



Council Agenda Report

From: Chris Huot, Acting City Manager

Subject: Designation of Voting Delegates and Alternates for the 2024 League of California Cities Annual Conference and City Position on Conference Resolution No. 1.

CEQA Determination: The City finds that this action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines Section State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15060, subd. (c)(2)-(3), 153378

Date: September 17, 2024

Facts

1. The League of California Cities (Cal Cities) Annual Conference is scheduled for October 16-18, 2024 in Long Beach. At this meeting, the League membership considers and acts on resolutions that establish League policy.
2. For the City to have a vote at the Annual Business Meeting, the City Council must designate a voting delegate.
3. Up to two alternate voting delegates may also be appointed, who may vote if the designated voting delegate is unable to attend the meeting or otherwise serve in that capacity.
4. Currently, Councilmembers Strong and Roden are scheduled to attend the conference.
5. This year, Cal Cities received one resolution to be considered at the Annual Conference.
6. A petitioned resolution can still be submitted during the Annual Conference and would need to be considered and voted on during the business meeting.

Options

1. Take no action.
2. Approve a voting delegate and up to two alternates and approve the City's support position on proposed Resolution No.1
3. Amend or modify or reject the above options.

Analysis and Conclusions

The 2024 Cal Cities Annual Conference is scheduled from October 16-18, 2024 in Long Beach. The annual General Assembly meeting, during which proposed Cal Cities resolution will be considered, is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Friday, October 18th, at the Long Beach Convention Center.

Currently, Councilmembers Strong and Roden are scheduled to attend the annual conference. Cal Cities requires the City Council appoint one voting delegate and up to two alternate voting delegates to represent the City at the General Assembly meeting. In addition, the Cal Cities has provided information on one proposed resolution that will be considered during the General Assembly portion of the conference. A brief summary of the proposed resolutions along with a City staff recommendation is

provided below. Additional information regarding the designation of a voting delegate and the annual resolutions packet of information is attached to this staff report.

Resolution No. 1: Fair and Equal Treatment of All Governmental Officials at All Levels: A resolution of the General Assembly of the League of California Cities calling for the California Legislature to enact laws that ensure that “what applies to one, applies to all” in the fair and equal treatment of all governmental officials at all levels in the State of California (Attachment 2).

The Cal Cities staff analysis (Attachment 3) states that the resolution sponsor notes the practice of the California Legislature of imposing rules limiting authority or regulating the conduct of local municipal officials that do not also apply to elected officials of the State of California. This resolution states that examples of the California Legislature imposing rules limiting authority or regulating the conduct of local municipal officials that do not also apply to elected officials of the State of California include, but are not limited to:

- California’s open meeting rules, codified in the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code, Chapter 9, §§ 54950 et seq.;
- “One-off” exemptions, in the form of Senate Bill No. 174, from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”);
- Rules, in the form of Senate Bill No. 1439, amending the Political Reform Act (the “Act”); and
- Rules, in the form of Assembly Bill No. 571, that apply to city and county candidates for local elected office, but not to candidates for state-wide office.

The Cal Cities analysis compares how the State Legislature and local elected officials handle their duties, including general business and conflict of interest issues. It shows that there are some differences between the two levels of government, mainly due to the different types of issues and approvals they deal with. However, these differences are not dramatic.

The proposed resolution, if approved by the Cal Cities General Assembly, will not have any legal impact on the State Legislature. It will not require them to take any specific actions or make any changes. Instead, the resolution will serve as a formal recommendation or statement of position from Cal Cities.

Staff is recommending the City Council take a “support” position on this matter. The approval of a position on this matter provides the City’s voting delegate with clear direction.

Past practice has been to name Councilmember Fred Strong as the voting delegate and the mayor as the alternate. Councilmembers Strong and Roden are the only members of Council attending the conference this year and as such, the attached resolution names Councilmember Fred Strong as the voting delegate and Councilmember Sharon Roden as the alternate voting delegate.

Should the Council wish to appoint a different voting delegate or alternate voting delegate then what is included in the attached resolution, and/or wish to take a different position on the proposed resolution, this item will need to be removed from the consent agenda for separate discussion and consideration.

Fiscal Impact

No fiscal impact is anticipated with establishing a voting delegate and taking a support position on Resolution No.1.

CEQA

The City finds that this action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines Section State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15060, subd. (c)(2)-(3), 15378.

Recommendation (Option 2)

Approve Resolution 24-XXX designating a Voting Delegate and one Alternate; direct the voting delegate to adhere to the City's "support" position on Resolution No. 1.

Attachments

1. Resolution 24-XXX – Designation of Cal Cities Voting Delegate
2. Cal Cities Resolution No. 1 - Fair and Equal Treatment of All Governmental Officials at All Levels
3. Cal Cities Resolution No. 1 – Staff Analysis