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DATE: May 16, 2011

TO: Members of League Policy Committees

FROM: Meg Desmond, League Staff (916) 658-8224 E-mail: mdesmond@cacities.org

RE: **Policy Committee Meeting Highlights**

Attached are the meeting highlights from the April policy committee meeting that was held in Ontario.

Listed below are the dates for the next policy committee meetings. Specific agendas and meeting materials will be mailed to each committee member approximately one week prior to the meeting.

DATE: Thursday, June 16 or Friday, June 17, 2011

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 J Street, Sacramento

OR

***League Office, 1400 K Street, 3rd Floor, Sacramento (ER & EQ)**

THURSDAY, June 16, 2011

Community Services

*Employee Relations

Housing, Community & Economic Dev.

Public Safety

FRIDAY, June 17, 2011

Administrative Services

*Environmental Quality

Revenue & Taxation

Transp., Comm. & Public Works

Please complete and FAX or E-mail the attached attendance form. Registration is NOT required for this meeting. However, your response is appreciated to help us determine an accurate meal count.

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. If you plan to drive, you may check your most reliable Web site for directions to the hotel (e.g., www.yahoomaps.com; www.mapquest.com).

Additional travel information is provided on page three of this memo.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS: If you require an overnight stay in Sacramento, the League can recommend three local properties. Please consider booking online for best available rates or checking www.hotels.com for the Sacramento area.

Hotel Recommendations: Hyatt Regency, 1209 L Street, Sacramento (916) 443-1234
Sheraton Grand, 1230 J Street, Sacramento (916) 447-1700
Residence Inn, 1501 L Street, Sacramento (916) 443-0500

Deadline for Submitting Annual Conference Resolutions

Saturday, July 23, 2011, by email, regular mail or fax

For more information, visit: www.cacities.org/resolutions or contact: mdesmond@cacities.org



ATTENDANCE FORM

Meeting: Policy Committee Meetings

Date(s): Thursday, June 16, or Friday, June 17, 2011

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Place: Sacramento Convention Center **OR** *League of California Cities
1400 J Street 1400 K Street, 3rd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814 Sacramento, CA 95814

Please check committee:

THURSDAY, June 16, 2011

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- Housing, Community & Econ. Dev.
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I **WILL** attend

I **WILL NOT** be attending



If you require reasonable accommodations related to facility access, communication and/or diet, please indicate your special needs _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

City: _____

Please RSVP by Friday, June 3, 2011

Please choose **ONLY ONE** method of responding:

E-Mail: mdesmond@cacities.org. This form is **NOT** necessary when e-mailing. When e-mailing, please indicate your name, title, city and policy committee.

OR

FAX this form to: (916) 658-8240
Attention: Meg Desmond

League of California Cities Policy Committee Meetings - June 16 & 17, 2011

Meeting Locations: Sacramento Convention Center: 1400 J Street, Sacramento 95814 **OR**
League of California Cities: 1400 K Street, Sacramento 95814 (EQ & ER committees)
(The League office is located directly behind the Convention Center.)

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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 easy 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 & 13th 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, 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 the left. 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 15th & "K" Streets (enter from K Street).

HOTELS

Hyatt Sacramento, 1209 L Street, Sacramento – (800) 233-1234, (916) 443-1234

Sheraton Grand, 1230 J Street, Sacramento – (800) 325-3535, (916) 447-1700

Residence Inn, 1501 L Street, Sacramento – (916) 443-0500

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE

Highlights

Friday, April 8, 2011

Doubletree Hotel, 222 N. Vineyard Avenue, Ontario Room: Lake Gregory

ATTENDANCE

Members: Spiegel, Karen (V. Chair); Abelson, Janet; Abrahamson, Dawn; Baker, Jr., Karl; Barr, Rebekah; Brown, Mark; Bukowski, Ken; Carchio, Joe; Cortright, Arletta; Cousino, JoAnne; Hill, Glenda; Johl, Randi; Jones, Rodney; Koczanowicz, Martin; McCullough, Kathryn; Mizuno, Stephanie; Moreno, John; Morrison, Pam; Nestor, Joseph; Newman, Robert; Rice, Steve; Rodriguez, Yolanda; Ross, Robert; Ruiz, Victor, Schultz, Robert; Scranton, Tim; Sham, Stephen; Swanson, Marsha; Taylor, Jerry; Tilton, Joann; Van Wormer, Cindy;

League Staff: Natasha Karl and Meghan McKelvey

Special Order: Joint Meeting on Redevelopment and the Budget

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, gave a general overview of the first few months of the year. He explained that the Legislature and Governor don't like how Proposition 22 reads. The Governor says that California can't afford redevelopment any longer, and the League's counter argument is that California can't afford to lose redevelopment. Mr. McKenzie discussed legal options and strategies that cities have if redevelopment is eliminated. Dan Carrigg, the League's Legislative Director, followed by giving detailed information on the votes that have been taken regarding redevelopment and explained that the legislature has now returned to a traditional budget schedule. Michael Coleman, the League's Fiscal Policy Advisor, presented a PowerPoint on the current condition of the State Budget. Each of the League's lobbyists briefed the joint meeting on specific issue areas, including Transportation, Public Safety, Pension Reform, and Fees Paid by Local Agencies and Grant Programs. Mr. Coleman's PowerPoint presentation can be found at <http://www.californiacityfinance.com/PolicyComms110406p.pdf>, and a summary of the briefing from the lobbyists can be found at http://www.cacities.org/index.jsp?displaytype=11&story=28454&zone=locc§ion=advo&sub_s ec=advo leg&tert=advo leg issues.

Following the presentation, staff received questions from policy committee members regarding the definitions of "unearned" pension benefits (future earnings); confirmation that COPS funding will not be available if the proposed tax extensions are not approved; what happens next on redevelopment if it survives; and retention of rights to sue if the alternate redevelopment proposal is approved.

I. Welcome and Introductions

The committee made self-introductions.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Committee Work Plan

League staff presented the updated 2011 Policy Committee Work Plan. The 2011 Work Plan was approved unanimously.

IV. State Legislative Action Items

League staff briefed the committee on introduced legislation directly or indirectly addressing the concerns raised from the City of Bell. The committee spent time discussing and reviewing the five proposed principles related to governance, transparency, and ethics. After discussion how this would relate to current legislation, the committee approved the principles. These principles will be sent to the League's Board of Directors for action.

The committee gave specific examples about how some Bell related legislation would affect their cities. Most of the discussions focused around cities' use of simultaneous meetings, procedures for an absent city council quorum and how cities use/or don't use evergreen contracts.

V. Federal Legislative Update

Staff distributed a handout about the federal legislative update.

VI. City Attorneys' Department – FPPC Update

Martin Koczanowicz, City Attorney, Grover Beach and Tulare provided an update about the City Attorney's Department FPPC Committee. The committee is currently reviewing legislation related to gift limits. FPPC has a new chair, Anne Ravel, former chief lawyer for Santa Clara County. She will be focusing on lobbying and campaign regulations as well as improving the FPPC process.

VII. Next Meeting: Friday, June 17, 2011, Sacramento Convention Center