



## APRIL 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SUMMARY

### Board of Directors Meeting Summary

**Manny Cappello, Chair of the Equitable Communities Subcommittee,** presented the Board with a **Draft Resolution** for cities to consider adopting. The Board approved sending the Draft Resolution to our 15 cities for consideration of adoption along with a Matrix of Information regarding Local, Regional, State and Federal actions taken thus far. Cities are requested to update the informational matrix as actions by their city are taken.

**Steve Preminger, Office of the County Executive,** presented how the **City of San Jose and Santa Clara County are working on a coordinated immigrant communications campaign.** Steve introduced **Maria Love, Santa Clara County Manager of the Office of Immigrant Relations.** Maria spoke on how the county is supporting its Immigrant Population and distributed resource information for member use. Steve then introduced **Jane LeFevre who discussed the Coordinated Immigrant Communications Campaign for the City of San Jose and Santa Clara County.** Following Jane, **David Campos, Deputy County Executive,** discussed the **County lawsuit, along with San Francisco, against the Trump Administration's order to pull funds from cities that refuse to assist in U.S. Immigration enforcement.** The suit will be heard on Friday, April 14 in San Francisco. Dozens of cities have filed briefs in support of the suit or filed suits of their own.

**May General Membership Meeting, May 11, 2017:** Rod announced the May General Membership Meeting on May 11 will be held at the Institute for the Future in Palo Alto from 6-9 pm. All elected council members, state and local elected legislators, city managers, assistant city managers, and senior staffs are invited. The event is co-sponsored by the Institute for the Future and the League of California Cities. Food and drink will be provided, guests will have an opportunity to informally tour the Institute at the beginning of the event, which will be followed by formal presentations by: Marina Gorbis, Executive Director of the Institute; Pratheepan Gulasekaram, Santa Clara University Law Professor, a specialist in Constitutional Law, Immigration Law, Citizenship and the Rights of Noncitizens, and State and Local Immigration Laws; and Carolyn Coleman, Executive Director of the League of California Cities. Professor Gulasekaram will

discuss the political and legal dynamics of state and local immigration regulations, including their constitutionality and their effect on federal immigration lawmaking. Carolyn will discuss the League's Blueprint for Housing. The Invitation will be sent out this coming week.

**LAC Report:** Pat Showalter announced there will be a **LAC Meeting** on Thursday, May 11 at 5 pm, an hour prior to the General Membership Meeting. The LAC will meet at the Institute for the Future and discuss pending legislation. Pat is gathering bills for discussion and asks Board Members and Cities to send bills to her they want the LAC to consider for Support or Oppose Positions.

**Co-Partnership with SVLG – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Economic Forum on June 15<sup>th</sup> 2017, 7:15 am - 12 pm at the Computer History Museum.** The Cities Association has co-partnered this event in the past. The Board approved the non-profit co-sponsored rate of \$1,000.

**Update on Hiring a new Executive Director:** Rod reported five applications were received and the Executive Board will be interviewing the candidates. Joanne, as Interim, has agreed to train the new ED.

**City Managers' Association Report:** In the absence of James Keene, Interim Executive Director Joanne Benjamin shared the City Managers Association met on Wed., April 12 and discussed the County's Measure A Implementation Plan.

**Betsy Shotwell** gave the Legislation Report. All efforts were on the Transportation Funding Bill this past month, but now committees are starting to meet. The list of housing bills is staggering and Board members should look at the League's Hot Sheet of Legislation. The Governor's Budget May-Revise will be out next month.

#### **Joys & Challenges:**

- Campbell – Liz Gibbons announced the Silicon Valley Business Journal's event, "The Commerce of Cannabis – what does it mean for Silicon Valley?" will be on Thursday, April 27, 7:30-9:45 am at the Silicon Valley Capital Club. Cost is \$50.
- Gilroy - Peter Leroe-Munoz commented he attended a nice event outside the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office in Morgan Hill where activists and interfaith leaders came together around activities of Holy Thursday to express opposition to ICE enforcement and deportations.
- Palo Alto – Pat Showalter announced in Palo Alto's absence that the city participated, along with several other cities in the county, in the National Flood Insurance Program. The Santa Clara County Water District has a Community Rating System and performs audits. Palo Alto scored at the top, allowing residents of the city to receive a 20% discount.
- Mountain View – Pat Showalter announced a ribbon cutting for a new store, Total Wine and More.

- Los Altos – Jan Pepper announced a ribbon cutting for a new sculpture in Lincoln Park, donated by the Assyrian Arts Institute. Hon. Anna Eshoo participated.
- Cupertino – Rod Sinks announced only 1% of the city’s residents opted out of the Silicon Valley Clean Energy Program and stay with PG&E.
- Campbell – Liz Gibbons voiced caution as the atmosphere is changing and Town Hall Meetings are being disrupted by a small group of loud, vocal dissenters. Assembly Member Low held a Town Hall Meeting in Campbell recently, and was saddened this small group disrupted the assembly member in his presentation.
- Santa Clara – Debi Davis announced the city has been sued over lack of diversification of its council. It is an all-white council. However, there were a number of candidates from different backgrounds who ran, but didn’t get elected. The city is going through a process to study the issue and look at the city charter.
- Sunnyvale – Jim Griffith commented the city may face a labor strike over the issue of supplying low interest loans to city staff.

### **Announcements:**

Interim Executive Director Joanne Benjamin announced the Membership Directory has been published and sent to the cities, elected state and federal legislators, county, and countywide and regional organizations. There are a few available copies for \$15. Please contact Joanne if you would like one sent to you.