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To: Members: Administrative Services Policy Committee

From: Amy Worth, Chair, Council Member, Orinda
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Re: **Policy Committee Highlights and Meeting Information**
Next Meeting: September 21, 2011, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Moscone West Convention Center, San Francisco

Enclosed please find the meeting highlights from the policy committee meeting that was held in Sacramento on June 17.

Our Annual Conference will be held from September 21 – 23, 2011, at the Moscone West Convention Center in San Francisco. This year, we have six resolutions to consider at the Annual Conference. Two have been referred to the Administrative Services Policy Committee. These are: Resolution No. 1 and Resolution No. 2, and are in the enclosed Resolutions Packet.

An agenda will be mailed to you approximately ten days prior to the meeting. Annual Conference registration is not required to attend a policy committee and since lunch is not provided at this meeting, an RSVP is not necessary. However, if you plan to attend **ONLY** your 90-minute policy committee meeting and do not plan to attend any other event in conjunction with the Annual Conference, please contact mdesmond@cacities.org and klofte@cacities.org with your request in writing before August 30.

We look forward to seeing you in San Francisco.

REMINDER: The 2011 policy committee appointments will end at the close of the Annual Conference; appointments for 2012 can be requested thereafter. Members seeking appointments for 2012 are urged to contact their incoming department, division, or affiliate president immediately following the Annual Conference to request reappointment. A presidential appointment from the League's incoming president may also be requested, although members are encouraged to first exhaust appointment opportunities through their division or department presidents. These requests should be sent c/o Meg Desmond, 1400 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 or via e-mail: mdesmond@cacities.org. Please include a brief bio. If you have questions regarding the appointment process, please call (916) 658-8224, send an e-mail to mdesmond@cacities.org, or visit our website: www.cacities.org/polcomm

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE
HIGHLIGHTS
Friday, June 17, 2011
Sacramento Convention Center, Sacramento**

ATTENDANCE

Members: Worth, Amy (Chair); Spiegel, Karen (V.Chair); Abelson, Janet; Abrahamson, Dawn; Baker, Karl; Barr, Rebekah; Black, Cindy; Brown, Mark; Kukowski, Ken; Carchio, Joe; Cortright, Arletta; Cousino, JoAnne; Gonzales, Joseph; Hill, Glenda; Johl, Randi; Jones, Rodney; Kawagoe, Helen; McCullough, Kathryn; Mizuno, Stephanie; Morrison, Pam; Newman, Robert; Numark, Cliff; Reardon, Rhonda; Rojas, Joel; Ross, Robert; Ruby, Courtney; Schultz, Rob; Scoles, Greg; Scranton, Tim; Stephens, Pat; Taylor, Jerry; Tilton, Joann

League Partners: Rendeiro, David, Keenan Assoc.

League Staff: Natasha Karl and Meghan McKelvey

i. Special Order of Business: State Budget and Redevelopment Update

The Revenue and Taxation, Transportation, Communication and Public Works, Administrative Services, and Environmental Quality Policy Committees came together for a joint briefing on major issues of the budget. Chris McKenzie, the League's Executive Director, provided a summary of the actions of the Legislature, which had passed a budget package the day prior to the meeting which included a two-bill "redevelopment elimination" package. Upon passage of the package, the League and California Redevelopment Association began developing legal documents to challenge the validity of the package. He also reported that the Governor had vetoed the main budget bill, but could not take action on the remainder of the budget trailer bills as they were not yet on his desk. Dan Carrigg, the League's Legislative Director, followed by providing some details on the remaining budget trailer bills. Michael Coleman, the League's fiscal consultant showed a PowerPoint presentation on what was included in the budget package as passed by the Legislature (<http://www.californiacityfinance.com/PolicyCom110616p.pdf>). Committee members were provided with a list of all budget trailer bills as well as a document outlining some of the legal problems with the redevelopment elimination.

