

GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENCY, AND LABOR RELATIONS POLICY COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

Zoom

[Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations Policy Committee Slides](#)

Staff: Bijan Mehryar, Legislative Representative
Johnnie Pina, Legislative Policy Analyst

I. Welcome and Introductions

League President John Dunbar, Mayor, Yountville, welcomed everyone to the last policy committee meeting of the year. President Dunbar explained that policy committees are vitally important and are directly connected to the League's core mission of advocating for the common interests of cities. He explained that this year has been challenging for city officials, as cities are protecting residents from a global pandemic, responding to nationwide calls for equity and justice, protecting communities from wildfires, and navigating utility-initiated power shutoffs and threats to the energy grid. President Dunbar said the League is committed to providing resources and information to help cities make informed decisions for their communities during these challenging times. He closed by thanking everyone in attendance for their work as a policy committee member.

President Dunbar introduced Carolyn Coleman, League Executive Director. Ms. Coleman thanked committee members for their work this year. She explained that at a time when cities needed help, they have stepped up and been problem solvers. Ms. Coleman said that the work of the policy committees is central to the League's advocacy, which is at the heart of the organization. She thanked them again for serving on the committee and wished them a great meeting.

Chair Jess Talamantes, Council Member, Burbank, and Vice-Chair George Harris, Deputy City Manager/Treasurer, Victorville, welcomed committee members and provided an introduction.

II. Public Comment

Chair Talamantes asked if there was any public comment. Joseph Mullin from the Electronic Frontier Foundation provided comments regarding the Annual Conference resolution and urged the committee to vote no on the issue.

V. Legislative Update

Bijan Mehryar, Legislative Representative, League of California Cities, explained that this year's legislative session was irregular as COVID-19 creating a consolidated legislative calendar. Mr. Mehryar encouraged committee members to reach out to him [directly](#) with any questions about GTLR bills. He also reminded committee members of the League's COVID-19 resources, which includes the League's COVID-19 dedicated [webpage](#), [email](#), and [webinar series](#).

VI. Proposition 16

Chair Talamantes began the discussion on Proposition 16 by introducing Tiffaney Boyd, Policy Director, Yes on Proposition 16 Campaign, and Peggy Huang, Council Member, City of Yorba Linda, on behalf of the No on Proposition 16 Campaign. After these presentations and a brief discussion, a motion was made to recommend a support

position on Proposition 16 to the League Board. The motion was seconded and ultimately passed 27-5 with three abstentions.

VII. Annual Conference Resolution

Chair Talamantes introduced Bruce Barrows, Council Member, City of Cerritos, to present the Annual Conference Resolution regarding an amendment to Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act of 1996. Michael Colantuono, Municipal Law Attorney, was also available to answer questions regarding the resolution. After a robust discussion, a motion was made to submit a support recommendation to the General Resolutions Committee. The motion was seconded and ultimately passed 19-16 with one abstention.

VIII. Next Meeting: January 14 and 15 via Zoom. Meeting details forthcoming. If you have any questions, please contact the League's Legislative and Policy Development Specialist Meg Desmond at mdesmond@cacities.org.