

**HOUSING, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**HIGHLIGHTS**  
**Tuesday, September 29, 2020**  
Zoom

[Housing, Community and Economic Development Policy Committee Slides](#)

Staff: Jason Rhine, Assistant Legislative Director  
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. Mr. 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. Mr. 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 Blanca Pacheco, Mayor, City of Downey and Vice Chair Marilyn Ashcraft, Mayor, City of Alameda, welcomed committee members and provided an introduction.

**II. Public Comment**

Chair Pacheco asked if there was any public comment. There was no public comment.

**V. Proposition 19**

The HCED policy committee debated Proposition 19 at length. Committee members had many opportunities to ask questions and discuss the issue. In the end, a motion was made to support Proposition 19. The motion carried with 24-6 with one abstention. HCED recommendation to the board is to support Proposition 19.

**VI. 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](mailto:mdesmond@cacities.org).