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**NOTE:** For city officials arriving early, please join us from 9 – 9:45 a.m for a **continental breakfast** at the League offices at 1400 K Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, behind the Sacramento Convention Center

January 6, 2012

TO: Members: Community Services Policy Committee

FROM: Joe Carchio, (Chair), Council Member, Huntington Beach  
Kyra Ross, League Staff (916) 658-8252

RE: **POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
DATE: **Friday, January 20, 2012**  
TIME: **10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
PLACE: **League of California Cities**  
**1400 K Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**  
**Sacramento, CA**

Attached are the agenda and background materials for the upcoming policy committee meeting. If you plan to attend, and have not yet returned the attendance form, please contact Meg Desmond at [mdesmond@cacities.org](mailto:mdesmond@cacities.org). Registration for this meeting is not required; however, your response will help us determine the meal count.

In addition, if you will be in town on Wednesday night, **please join us for a reception on January 18, 2012**, 6:00 – 7:15 p.m., at the Mayahuel Restaurant located at 1200 K Street (corner of 12<sup>th</sup> & K), Sacramento. Come network and mingle with new mayors and council members, state legislators, League Partner company representatives, League leadership and staff. Please RSVP to Emily Cole at 916.658.8283 or [ecole@cacities.org](mailto:ecole@cacities.org) with your name, title and city/organization.

**Travel Informaton:** Air transportation, shuttle service, driving directions, parking and hotel information are provided on the back of this letter.

We look forward to seeing you at our first meeting in 2012!

## **League of California Cities Policy Committee Meetings - January 19 – 20, 2012**

*(The League office is located directly behind the Convention Center.)*

**Meeting Locations:** Sacramento Convention Center: 1400 J Street, Sacramento 95814 or  
League of California Cities: 1400 K Street, Sacramento 95814

### **AIR TRANSPORTATION:**

Low, refundable airfares are available through the Enhanced Local Government Airfare Program. The program requires that a city be pre-registered; check with your city's travel coordinator. This program is ticketless and includes Southwest, United and United Express. For city pairs, rates, or if your city has not yet registered, please check the League Web site at <http://www.cacities.org/travel> for details.

### **TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT:**

**YOLOBUS information** - <http://www.yolobus.com/m3.html> - 530/ 666-BUSS (2877)

**Cost:** \$2.00 each way; seniors (62+) /disabled, \$1.00

**Travel time:** The bus ride is approximately 20-30 minutes.

#### **From the Airport. (Bus 42A)**

Buses run every hour (at approximately 19 minutes past the hour). After departing plane, go to the island outside and locate Public Transit. This is where you will catch YOLOBUS

**SUPERSHUTTLE** (1-800-BLUE VAN): Upon arrival at the airport, claim your luggage then proceed to the **SuperShuttle** ground transportation booth. A representative will arrange SuperShuttle transportation to your destination. Reservations not required. **One-way ticket per person: \$13.00. Round trip ticket per person: \$26.00.**

**Please note:** Downtown hotels do not provide shuttle service from the airport.

**CABS are quoted between \$30.00 to \$40.00 from airport to downtown.**

**RETURN TO AIRPORT: SuperShuttle** (1-800-BLUE VAN) makes regular stops every 1/2 hour in front of these hotels, both within walking distance of the Convention Center:

Hyatt Sacramento - 1209 L Street, Sacramento - (916) 443-1234

Sheraton Grand -1230 J Street, Sacramento - (916) 447-1700

#### **YOLOBUS: Back to Airport (Bus 42B) Pickup location: L & 13<sup>th</sup> Streets**

Buses run every hour (at 5 minutes past the hour). The bus ride is approximately 20-30 minutes.

### **DRIVING DIRECTIONS:**

Below are suggested driving directions to the Convention Center and may not be the most efficient route from your home. There are many websites which offer assistance with driving directions. Here are two that may be helpful: [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com), and <http://maps.yahoo.com>.

**From I-5:** Exit "J" Street. The Convention Center is located on "J" Street (one-way) between 13th & 15th Streets.

**From I-80 (West traveling East):** Take I-5 North, then follow the above directions.

**From I-80 (East traveling West):** Take I-80 to Capitol City Freeway (right lanes), Exit 160 Downtown (right lanes). When freeway ends, merge to near left lane. Turn left on "J" Street, go 1 block.

