

**REVENUE AND TAXATION POLICY COMMITTEE  
HIGHLIGHTS**

**Tuesday, September 29, 2020**

Zoom

[Revenue and Taxation Policy Committee Slides](#)

Staff: Nick Romo, 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. 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 Olivia Valentine, Councilmember, City of Hawthorne and Vice Chair Lisa Middleton, Councilmember, City of Palm Springs welcomed committee members and provided an introduction.

**II. Public Comment**

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

**V. Legislative Update**

Nick Romo gave a brief overview of the relevant measures that passed in the 2020 legislative session. Mr. Romo also gave a preview of what to expect in the 2021 legislative session.

**VI. Proposition 19**

The Revenue and Taxation policy committee discussed Proposition 19 at length and directed questions to League staff and the invited supporters and the opponents of the measure. A motion was made to take no position on Proposition 19. The motion carried with 28 in favor, 6 opposed, and 1 abstention. The Revenue and Taxation policy committee recommendation to the board is to take no position on Proposition 19.

**VII. 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).