

**PUBLIC SAFETY POLICY COMMITTEE  
HIGHLIGHTS**

**Friday, April 3, 2020**

WebEx

[Public Safety Policy Committee Slides](#)

Staff: Charles Harvey, Legislative Representative  
Caroline Cirrincione, Legislative Policy Analyst

**General Briefing:**

In accordance with the customary practice of convening all policy committee members for a general briefing prior to the start of policy committee meetings, the League advocacy team compiled a [General Briefing Update Document](#), which includes the latest on federal and state legislative matters affecting cities within their respective policy areas.

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

League President John Dunbar, Mayor, Yountville, welcomed everyone to the policy committee and thanked them all for joining the webinar. President Dunbar recognized the extraordinary action city leaders have taken since the beginning of the pandemic to lower the risk of exposure and spread of COVID-19 in our communities. President Dunbar stated while local officials are serving their residents and business owners, the League is working with federal, state, and county government officials, as well as health care experts, to ensure resources and financial support for cities. He emphasized the importance of policy committees to the League's core mission of advocating for the common interests of cities. President Dunbar closed by thanking policy committee members for all of the extra effort they put in on behalf of all California cities.

President Dunbar introduced Carolyn Coleman, League Executive Director. Ms. Coleman thanked everyone for their continued leadership through the COVID-19 pandemic and for making time to participate in policy committee meetings through the new web-based platform. She explained the League would not be as effective if it were not for the collective efforts of policy committee members. Ms. Coleman concluded by emphasizing the League will continue its core mission of being an advocate for cities through this unprecedented time.

Chair Marty Simonoff, Mayor, Brea, and Vice Chair Daniel Hahn, Police Chief, Sacramento, welcomed committee members and provided an introduction.

**II. Public Comment**

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

**III. COVID-19 Update**

League staff provided a COVID-19 update, which highlighted resources such as the League's COVID-19 dedicated [webpage](#), [email](#), and [webinar series](#). League staff also gave an overview of the potential impacts that COVID-19 may have on key state legislative and budget deadlines. Notably, COVID-19 response and recovery, along with issues such as housing, homelessness, and wildfires will likely continue to be legislative priorities for this session, while other legislative priorities may be delayed until next session. Additionally, League staff summarized the three federal relief and stimulus bills, highlighting the recently passed Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The CARES Act is a historic \$2 trillion emergency package intended to

stave off economic collapse in the wake of COVID-19. Lastly, League staff mentioned the possibility of a fourth federal stimulus package. The League continues to work closely with its federal lobbying team and the National League of Cities on the fourth package.

#### **IV. Legislative Update**

Chair Simonoff introduced Charles Harvey, Legislative Representative, to provide a legislative update on bills of interest to the Public Safety Policy Committee. Mr. Harvey reminded the committee that due to the impacts COVID-19 has had on legislative deadlines and the state budget, it is unclear what bills will move forward this session, and legislative priorities may have to be reassessed.

Mr. Harvey began with an overview of [AB 2598](#), the lone action item for the committee's consideration. This measure would require a California law enforcement agency, before entering into Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a federal law enforcement agency for participation in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), to submit the proposed MOU and any related guidelines to its governing body for approval. The committee had a very robust discussion on AB 2598, with some committee members expressing their opposition, and others highlighting the merits of the measure. There was an initial motion to oppose this measure. There was then a substitute motion to oppose unless amended, calling to limit the scope of AB 2598 for officers to follow California state law. The substitute motion failed, and the original motion to oppose AB 2598 ultimately passed.

Mr. Harvey specifically highlighted two measures that he will continue to monitor this legislative session. These include [AB 2617](#), which would make it an offense to possess a firearm in violation of gun violence restraining order (GVRO) issued by another state, and [AB 3319](#), which would require local jurisdictions that employ code enforcement officers to develop safety standards for these employees. Mr. Harvey then proceeded to review other bills of interest to the Public Safety Policy Committee pertaining to cannabis, drones, emergency medical services, firearms, and gambling.

**Next Meeting:** Friday, June 5, South San Francisco Conference Center, 255 S. Airport Blvd, South San Francisco\*  
(\*subject to change)