**From the South on Highway 99:** Take 99 North to Business 80 West (Capitol City Freeway). Exit at 16th Street. Continue on 16th Street, and turn left on "I", then left on 13th Street.

### **PARKING:** *(Allow time for parking; the downtown area is congested.)*

There are numerous public parking garages in the vicinity. Those **closest to the Convention Center** are located at 13th and "J" Streets - directly across from the Sheraton Grand Hotel and the Convention Center. From "J" Street (one way), turn left on 13th Street; entrances to the parking lots are on both the left and the right. The Hyatt Hotel has its own parking garage and valet parking. From "J" Street, turn right on 13th Street, then right on "L" Street. The parking garages **closest to the League offices** are on "K" Street next to the Capitol Garage, corner of 15<sup>th</sup> & "K" Streets (enter from K Street).

### **HOTELS:**

**Hyatt Sacramento**, 1209 L Street, Sacramento (\$165 + taxes and fees) - Please contact Megan Dunn at [mdunn@cacities.org](mailto:mdunn@cacities.org) for the online housing link to get the discounted League rate. This rate is not available by phone or at Hyatt.com. This venue is the Headquarter Hotel for the League's New Mayors & Council Members Academy from January 18 -20. **THE DISCOUNTED RATE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AFTER JANUARY 6, 2012.**

## COMMUNITY SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday, January 20, 2012

**10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

League Office, 1400 K Street, Third Floor, Sacramento

**Note:** For the early-birds, you are invited to join us from 9 – 9:45 a.m. for a continental breakfast at the League offices at 1400 K Street, 3rd floor (behind the convention center).

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](http://www.cacities.org) and clicking on "Bill Search" found at the left column. Be sure to review the most recent version of the bill.

### A G E N D A

- I. SPECIAL ORDER: State Budget and Redevelopment Briefing for all policy committee members 10:00 – 10:45 am, Room 204, Sacramento Convention Center**  
*Upon adjournment, individual policy committee meetings will begin.*
- II. Welcome and Introductions**
- III. Public Comment**
- IV. Overview of Parliamentary Procedure and Roberts Rules** (*Handout*) *(Informational)*
- V. Committee Orientation** (*Attachment A*) *(Informational)*
- VI. Strategic Goals for 2012** (*Attachment B*) *(Informational)*
- VII. Review of Summary of Existing Policy & Guiding Principles** (*Attachment C*) *(Informational)*
- VIII. Committee Work Program**
  - 2011 Work Program: Status (*Attachment D*) *(Informational)*
  - 2012 Draft Work Program (*Attachment E*) *(Action Item)*
- IX. State Budget and Legislative Update** (*Attachment F*)
  - AB 1312 (Smyth) Child care: exemption from licensure: public recreation programs
    - *Doug Houston, Lobbyist, California Parks and Recreation Society, speaker*
- X. Update on Library State Budget Cuts** *(Informational)*  
*Christina DiCaro, Lobbyist, California Library Association, Speaker*
- XI. HEAL Cities Campaign** *(Informational)*  
*Speaker: Kanat Tibet, HEAL Cities Campaign*
- XII. Next Meeting: Friday, March 30, 2012, Doubletree Hotel, Ontario**

*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:*

- 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*
- 2) A majority of the policy committee finds an emergency (for example: work stoppage or disaster) exists.*

*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.*

*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 not 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.*



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## HOW LEAGUE POLICY COMMITTEES WORK

January 2012

### Policy Committee Subject Matter

The League has eight (8) policy committees, each with its own subject matter jurisdiction. You may refer to the “*Summary of Existing Policy and Guiding Principles*” booklet (*Summary*) to find the subject matter for each committee. This document will be updated in January 2012 and again in January 2014. Policy in the *Summary* is used to determine League legislative and regulatory positions. The *Summary*, in its entirety, is located on the League’s Web site at [www.cacities.org/summary](http://www.cacities.org/summary). Individual sections are located on each policy committee’s Web page, which are available at [www.cacities.org/polcomm](http://www.cacities.org/polcomm).

