govern themselves without micromanagement from the state or having their authority undermined by deep-pocketed and powerful interests and corporations.

**RESOLVED** that the League of California Cities should assess the increasing vulnerabilities to local authority, control and revenue and explore the preparation of a ballot measure and/or constitutional amendment that would give the state’s voters an opportunity to further strengthen local authority and preserve the role of local democracy to best preserve their local quality of life.

**2. A RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES DECLARING ITS COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT THE REPEAL OF PREEMPTION IN CALIFORNIA FOOD AND AGRICULTURE CODE § 11501.1 THAT PREVENTS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM REGULATING RODENTICIDES**

Source: City of Malibu

Concurrence of five or more cities/city officials

Cities: Agoura Hills; Calabasas; Moorpark

City Officials: Brett Lee, Mayor pro Tem, Davis; Catherine Carlton, Council Member, Menlo Park; Suza Francina, Council Member, Ojai; Carmen Ramirez, Mayor pro Tem, Oxnard; Tom Butt, Mayor, Richmond; Lindsay Horvath, Council Member, West Hollywood

Referred to: Environmental Quality

**WHEREAS**, anticoagulant rodenticides are poisonous bait products that are poisoning 80 to 90% of predator wildlife in California. These poisons cause painful, internal hemorrhaging in non-target animals, including pets, that accidentally ingest the products. Approximately 10,000 children under the age of six are accidentally poisoned by anticoagulant rodenticides each year nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to these harms, the California Department of Pesticide Regulation banned the consumer purchase and use of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides in July 2014. Despite collecting data for almost four years after this ban, the Department of Fish and Wildlife found no evidence supporting a decrease in poisonings by anticoagulant rodenticides; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of California currently only recognizes the harm posed by second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides, which are prohibited in state wildlife habitat areas but are still available for agricultural purposes and by certified applicators throughout the state of California; and

**WHEREAS**, first-generation anticoagulant rodenticides are still available to the public and used throughout California without limitation; and

**WHEREAS**, nonpoisonous rodent control methods, such as controlling trash, sealing buildings, setting traps, erecting raptor poles and owl boxes, and removing rodent nesting areas are also effective rodent control methods; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of California preempts cities from regulating pesticides; and

**WHEREAS**, many cities across California have passed resolutions restricting pesticide use on city property and have expressed the desire to ban the use of pesticides within their jurisdictions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the League of California Cities, assembled in Long Beach, California on September 14, 2018, to do as follows:

1. Encourage the state of California to fund and sponsor further research into the impacts of anticoagulant rodenticides.
2. Direct the League of California Cities staff to consider creating a task force with other organizations and jointly commission a report on the impact of anticoagulant rodenticides;
3. Encourage cities throughout California to eliminate use of anticoagulant rodenticides as part of their maintenance program in city-owned parks, lands, and facilities and to report on the effectiveness of other rodent control methods used in their maintenance program;
4. Encourage property owners throughout California to eliminate use of anticoagulant rodenticides on their properties;
5. Encourage cities throughout California to join in these advocacy efforts to mitigate the unintended negative impacts of anticoagulant rodenticides;
6. Endorse a repeal of California Food and Agriculture Code § 11501.1 to end local preemption of regulating anticoagulant rodenticides; and
7. Call for the Governor and the Legislature to work with the League of California Cities and other stakeholders to consider and implement this reform.