

Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations Policy Committee

April 2, 2020

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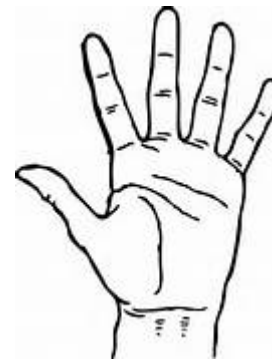
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Welcome and Introductions

Chair, Jess Talamantes, Council Member, City of
Burbank

Vice Chair, George Harris, Deputy City Manager and
Treasurer, City of Victorville

Public Comment

General Briefing

(Handout 1)

Bijan Mehryar, Legislative Representative, League of California Cities

COVID-19 Update

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Overview

- COVID-19 League Resources
- Legislative Deadlines and Priorities
- 2020 California State Budget Outlook
- Federal Relief and Stimulus Bills

COVID-19 League Resources and Advocacy

League Efforts and Resources for Cities:

- COVID-19 dedicated webpage and email
 - www.cacities.org/coronavirus
 - covid-19@cacities.org
- Daily COVID-19 updates via email
- Webinar series on the impacts of COVID-19
 - www.cacities.org/Education-Events/Webinars

Statewide and Federal Partnerships:

- Collaborating with Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and Governor's Office
 - Statutory and regulatory waivers and relief
 - Funding needs
- Working with National League of Cities and League's federal lobbying team on federal legislation and resource needs

Legislative Deadline and Priorities

- California State Legislature on recess from March 20 until April 13
 - Likely to extend through April or longer
- Legislative Deadlines:
 - June 15 – State Budget must be passed by Legislature at midnight
 - July 1 – Governor must sign or veto the State Budget
 - August 31 – End of regular session
 - Sept 30 – Legislation must be signed or vetoed by Governor
 - Nov 30 – Regular session sine die
- Potential Legislative Priorities:
 - COVID-19 response and recovery
 - Homelessness and housing
 - Wildfires/PG&E bankruptcy

2020 California State Budget Outlook

State budget process will be significantly altered:

- Asm. Budget Chair told legislators to lower their expectations on budget outlook to reflect the new reality.
- Budget committee hearings are on hold; most likely have a streamlined budget process this year.
- Budget likely to be barebones - maintaining current levels of State funding, but with little to no additional spending.
- \$1.1 billion in [SB 89](#) funds to support the State's COVID-19 response.
- \$1.3 billion from the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties for COVID-19 response.

Federal Relief and Stimulus Bills

Federal Bills:

- Bill #1 - [Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020](#)
 - \$7.8 billion package, plus a \$500 million authorization to enhance telehealth services, will give resources to prepare, prevent and respond to the crisis, including vaccine development, support for state and local governments' prevention and response efforts, and the purchase of critical medical supplies to protect public health and safety.
- Bill #2 – [H.R. 6201 Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#)
 - Guarantees free coronavirus testing, establishes paid leave, enhances Unemployment Insurance, expands food security initiatives, and increases federal Medicaid funding.
- Bill #3 - [The CARES Act](#)
 - \$2 trillion emergency package intended to stave off total economic collapse in the wake of the coronavirus crisis.
 - \$139 billion is reserved to be distributed between states and units of local government.
- Potential 4th Stimulus Bill
 - Talked about in the House of Representatives.
 - League working with federal team on potential requests.
 - Details forthcoming.

COVID-19 and CalPERS



Questions?

Website: www.cacities.org/coronavirus

Email: covid-19@cacities.org

COVID-19 Roundtable Discussion

Legislative Update

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Major Bills of Concerns

Outstanding Bills

- [AB 418](#) (Kalra) **Evidentiary privileges: union agent-represented worker privilege.**
- [SB 266](#) (Leyva) **Public Employees' Retirement System: disallowed compensation: benefit adjustments.**

New Bills for 2020

- [AB 2093](#) (Gloria) **Public records: writing transmitted by electronic mail: retention.**
- [AB 2307](#) (Bonta) **Public employment: labor relations: release time.**
- [AB 2355](#) (Bonta) **Employment discrimination: medical cannabis.**
- [AB 2452](#) (Garcia, C.) **State auditor: audits: high-risk local government agency audit program.**

Legislative Agenda

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[ACA 5](#) (Weber) **Government Preferences.**

Bill Description:

- **ACA 5** is a proposed constitutional amendment which, if approved by the Legislature and then the voters, would repeal Section 31 of Article I of the California Constitution which was added by Proposition 209 of 1996.
- This section of the California Constitution prohibits the cities and other governments from discriminating or giving preferential treatment to any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin with regard to **public employment, public contracting, or public education.**

Questions?

Email: Bmehryar@cacities.org

Thank You and Stay Safe!

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 4,
So. San Francisco Conference Center,
255 S. Airport Blvd, South San Francisco*

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