### Policy Committee Legislative Agenda Items

League policy committees review bills or regulatory proposals on issues for which the League does not have existing policy, or for which staff members feel a policy discussion needs to occur for greater clarity or background on an issue. Staff will lobby legislation, funding proposals, or regulatory changes where existing policy provides clear direction.

### Role and Responsibility of Committee Members

The strength of the League’s policy process and ability to effectively engage in the legislative process is based on the active involvement of and the expertise of city officials. We rely on your technical and policy knowledge, thoughtfulness, strategic thinking, and political savvy. Your role is to engage in thoughtful discussions at the meeting. Members should review the agenda and background material prior to the meetings, attend each meeting, and stay for the entire duration of the meeting.

### Committee Recommendations on Positions on Bills

The committee’s actions or positions are a recommendation to the League Board of Directors for a formal League position. Possible committee recommendations can be:

- Support
- Oppose
- Support-if-amended (as appropriate, specific amendments may be requested)
- Oppose-unless-amended (as appropriate, specific amendments may be requested)
- No position
- Neutral

There are nuanced differences between some of these positions. For example, “*support-if-amended*” sends a very different message than “*oppose-unless-amended*.” Both positions might seek the same change but the support-if-amended position means that the League would be listed with the “supporters”

of the bill in most legislative analysis. In addition, “*no position*” and “*neutral*” have different meanings and require different actions from staff. Selection of one or the other depends in part upon what type of message or political posture the League needs to take. Staff will advise the committee about the implications of each on a case-by-case basis.

### **Approval by League Board Needed for All Committee Recommendations**

All committee actions are recommendations to the League Board, which has the final say on all positions. Under no circumstances are individual committee members nor the committee itself authorized to speak on behalf of the League. When a committee action is supported by a large majority (e.g., 32 to 3), the recommendation is placed on the Board’s consent calendar. When the committee vote is split (e.g., 15-13), the item will be presented as an action item for the Board’s discussion. Staff will also provide information about the reasons behind the committee’s recommendation to the Board.

Most of the time, the Board adopts the recommendation of the policy committee. When the Board adopts a different position, staff will notify the committee members of the reason for the different position. This likely will be done in the next regular communication with the committee.

Some issues cut across more than one committee. When this occurs, staff will coordinate and bring a bill to more than one committee for review and recommendation. The recommendations are then forwarded to the League Board and if there is a different recommendation, the League Board resolves the difference.

### **Role of the Committee Chair**

The chair’s role is to balance the often competing needs of the membership to have a full and thoughtful discussion on the issues within the very real time constraint. The chair will often limit debate – either in the number of speakers or the amount of time each speaker has – in order to ensure that we can move ahead on our agenda and cover the items included. We ask that when you make comments on issues before the committee that you be brief and concise and that you not repeat what has already been stated. Also, if you have already spoken on an issue, the chair may ask you to hold your comments until after new speakers are able to share their comments.

### **Committee Schedule and Process**

Committees generally meet three times a year (January and June in Sacramento, March in Ontario), plus an abbreviated meeting at the Annual Conference (September in San Diego) to review resolutions if any are assigned to it. (The September meeting schedule will be announced in mid-July). Meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude by 3:00 p.m., although some subcommittees may meet at 9:00 a.m. Please plan to be present for the full duration of the committee meetings.

### **Agendas/Disseminating Information**

A meeting notice is mailed to committee members about a month to six weeks in advance of the meeting, containing travel and logistical information. An agenda packet is mailed at least one week before a meeting and also sent via e-mail. **(Note: Following the January meeting, agenda packets will only be sent via email and posted online. If you prefer a hard copy of the agendas and highlights, please contact Meg Desmond by email: [mdesmond@cacities.org](mailto:mdesmond@cacities.org) or phone: 916-658-8224)** Highlights that summarize committee actions are prepared by staff and provided to committee members about two to three weeks after the meetings. All materials are also available on the League’s Website: [www.cacities.org/polcomm](http://www.cacities.org/polcomm).

We encourage you to visit the League’s Web site: [www.cacities.org](http://www.cacities.org). In addition to containing committee materials, the Website contains information on the League’s priorities and a link to track individual bills

and the League's position on them. You should also subscribe to the League's electronic newsletter *CA Cities Advocate*.

