



## OCTOBER 2010 MEETING SUMMARIES

### **CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING:**

- Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Authority (SVRIA): appointed Council Member Laura Macias of Mountain View to a term expiring October 2013.
- It was noted that the Alternate position is still available. Board Members of eligible cities were encouraged to notify their fellow Council Members. Elected officials representing the following cities are eligible: Milpitas, Sunnyvale, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Palo Alto, Morgan Hill, Cupertino, and Saratoga.
- It was also noted that the Alternate position for the North County seat is now vacant since Laura Macias, who was the former Alternate, has now been appointed as a Director of the SVRIA Board.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:**

- Michele Lew, President and CEO of Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI), presented an overview of its invaluable services that available to all of our communities. Services provided are not limited to the Asian community but to all ethnicities. AACI provides domestic violence, youth, mental health, senior, primary care health, HIV/AIDS, alcohol/drug, and survivors of torture services. In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Michele showed a 7-minute video of the benefits of and highlighted AACI's Domestic Violence Program. There is a significant need for providing assistance to women who suffer from domestic violence; last year AACI had to turn away 450 calls requesting domestic violence services.
- David Casas, member of the Bylaws Review Subcommittee, reviewed the memos and "red-lined" bylaws sent/emailed to the Board listing the suggested revisions and clarifying that the Cities Association is subject to the Brown Act. Attorney Jolie Houston has reviewed the revisions and confirmed that the Brown Act applies to both Cities Association Board and Subcommittee (e.g. Executive Board) meetings. Some of the revisions include "cleaning-up" the facts and changing the organization name from Santa Clara County Cities Association to Cities Association of Santa Clara County. The goal is to get approval from each city by December. The Board approved the revisions as amended. Raania will coordinate with each Board Member so that the review/approval of the revisions is added to future city council agendas for each city.
- Sam Liccardo, member of the Housing Allotments Subcommittee, reported that SCC may need to establish itself as a subregion in the future RHNA process in order to work toward the Sustainable Communities Strategy. Richard Napier, Executive Director of City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG), reported on San Mateo County's experience as a subregion in the last RHNA cycle. The 21 jurisdictions agreed to establish the subregion for the following reasons:
  - Dissatisfaction with the RHNA process
  - Subregional approach would enable infrastructure resource trading, e.g. water

- All jurisdictions were willing to take responsibility for accepting a local compromise for a county-wide benefit, rather than blaming ABAG
- Greater flexibility

To pursue the subregion option, several committees provided direction and were formed e.g. RHNA Technical Advisory Committee, City Managers Association, RHNA Policy Advisory Committee. ABAG, county representatives, Planning Directors, and elected's were heavily involved in the process. The jurisdictions found that taking the responsibility for the housing allotments, considering communities' interests and trades, and working together locally were worth the time and dedication needed to complete the process. Several cities were "unhappy" at first, but once addressed, the jurisdictions felt comfortable with their numbers because they were able to broker county-wide and the numbers were reached through a bottoms-up approach. More details about C/CAG's experience is available at

[http://www.ccag.ca.gov/pdf/documents/archive/SubRHNA%20Article\\_18JUL07.pdf](http://www.ccag.ca.gov/pdf/documents/archive/SubRHNA%20Article_18JUL07.pdf).

- Scott Haywood from VTA, provided background information on the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by integrating transportation and land use. The SCS will be developed by MTC and ABAG, utilizing the existing VTA Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) as working groups, the Cities Association, City Managers Association, and SCC Association of Planning Officials as steering committees, and the City Councils, Board of Supervisors, and VTA Board for direction and policy decisions. VTA would like to attend Cities Association meetings periodically, e.g. every quarter or when needed. The next SCS Roundtable meeting is scheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup>, 5 – 6:30 pm, for all council members across the county, at the SCC Board of Supervisors Chambers. More details and communication about the meeting is forthcoming. The goal is to have the strategy adopted by March 2013.
- Board Member Kathleen King, Executive Director of Santa Clara Family Health Foundation, requested an endorsement of Measure A, the Children's Health Protection Act – a \$29 parcel tax for property owners for the next 10 years. The tax is expected to generate \$13-\$14 million annually to sustain the Healthy Kids program, which provides affordable health coverage for eligible children in SCC. Funds for Healthy Kids are dwindling, and without alternative funding, thousands of children will be forced to disenroll from the program. Measure A was placed on the November 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot by SCC Board of Supervisors. The Cities Association Board unanimously voted to endorse Measure A.
- San Jose Council Member Nancy Pyle and David Vossbrink from the San Jose International Airport presented to the Board on the need to create more flights from the San Jose International Airport. With the magnificent improvements, the airport is well-equipped to handle increased flight traffic; however, the airport needs support from elected's to build awareness of the airport's regional value and potential to build economic and business development that will benefit all jurisdictions. David and Nancy requested that Members have their local business leaders/colleagues make direct requests to airlines to provide more flights leaving from San Jose (vs. San Francisco). In January, the airport will hold a reception inviting all elected's in the region to come and bring colleagues, or business leaders from their jurisdictions to learn more about the airport's value and potential to contribute to the economic development and vitality of our region. An invitation is forthcoming. For more information, contact Council Member Nancy Pyle at (408) 535-4910, [district10@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district10@sanjoseca.gov), or David Vossbrink at (408) 501-7700.
- Doug Schmitz, Cities Managers' Association Liaison, reported on North County Cities collaborating to address public safety communications, and the upcoming ICMA Annual Conference taking place in San Jose, October 17- 20.

- Nominating Committee Report: David Casas reported the recommendations for the Executive Board for 2011:

Mayor Melinda Hamilton, Sunnyvale, President  
 Council Member Sam Liccardo, San Jose, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
 Council Member Margaret Abe-Koga, Mountain View, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
 Mayor Steve Tate, Morgan Hill, Secretary/Treasurer  
 Mayor David Casas, Los Altos, Past President

The Board will vote in November.

- Betsy Shotwell reported the Governor signed the Budget after a record of 100 days. He vetoed \$1 billion worth of services including Cal Works, childcare, etc.,. Fortunately, the new Budget has minimal impact on cities, and there has been some significant pension reform milestones; however, \$350 million of redevelopment money will be taken in June. An appeal will most likely follow. There are several propositions on the ballot with concerning/inaccurate adds and mailers, e.g. Prop 25, Prop 26.

### **Joys and Challenges**

- Sam Liccardo reported that Measure B (VTA's 10\$ VRF increase) will result with \$14 million of funds per year, with 80% of it going to cities. He encouraged Members to write letters to their local newspaper editors to support Measure B.

### **Announcements**

- Steve Tate announced that the Frys.com Open is being held in San Martin, for three more days: October 15 – 17<sup>th</sup> and encouraged all to attend.
- Jason Baker announced that Campbell will be hosting Oktoberfest this weekend.
- David Casas announced that ABAG's General Assembly will be held in San Jose for the first time on October 21<sup>st</sup> and encouraged all and fellow councils to attend to support the new location.
- David Casas announced the 2010 Cities Association Holiday Party will be hosted at the Los Altos Golf & Country Club on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. He encouraged all to reserve the date. The Saratoga Taiko drums and Los Altos High School Choir will be providing musical entertainment. Tickets will be available for \$65/person. This year is the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SCCCA. Regional organizations, e.g. SVLG, JVSJ, SJSV Chamber of Commerce, will also be invited.
- David Casas announced that on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 28<sup>th</sup>, Los Altos will host its Annual Festival of Lights Parade and encouraged all to attend.