

COMMUNITY SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE
Friday, March 30, 2012
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
DoubleTree Hotel, Lake Gregory Room, Ontario, CA

Individuals who wish to review the full text of bills included in this packet are encouraged to do so by visiting the League's website at www.cacities.org/billsearch. Be sure to review the most recent version of the bill.

A G E N D A

Special Order of Business Post Redevelopment & State Budget Update 10:00 – 10:45 a.m., Harvest Room, Doubletree Hotel, Ontario

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Public Comment

III. 2012 Committee Work Program

Informational

IV. Civil Disturbance Readiness: What Should City Leaders Do To Be Prepared?

- Speaker: Jerry Harper, Jerry Harper Consulting Services

V. State Legislative Update* (Attachment A)

**Due to the significant load of legislation recently introduced, a supplemental State Legislative Update will be provided prior to the meeting.*

1) AB 1897 (Campos)

Action

2) AB 2246 (Perez)

Informational

3) Libraries Funding Update

Informational

VI. Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Community Services Members Update

VII. Next Meeting: FRIDAY, June 15, 2012, League of California Cities, Sacramento

<p><i>Brown Act Reminder: The League of California Cities' Board of Directors has a policy of complying with the spirit of open meeting laws. Generally, off-agenda items may be taken up only if:</i></p>
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| <p><i>1) Two-thirds of the policy committee members find a need for immediate action exists and the need to take action came to the attention of the policy committee after the agenda was prepared (Note: If fewer than two-thirds of policy committee members are present, taking up an off-agenda item requires a unanimous vote); or</i></p> |
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| <p><i>2) A majority of the policy committee finds an emergency (for example: work stoppage or disaster) exists.</i></p> |
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<p><i>A majority of a city council may not, consistent with the Brown Act, discuss specific substantive issues among themselves at League meetings. Any such discussion is subject to the Brown Act and must occur in a meeting that complies with its requirements.</i></p>
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<p><i>NOTE: Policy committee members should be aware that lunch is usually served at these meetings. The state's Fair Political Practices Commission takes the position that the value of the lunch should be reported on city officials' statement of economic interests form. Because of the service you provide at these meetings, the League takes the position that the value of the lunch should be reported as income (in return for your service to the committee) as opposed to a gift (note that this is <u>not</u> income for state or federal income tax purposes—just Political Reform Act reporting purposes). The League has been persistent, but unsuccessful, in attempting to change the FPPC's mind about this interpretation. As such, we feel we need to let you know about the issue so you can determine your course of action.</i></p>
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<p><i>If you would prefer not to have to report the value of the lunches as income, we will let you know the amount so you can reimburse the League. The lunches tend to run in the \$30 to \$45 range. To review a copy of the FPPC's most recent letter on this issue, please go to www.cacities.org/FPPCletter on the League's Web site.</i></p>
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Legislative Agenda
March 2012

Staff: Lobbyist: Kyra Ross (916) 658-8252

AB 1897 (Campos)- Local use: general plan: healthy food element.

Bill Summary:

This bill will require cities and counties to add the general plan an element for healthy food. The element shall include a plan to increase access to healthy affordable food within the jurisdiction of the city and county. Access to healthy food includes:

- Access to full and discount grocery stores
- Access to urban farming
- Access to community or school gardens
- Access to farmers markets
- Access to affordable food, including retail spaces that accept CalFresh or WIC benefits
- Access to transportation when approving a grocery stores, including bus stops or other mass transportation stops, free or low cost shuttles to and from the store, taxi vouchers, and car pool programs

This bill would have cities and counties consider developing incentives for new grocery stores that do one or more of the following:

- Incorporate green energy
- Provide community meeting space
- Conduct nutrition and cooking classes in store
- Commit a certain percentage of fair trade products within the store
- Hire locally
- Offer composting and environmentally friendly cleaning supplies
- Offer nutritional label tags on the shelves

The current language in the bill requires cities and counties to comply with this element. However, the author's office has indicated that they have amendments into Leg. Counsel to change it from a mandate to "encourage".

Background:

The purpose of this bill to increase access to healthy foods which can improve health, decrease health care costs, and increase revenue to the area by recapturing dollars spent at grocery stores outside the local area. The author believes that local governments should plan for the health and economic well-being of their area by including strategies to increase access to healthy food.

Staff Recommendation:

Discuss whether the League should or should not recommend a position to the Board, and what that position should be.

Some of the issues the committee may want to discuss are:

- Does encouraging healthy food and lifestyles *need* to be incorporated into a general plan?
- If the committee decides to support or oppose the bill based on the current language, does the position change if the mandate is removed and instead uses language to "encourage".
- The League has supported efforts such as Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) which works with cities to adopt policies that improve the physical activity and food environments for municipal residents and employees through land use, healthy food, and wellness.

- If the committee opposes the bill, are there amendments that would remove the League's opposition.

Committee Recommendation:

Board Action:

Fiscal Impact:

The cost could be substantial because cities will have to develop a new element to their general plan. In addition, local governments are supposed to zone sufficient land for grocery stores and urban agriculture.

Existing League Policy:

Planning and Zoning- General Plans- A city's general plan should guide the individual city's land use planning and strategic decision-making. A city's general plan should not be subject to mandatory reviews by regional or state agencies. General plan requirements should be flexible and provide guidance to local communities without requiring inappropriate levels of detail or mandating new topics or elements.

Community Services- Healthy Cities- The League encourages California cities to help parents make healthy family choices; create healthy schools; provide access to healthy and affordable foods; and promote physical activity.

Comments:

Support-Opposition:

Support: (as of March 14, 2012)

None

Opposition: (as of March 14, 2012)

None.