For meetings that are heavy in legislative review (generally in March/April and June), staff will try to find a balance between getting the agenda packet out early and the need to delay finalizing the agenda packet in order to include as many legislative items as possible and in their most current version. At some meetings, staff may use a supplemental agenda for last minute legislative issues. We will use e-mail as appropriate to send out late-breaking information or to gather committee input throughout the year. It is important that we have your preferred e-mail.

### **How to Get an Item on the Agenda**

Because staff prepares background material in advance of the meeting, and prepares the agenda in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair, it is difficult to add items at the last minute. In addition, the League tries to comply with the spirit of the Brown Act in its meetings. If you wish to have the committee discuss an item, you should contact staff well in advance of the meeting in order to determine the feasibility of including it on the agenda, and if so, allow staff time to prepare the appropriate background material. Because of time constraints and a full work program before the committee, it may not always be possible to respond to such requests.

### **Issues Should Have Statewide Impact**

Although some of you may represent your division, your department, your affiliate organization, or simply yourself, we should all keep in mind that the League must address issues of statewide impact and interest. Thus, while an issue or bill may be of interest to your city or region, if it does not have broader, statewide implications, the League likely will not engage in that policy discussion or take a position. You should keep this in mind if you wish to suggest an item for discussion.

### **Brown Act and Roberts Rules of Order**

The League tries to comply with the spirit of the Brown Act. Thus, when the committee discusses items not already on the agenda (e.g., supplemental legislative agenda), the Chair will ask for a vote of approval to add that item to the agenda. The League also follows Roberts Rules of Order and provides a brief overview of key procedural steps in Roberts Rules as they apply to committees.

### **Staffing for Committee**

Each committee has a staff lobbyist assigned to it. This individual is your main point of contact for logistics or questions about the agenda. Generally, each lobbyist has a "main" committee and will remain with the committee throughout the meeting. Occasionally he/she may leave the meeting to make guest appearances in other committees to discuss issues or bills. Additional staff may also be present to support the committee's work.

### **League Partners and Other Guests**

The League Partners have a non-voting representative assigned to each policy committee and are seated at the table with other committee members. In addition, city officials, other members of the League Partners Program, and interested members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings. We provide an opportunity for our League Partners and other members of the public to offer comment on items before the committee during the designated public comment period on the agenda.



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## 2012 LEAGUE STRATEGIC GOALS<sup>1</sup>

### **Support Sustainable and Secure Public Employee Pensions and Benefits.**

Work in partnership with state leaders and other stakeholders to promote sustainable and secure public pensions and other post-employment benefits (OPEBs) to help ensure responsive and affordable public services for the people of our state and cities.

**Promote Local Control for Strong Cities.** Support or oppose legislation and proposed constitutional amendments based on whether they advance maximum local control by city governments over city revenues, land use, redevelopment and other private activities to advance the public health, safety and welfare of city residents.

**Build Strong Partnerships for a Stronger Golden State.** Collaborate with other public and private groups and leaders to reform the structure and governance, and promote transparency, fiscal integrity and responsiveness of our state government and intergovernmental system.

<sup>1</sup> Adopted by the League Board of Directors in San Diego, November 18, 2011

## SUMMARY OF EXISTING POLICIES AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

### Update – 2012 DRAFT

Every two years, the League updates its “summary of Existing Policies and Guiding Principles” to reflect new League policy adopted during the past two years. The purpose of this update is *not* to develop new League policy or revisit existing League policy. The document provided indicates new policy adopted during the past two years in **bold underlining** or ~~**bold strikeouts**~~. This is new policy that has been adopted through Annual Conference Resolutions, League positions on bills approved by the League Board of Directors, or broad League policy approved by the League Board of Directors over the last two years.

Committee members should review the proposed update and consider whether it accurately reflects the actions taken by the policy committee (and League Board) over the last two years, and whether there are any missing policy items or errors in describing policy. Committee members who wish to propose new League policy or to revisit existing League policy should suggest that the issue be placed on an agenda for a future policy committee meeting, as opposed to attempting to modify the policy through this update.

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## Community Services

### *Scope of Responsibility*

The Committee on Community Services reviews issues related to childcare, parks and recreation, libraries, cultural arts and community and human services programs.

