



JUNE 2014 LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE & CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SUMMARY

LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE:

- Upon review, the LAC voted to make the following recommendations on AB 2145, AB 2013, AB 2565.
- Oppose AB 2145 (Bradford) Electricity: Community Choice Aggregation (CCA).
 - Through CCA's, cities and counties may arrange to provide electricity within their jurisdiction via a contract with an electricity provider other than the investor-owned utility (IOU) e.g. PG&E, that would otherwise serve that local area. CCAs purchase electricity from electric service providers using the transmission and distribution system of the IOU serving that area. Customers continue to receive their electric bills from the IOU with a line-item delineating the CCA charges for generation. The IOU continues to charge for transmission and distribution services and various regulatory fees.
 - Currently, customers automatically get their electricity from the CCA unless they "opt-out" and instead receive service from the IOU. Creating and implementing an IOU requires a vote of the local governing board but does not require local voter approval.
 - CCA's allow jurisdictions to "green" the grid and reduce GHG's significantly.
 - Overall, AB 2145 would make CCA's less effective by requiring residents of a community to opt-in instead of opt-out.
 - Bill is sponsored by utility companies (Coalition of California Utility Employees) and strongly supported by PG&E and IBWE.
 - LAC Recommended an oppose position because it trumps local control and interferes with the Cities Association 2014 priority of environmental sustainability and the consideration of CCA as an option of reducing GHG's.
 - Recommendation to oppose AB 2145 passed unanimously.
 - June 20th: Senator Hill hosting a district meeting to review AB 2145.
 - June 23rd: AB 2145 to be heard in Senate Committee.
- Support AB 2013 (Muratsuchi) Vehicles: High-Occupancy Vehicle Lanes.
 - This bill raises the cap from 40,000 to 85,000, on the "green sticker" Clean Air Vehicle program, which allows certain low-emission vehicles to access HOV lanes with a single occupant.

- Some members support providing incentive for Californians to purchase low-efficient and energy-efficient vehicles, reduce GHG's and support increasing the cap on green stickers from 40,000 to 85,000. This will help grow the market of alternative fuel vehicles and reduce traffic on the roads overall.
- Some members state that the market is changing and that we are moving from the promotion of HOV Lanes to the use of Express Lanes as a form of congestion management; supporting this bill would interfere with promotion and fluidity of Express Lanes and give away access to the region's HOV lanes or Express lanes for free.
- Opposition to AB 2013 includes MTC.
- LAC Members voted to recommend support of AB 2013 8:3.
- Support AB 2565 (Muratsuchi) Rental Property: electric vehicle charging stations.
 - AB 2565 allows a lessee of a dwelling or commercial property to install an elective vehicle charging stations at his or her designated parking space at the lessee's expense if all requirements are met e.g. lessor's approval, meet safety and health requirements.
 - Recommendation to support AB 2565 passed unanimously.

CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING:

- Ronit Bryant of Mountain View was re-appointed as an ABAG Executive Board Member for term that expires June 30, 2016.
- Greg Scharff of Palo Alto was appointed as an ABAG Executive Board Member for a term that expires June 30, 2016.
- Chris Clark of Mountain View and Jim Davis of Sunnyvale were appointed as Alternates to the ABAG Executive Board for terms that expire June 30, 2016.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

- **Carl Guardino, CEO of Silicon Valley Leadership Group provided an update on the future transportation measure.**
 - After recent polls based on the turnout of the June primary elections, it has been determined to place the measure on the 2017 November ballot.
 - Initially, April poll results indicated the likelihood of a successful November 2014 ballot measure; however, based on recent polls in June, the potential measure polled at 63% - yes, 31% - no, and 6% - undecided.
 - What is needed? 66.67% is needed to indicate a potentially successful ballot measure.
 - Voting turnout in June was at an all-time low, 31.7%, in Santa Clara County due to a non-gubernatorial election year.
 - SVLG will continue to collaborate with working groups (made-up of city and agency transportation experts) to refine the details of the measure and build strong partnerships between agencies and local governments.

