

**CITY/COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2020**

At 5:30 P.M. the Legislative Committee meeting was called to order via Zoom remote conferencing by Chair Mahanpour.

Attendance sheet is attached.

Guests or Staff Attending:

Matt Robinson – Shaw / Yoder / Antwih / Schmelzer and Lange, Inc.
Sandy Wong, Matt Fabry, Kim Springer, Sean Charpentier, Reid Bogert - C/CAG Staff

1. Committee Roll-call.

C/CAG staff called roll. See attached meeting attendance.

2. Public comment on related items not on the agenda.

None.

3. Approval of minutes from July 9, 2020.

Committee approved the meeting minutes from the July 9, 2020 C/CAG Legislative Committee meeting. Motion: Member Garbarino; second: Member Vaterlaus. Motion passed unanimously (9:0:0).

4. Review and recommend approval of the C/CAG legislative policies, priorities, positions, and legislative update (A position may be taken on any legislation, including legislation not previously identified).

Matt Robinson from Shaw/ Yoder/ Antwih / Schmelzer and Lange, Inc. provided a legislative update from Sacramento.

The Legislature adjourned late on August 31, into early September 1, to address final floor votes and bills with urgency clauses and other budget related items. Due to COVID cases in the Senate, there were Zoom convenings for floor votes, which caused additional delays related to newly proposed comment policies for members to provide comment on the floor vote items. As a result, several bills were held up on the floor and were not sent to the Governor's office. Over 400 bills were sent to the Governor for consideration, which was about one-third of the typical bill count. The Governor has until September 30 to sign or veto bills, otherwise bills not addressed by the Governor will automatically become state law at the start of the new year.

Many of the housing bills that C/CAG tracked over the year did not make it out of the second house for consideration by the Governor, largely due to the truncated session and some strategic work to halt bills in one chamber or the other. SB 1120 (Atkins - by right for duplexes) is an example of a bill that did not proceed with a floor vote in time in the Assembly for a final vote in the Senate. Another bill tracked by C/CAG, SB 995 (Atkins – judicial streamlining under CEQA for housing developments), also failed to be voted through in both houses. This bill was linked to SB 757 (Allen – mass transit project streamlining), which passed in both houses, but will not be signed by the Governor, due to the linkage to SB 995. Scott Wiener’s SB 288 (CEQA exemption for certain transportation projects) did pass in both houses. Committee members discussed whether High Speed Rail and other similar intercity rail projects would be applicable, to which Robinson confirmed the bill would not be applicable to High Speed Rail. AB 725 (Wicks – RHNA numbers and zoning authorization requirements for fourplexes) did pass both houses.

Actions:

The Committee took a vote on providing a support position for SB 1044 (Allen – phasing out perfluoro-alkyl substances (PFAS) from fire fighting foam)). C/CAG staff emphasized the benefits of source control for pollutants of concern as product regulation approach rather than requiring cities to develop new policies and regulations at the local to prevent pollution from impacting water ways. The motion passed.

Motion: Member Papan; second: Member Hurt. Motion passed unanimously (9:0:0).

The Committee took a vote on providing a support position on AB 841 (Ting – establishing a grant program to fund HVAC and plumbing upgrades at schools, as well as funding reimbursements for electric vehicle charging systems at schools). C/CAG staff informed the Committee of the intent of the program, and the source of funds. Staff clarified the funds would be derived from the public goods funds administered by the California Energy Commission. Committee members discussed whether the funds would draw on existing efficiency programs, and staff suggested there would not be a drawdown on existing program resources. Committee members discussed the need for additional information, but the Committee took a vote on the proposal to provide a support letter as drafted in the staff report based on a motion as detailed below. The motion passed.

Motion: Member Masur; second: Member Chuang. Motion passed (5:3:0). Note - Member Carlton needed to leave the meeting early and did not vote on this item.

5. Recommend approval of C/CAG proclamations for terms of service and contributions to C/CAG for Senator Gerald Hill and Senator James Beall.

Motion: Member Garbarino; second: Member Chuang. Motion passed unanimously (8:0:0).

6. Discuss scheduling a virtual meeting with the San Mateo County Delegation at the outset of the 2021-22 Legislative Session.

Reid Bogert provided a brief update on plans to host virtual meetings with the San Mateo County

delegation or other State representatives/bill authors in 2020. Due to the various challenges in scheduling meetings in the past session and with a new member of the San Mateo County delegation coming into office, staff recommended postponing a meeting or set of meetings until December or early January. Committee members suggested a meeting with the new delegate early in the new year would be useful. One option considered by the Committee was to invite the delegates to the December 10, 2020 C/CAG Board of Directors meeting. Staff were directed to explore options for looking at scheduling a separate meeting in December to allow a more open forum for discussion on legislative issues, for which C/CAG may not share a collective position.

7. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:23 P.M.

Legislative Committee 2020 Attendance Record

Agency	Name	Jan 9	Feb 13	Mar 12	Apr 9	May 14	Jun 11	Jul 9	Aug	Sep 10	Oct 8	Nov 12	Dec 10
Atherton	Elizabeth Lewis					x	x	x					
Belmont	Davina Hurt (C/CAG Vice Chair starting April 2020)					x	x	x		x			
Foster City	Catherine Mahanpour (Leg Chair)		x		x	x	x	x		x			
Hillsborough	Marie Chuang (C/CAG Vice Chair through April 2020 and Chair starting April 2020)		x		x	x	x	x		x			
Menlo Park	Catherine Carlton				x	x	x	x		x			
Millbrae	Gina Papan		x		x	x	x	x		x			
Pacifica	Sue Vaterlaus		x		x	x	x	x		x			
Portola Valley	Marian Moise- Derwin (C/CAG Chair through April 2020)		x		x					x			
Redwood City	Shelly Masur (Leg Vice Chair)		x		x	x	x	x		x			
San Carlos	Adam Rak		x		x	x	x	x		x			
South San Francisco	Richard Garbarino		x		x	x	x			x			

 no meeting