### *Summary of Existing Policy and Guiding Principles*

#### **Arts, Cultural Resources, Historic Preservation and Activities**

- The League supports continued state funding that recognizes the important role of local arts activities and historic preservation in community life and how these cultural activities affect the social health and economic vitality of cities.

#### **Child Care**

- The League supports the creation of more affordable, innovative and quality child care options for parents and concurrently encourages adherence to strict regulations and guidelines

#### **Children**

- The League believes that the children of California must be recognized as our state’s most valuable resource. Their development, education and well-being are key to our state’s future. Further, it is essential that each child have the support needed to become a productive citizen in the world of the 21st Century. This involves supporting diverse before-and-after-school programs and creating stronger linkages between municipal services and school-based job training programs in order to produce more job placement opportunities.
- The League promotes the development of a cooperative program with the goal to increase enrollment of California’s children in the Healthy Families Program.
- **The League encourages cities to promote anti-bullying efforts across California as well as provide education and awareness to the general public about the imminent health and safety concerns for bullied children.**

## **Park Bond Funds**

- The League believes that any statewide park bond measure should include a component that provides per capita grants to cities and counties. The League opposes tying local eligibility for grant funds to non-park related issues, such as rent control or housing element status.

## **Public Libraries**

- The League supports full funding of the Public Library Fund so that the State of California can fully fund its share of the program, understanding how libraries play an integral role in building and sustaining our communities. (Additional library-related policy is included in “Restructuring California’s Public Library Services,” the report of a joint task force co-sponsored by the League, CSAC, California Library Association and the California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners.)
- The League opposes legislation that requires public libraries to install and maintain computer software for use on computers in the library that prohibits access to obscene material to minors and other library patrons. The League believes that this issue is more appropriately addressed at the local level, in ways that meet local circumstances, and thus is an issue of local control.

## **Seniors**

- The League encourages cities to recognize seniors as a valuable state resource and to develop and improve intergenerational programs and activities. The League supports legislation that would provide funding for side-by-side day care facilities for California’s youth, adults and seniors.

## **Healthy Cities**

- The League encourages cities to embrace policies that facilitate activities that promote healthier lifestyles, including healthy diet and nutrition, and to adopt city design and planning principles that enable citizens to undertake exercise with the goal of achieving a more active and healthy community.

- The League encourages cities to address the needs of an aging population through local and statewide planning, education and conference programming.
- The League encourages cities to establish their own rules and regulations pertaining to community recreational activities. (AB 874)

*Note: The League will review new legislation to determine how it relates to existing League policies and guiding principles. In addition, because this document is updated every two years to include policies and guiding principles adopted by the League during the previous two years, there may be new, evolving policies under consideration or adopted by the League that are not reflected in the current version of this document. However, all policies adopted by the League Board of Directors or the League's General Assembly become League policy and are binding on the League, regardless of when they are adopted and whether they appear in the current version of "Summary of Existing Policies and Guiding Principles."*



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**COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
**2011 Work Program Status Update**

1. **LEAGUE 2011 STRATEGIC GOALS** The Committee focused on supporting the 2011 strategic goals adopted by the League Board of Directors. The 2011 strategic goals include:
  - **Strong Partnerships for a Stronger Golden State.** Collaborate and partner with other public and private groups and leaders to reform and revitalize the structure, governance, fiscal integrity and responsiveness of our state government and intergovernmental system.
  - **Sustainable and Secure Public Pension Systems.** Work in partnership with other groups and stakeholders to promote sustainable and secure public pension systems to help ensure responsive and affordable public services for the people of our state and cities.
  - **Responsive and Accessible League Services.** Implement distance learning, meeting and other cost-effective strategies to deliver even more responsive and accessible League educational, information and advocacy services to the city officials of California.

