

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

**Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2023 Meeting**

Staff and Guests Attending:

C/CAG Staff:

Sean Charpentier, Kim Springer, Kaki Cheung, Mima Crume

Legislative Consultant:

Matt Robinson, Andrew Antwih, Silvia Solis Shaw

Others Attending:

Drew – Public

1. Call to Order.

Chair Rak called the meeting to order at approximately 5:35 p.m.

2. COVID-19 announcement and brief overview of Zoom teleconference meeting procedures.

C/CAG staff referred to the in.

3. Roll call.

C/CAG staff conducted roll call, and a quorum of eight was present as shown below.

Agency	Name	In Person	Remote -2449
Atherton	Elizabeth Lewis	X	
Belmont	Davina Hurt	X	
Brisbane	Karen Cunningham		
Burlingame	Ricardo Ortiz	X	
East Palo Alto	Lisa Gauthier		
Millbrae	Gina Papan (Chair)	X	
Millbrae	Anders Fung	X	
Pacifica	Sue Vaterlaus	X	
San Bruno	Michael Salazar	X	
San Carlos	Adam Rak (Vice Chair)	X	

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

There were no written or public comments.

5. Review and approve the Legislative Committee meeting minutes from the meeting held on February 9, 2022.

The Committee approved the meeting minutes from the February 9, 2023 C/CAG Legislative Committee Meeting. Member Hurt motioned approval, seconded by Member Salazar. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed (8,0,0).

6. Review legislative update and, if appropriate, recommend approval of C/CAG legislative policies, priorities, or positions. (A position may be taken on any legislation, including legislation not previously identified in the legislative update. Action is only necessary if recommending approval of a policy, priority, or position.)

C/CAG legislative consultant staff from Show Yoder Antwih Schmeltzer & Lange reviewed bills and other items included in their monthly report, attached to staff report for this item. Robinson shared the eligibility of ballot measure Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act for the November 5, 2024 ballot. The ballot measure could have a significant adverse effect on local government's ability to raise revenues. After discussion, and with a motion by Member Papan, seconded by Member Ortiz, the Committee members present voted unanimously to oppose the measure.

Next Robinson reviewed the ballot measure to repeal the majority voter approval requirement for Low-Rent Housing. After discussion, and with a motion by Member Ortiz, seconded by Member Luis, the Committee members present voted unanimously to support the measure.

Next Robinson reviewed items from the attached SYASL update document, starting with ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry) which would lower the vote threshold for sales or use taxes supporting various infrastructure projects. After discussion, and with a motion by Member Lewis, seconded by Board Chair Hurt, the Committee members present voted unanimously to support the measure.

Next Robinson moved to Brown Act-related bills include in the attached SYASL update. Starting with AB 557 (Hart) Brown Act, which would extend the existing teleconferencing/remote-meeting authority that can be used when a declared state of emergency is in effect and the term of findings to hold meetings remotely. After discussion, and with a motion by Member Ortiz, seconded by Member Vaterlaus, the Committee members present voted unanimously to support the measure.

AB 817 (Pacheco) was discussed next. A "spot" bill would likely provide an exemption under the Brown Act for non-decision-making legislative bodies to participate in meetings via teleconferencing outside of a declared state of emergency without posting the physical location of members or requiring a quorum to be present at a meeting location. After discussion, and with a motion by Board Chair Hurt, seconded by Member Papan, the Committee members present voted unanimously to support the measure.

Robinson also reviewed what is known about the Portantino and Becker Brown Act bills. The Becker bill is still in spot form.

AB 761 was reviewed; a bill focused generally on transit recovery. The Senate Select Committee on Bay Area Public Transit was also discussed. The Committee, set up by Senator Wiener, generally supports a pathway to educate the legislature on the transit situation as possible reforms are discussed. Approaches have been made to have Senator Becker join the Committee.

Member Papan mentioned SB 35 and the Committee member discussed the provisions and how it impacts the number of affordable units. Board Chair Hurt suggested the consultant track the bill on Climate Accountability, and Member Fung mentioned a Wiener spot bill SB 83 on utility entitlement of energy for new construction, that it also be tracked.

There were no public comments on the Legislative Update item.

7. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:20 P.M.

Next meeting is April 13, 2023.