- Board Members agreed that it's important to continue working on the measure and build collaboration so as not to lose momentum in the next two years.
- **Board of Directors approved the FY 2014-2015 Dues & Budget Proposal.** The proposal includes a reinstatement of original dues schedule (which was decreased by 4.77% for the past three fiscal years) and a transition of the Cities Association office in Sunnyvale to a virtual office.
- **Kathleen King, CEO of Healthier Kids Foundation, presented an overview of the organization's recent milestones.**
 - Ninety-five percent of children in SCC now have health insurance, which is the highest rate of coverage in the state.
 - Main goal is prevention and how to help children become "Healthier Earlier."
 - Healthier Kids Foundation is currently promoting its Focus First program which provides screening of children throughout Santa Clara County for vision problems and provides immediate follow up to those families whose screening result in vision issues.
 - The goal is to screen 32,400 of the 36,000 children in preschool throughout Santa Clara County; thus far, 6,000 have been screened.
 - Eighty percent of learning for kids is visual; an estimated 5-10% of preschool-aged children suffer from some form of vision impairment; about 25% of students in grades K – 6 suffer from vision problems enough to impede their capacity to learn.
 - Childhood vision screenings are the first line of defense for detection and treatment of a number of eye and vision problems e.g. lazy eye, misaligned vision. If these are caught early enough, they can be treated successfully and often using non-invasive techniques, such as corrective glasses or eye patching.
 - Request to cities: reach out to preschools and recreation centers within communities and make them aware of this innovative technology used for vision screenings and detection of vision problems.
 - Focus First is funded by First 5 and is available at no cost to the preschools.
 - If cities are interested in presentations to their councils, please contact Kathleen King to schedule.
- **Cities Association FY 2012-2013 Audit was reviewed and accepted by the Board.** The report states that expenditures and revenues are accurately reported to the Board and Cities Association Assets are protected. Thank you to the City of San Jose's City Auditor's Office for providing the review each year as part of its annual work plan.
- **Cities Association Board of Directors supported request from Board Member Jim Griffith of Sunnyvale to submit a letter in support of continuation of funding for NASA's Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA).** SOFIA is the largest flying astronomical

observatory in the world and enables both scientific discovery and public engagement. It is funded collaboratively between NASA and Germany's Space Agency and provides a platform for scientists-in-training, educators, and journalists to improve scientific literacy. SOFIA is based locally at the NASA Ames Research Center at Moffett Field and provides vital science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education for our communities and the nation. As cities of the Silicon Valley, eliminating funding of SOFIA is a regional concern. The Obama Administration has proposed to cut funding for SOFIA as a cost-cutting mechanism.

- **Cities Association Board of Directors supported request from Board Member Peter Leroe-Muñoz to submit letter of request to SCC for the consideration of multi-lingual Emergency Alerts.** Currently, the county provides emergency alerts in English. Due to the diverse population of our cities and the increasing number of non-English speaking residents, Board Members recognize the need to provide alerts in languages other than English. It was noted that a multi-lingual emergency alert system will require research into logistics and cities' roles as signatories of the current system.
- **LAC Chair Peter Leroe-Muñoz presented the committee's recommendations:**
 - Oppose AB 2145 (Bradford) CCA
 - Support AB 2103 (Muratsuchi) HOV Lanes
 - Support AB 2565 (Muratsuchi) EV Charging Stations
 - Cities Association Board unanimously supported recommendations for AB 2145 and AB 2565.
 - Cities Association Board voted to not support recommendation for AB 2103.
- **City Managers' Report:** Steve Rymer, Morgan Hill City Manager, provided overview of a joint meeting between San Mateo County City Managers Association and Santa Clara County City Managers Association. The meeting included a summary of the Stanford policy event at which water was a focus of discussion, e.g. water quality and storm water. In July, city managers plan to focus on finalizing the funding mechanism of SVRIA's new interoperability system to be implemented across the region between jurisdictions. Currently, Sunnyvale and Santa Clara are up and running on the new system.
- **Legislation Report:** Betsy Shotwell of San Jose provided report on the state legislature. Committee conferences are ongoing as an effort to finalize the budget, cap & trade allocations, and the water bond.
- **Board Members agreed to have a July LAC and Board Meeting.**
- **Board Members supported President Steve Tate's request to invite SJ/SV Chamber of Commerce President Matt Mahood to provide an**

update on its Regional Economic Development Initiative at a future Board Meeting.

Joys and Challenges:

- Sam Liccardo of San Jose announced the city's successful passage of the Library Measure during the June Election.
- Jim Griffith of Sunnyvale announced the hiring of a new city manager, Deanna Santana; Sunnyvale was recently named the #1 best place to live for young adults.
- Emily Lo of Saratoga announced Saratoga was recently named #1 safest small city.
- Rod Sinks of Cupertino announced Cupertino was named #6 best suburb to live in.

Announcements:

- Cities Association hosted its General Membership Meeting, Thursday, May 8th at the Santa Clara Convention Center; addressed Levi's Stadium and its impact on the region; hosted in partnership with the City of Santa Clara, VTA, and the 49ers.
- Cities Association participated as co-host of the Regional Economic Forum, Wednesday, May 28th, Computer History Museum, Mountain View.