**Additionally, the Committee also focused on the following issues in 2011:**

2. **STATE BUDGET and LEGISLATION** The committee reviewed pending legislation, and took action, where appropriate, on all issues within the sphere of community services. *This included legislation on library staffing, park closures, library cuts, needle exchange programs and public health.*
3. **EDUCATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS** The committee also received updates from state legislators or other state or local officials on topics of interest to the committee. *This included updates on the City of Stockton Peacekeeper program, Proposition 26, California Healthy Kids, City of Whittier Greenway Trails, Realignment, Dana Pt. vs. IRS, medical marijuana, and gang intervention programs.*
4. **TOPICS OF DISCUSSION** The committee also look at the following topics in addition to those identified by the League's strategic priorities to explore throughout the year. These included the following issues:
  - Libraries
  - Funding for Parks and Community Programs
  - CCS Healthy Community Action Plans
  - Public Health and Climate Change (CEQA C02 and Health in All Policies)
  - Gangs
  - IRS Audits of City Recreation Contractors
  - Medical Marijuana



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**COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
**2012 Draft Work Program**

1. **LEAGUE 2012 STRATEGIC GOALS** The Committee will focus on supporting the 2012 strategic goals adopted by the League Board of Directors. The 2012 strategic goals include:

**Support Sustainable and Secure Public Employee Pensions and Benefits.** Work in partnership with state leaders and other stakeholders to promote sustainable and secure public pensions and other post-employment benefits (OPEBs) to help ensure responsive and affordable public services for the people of our state and cities.

**Promote Local Control for Strong Cities.** Support or oppose legislation and proposed constitutional amendments based on whether they advance maximum local control by city governments over city revenues, land use, redevelopment and other private activities to advance the public health, safety and welfare of city residents.

**Build Strong Partnerships for a Stronger Golden State.** Collaborate with other public and private groups and leaders to reform the structure and governance, and promote transparency, fiscal integrity and responsiveness of our state government and intergovernmental system.

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  - Funding for Parks and Community Programs
  - CCS Healthy Community Action Plans
  - Public Health and Climate Change
  - Gangs
  - Childhood Obesity and Physical Education Programs
  - Community and Senior Centers
  - Senior Health and Aging Programs
  - Recreation and Tourism activities within a community (both economic development and parks/recreation)

**Community Services Policy Committee  
Legislative Agenda- January 2012**

**AB 1312 (Smyth) Child care exemption: public recreation programs.**

**([http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201120120AB1312&search\\_keywords=](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201120120AB1312&search_keywords=))**

**Bill Summary:**

This bill was introduced to assist parents with their childcare needs. By increasing the amount of time park districts are allowed to operate day care facilities from 16 to 20 hours per week and from 12 to 14 weeks per year.

**Background:**

This bill expands the number of authorized hours that unlicensed public recreation programs can operate their programs for children (0-18 years) by extending the hours and weeks of operation for public recreation programs as follows:

- For K-12 increasing from 16 to 20 hours per week or less and from 12 to 14 weeks or less during a 12-month period.
- For children over 4 years, 9 months but not enrolled in school increasing from 16 to 20 hours per week or less and from 12 to 14 weeks or less during a 12-month period.
- For children under the age of 4 years, 9 months from 12 to 20 hours or less per week, and from 12 to 14 weeks or less during a 12 month period.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Support if amended to make sure that programs that provide child care programs adhere to state child care requirements.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Additional operation costs to cities that operate parks and rec programs that would qualify to operate with longer hours.

**League Policy:**

The League supports the creation of more affordable, innovative and quality child care options for parents and concurrently encourages adherence to strict regulations and guidelines.

**Comments:**

*Why this bill is needed* According to the Author's office "This restriction makes it troublesome for parents to get the after school supervision they need for their children during their combined work and commute hours. As school often ends at 2:30pm, these after school programs, in order to remain compliant with the regulated limit, only operate until 5:30pm. If a family needs to take advantage of before-school and after-school programs, the child may not be able to as a result of the weekly hour limit. The hour cap also impacts the ability to accommodate for early release days, extra school holidays, teacher work days, and other school schedule challenges."

*Unlicensed childcare* Under existing law, child care facilities in California must be licensed by the State to do business. Currently, there are 14 categories exempted from obtaining a license, including public recreation programs. The legislative policy committee that heard this bill in the Capitol last year raised the question of whether it is appropriate to expand childcare hours at a park and recreation facility that is unlicensed. In the same committee, the Child Care Resource & Referral Network opposed the bill based on licensing concerns, and unfair business practices as the extended hour park and rec program would not have to adhere to the same licensing standards as a child day care center.

**Support/Opposition:**

Support:

California Park and Recreation Society

Oppose:

Child Care Resource & Referral Network