Dorothy Holzem, League staff, updated the committee members on public safety funding and policy issues. This included two trailer bills that both seek to increase state revenues through fee assessment. The first, ABx1 22, would increase vehicle registration fees by \$12 to backfill Department of Motor Vehicle administrative costs with approximately \$300 million going back to the 2011 Local Revenue Fund for cities and counties. While not explicit in the bill, these monies could possibly be used to fund COPS programs and booking fee subventions, along with other soon-to-expire county law enforcement grants. The second fee bill, ABx1 29, establishes an annual \$150 fee for structures for fire protection in state responsibility areas. Notably, the Governor's priority public safety issues were not included in the budget trailer bill package, including either a temporary or longer-term tax extension to fund the state-local corrections realignment plan. The realignment plan is at the center of achieving state prison inmate population reduction goals now required under the recent U.S. Supreme Court's ruling against the state.

Natasha Karl updated the group on the latest on pension reform. She indicated that with the governor's veto of the budget we'll likely see talks between republicans and the governor's

office heat up on this issue. There are two League resources that can be found in the League's Pension Information Center that may be helpful to members including a comparison of the Governor's 12-Point Pension Reform Plan the Senate Republican's Demands (http://www.cacities.org/resource_files/29685.PensionsGovs12pointplanvsrepublicanplan4.1.pdf) and a Background on Pension Reform (http://www.cacities.org/resource_files/29843.Pension%20Reform%20Background%20Document.pdf). The Employee Relations and Revenue and Taxation Committees were also expected to discuss the City Managers' Department Pension Reform Action Plan. Jennifer Whiting, League staff, provided an overview of what is happening on the federal level, noting that federal programs are experiencing significant cuts and encouraging cities to provide specific examples when lobbying their federal representatives.

Following the budget and policy briefing, Dan Harrison, Director of Administrative Services, provided an update on League-sponsored services including California Communities, CalTRUST, and US Communities.

I. Welcome and Introductions

The committee made self-introductions.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. State Legislative/Board Action Update

Natasha Karl, League Representative, gave a brief update about the League's Board of Directors adopting the governance, transparency, and ethics principles that will guide future policy decisions. The committee also received a status update about bills previously discussed in April.

IV. Legislative Action Items

AB 46 (Pérez): Local government: cities

Dan Carrigg, League Legislative Director, introduced AB 46, which seeks to disincorporate the City of Vernon. The bill was referred to the Administrative Services and Housing, Community, and Economic Development Policy Committees by the League Board of Directors. Members of the committee reviewed, discussed, and voiced concerns about the bill's possible implications.

The committee concluded that this bill is a threat to local control and voted to recommend to the Board that the League oppose AB 46.

UPDATE: The League's Executive Committee adopted the Administrative Services and Housing, Community and Economic Development policy committees' recommendation to oppose AB 46.

V. Federal Update

The federal update was given during the joint policy committee meeting.

VI. Marijuana Regulation Working Group

Staff distributed a handout about the League's Marijuana Regulation Working Group. Committee members discussed how their cities are handling medical marijuana dispensaries at the local level.

VII. California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC)

Ann Ravel, the newly appointed Chairwoman of FPPC, spoke to the committee about her vision for the FPPC. She explained that the purpose of the Political Reform Act is to restore confidence in government. Chairwoman Ravel has made significant changes and would like to clarify regulations while exploring the longer term costs and burdens of current statute. She is also interested in working with local government to review concerns and issues with the current process.

VIII. “Instant Runoff Voting” Court Case Update

League General Counsel, Patrick Whitnell, gave an informational session on rank choice voting. The committee received an explanation of the rank choice voting process as well as an overview of the limitations and advantages of this method. Currently, rank choice voting is only an option for charter cities.

IX. Citizens Redistricting Commission Update

Eric McGhee, policy fellow for Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) updated the committee about how the PPIC believes political seats will be affected by the drafted redistricting maps. Mr. McGhee also discussed the Citizens Redistricting Commission’s work plan and the map commenting process.

X. Next Meeting: Annual Conference, San Francisco, September 21, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.