

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SUMMARY – OCTOBER 12, 2017**

**Consent Agenda**, the August 14, 2017 BOD meeting minutes and the Holiday Party Budget, was approved unanimously with a motion from Council Member Davis and a second by Council Member Capello.

Santa Clara County Supervisor Ken Yeager opened a presentation by Santa Clara Public Health with Laura Jones, Nicole Coxe, and Teddy Daligga. Santa Clara County:

- continues seeking collaboration with cities and advancing health equity throughout the County.
- will partner with cities regarding instituting and establishing policies for tobacco free communities and sugary drink control.

Council Member Rod Sinks motions to accept the County Report and for Cities Association President encourage each city adopting the leading standards so that they may be propagated into each of the cities. Motion seconded by President Scharff and unanimously approved.

Leadership Academy "Talent Challenge" was presented by Erica Ray (City of Los Altos), Jennifer Armer, (Town of Los Gatos), Catherine Elvert, (City of Palo Alto). The "Talent Challenge" focuses on how cities recruit and retain valuable employees in a time when local government is challenged with attracting millennials to their organizations. Challenges include housing costs, long commutes, lack of benefits that private sector provides in recruiting to local government. Solutions include changing cultures of local government.

**RHNA Task Force Update** Leslye Corsiglia, Duane Bay (integrated planning staff of MTC/ABAG) presented an update from the Regional Housing Needs Allocation Task Force.

- Benefits of collaboration include: more housing built, shared resources, collective advocacy, foundation for further cooperation.
- While the deadline for creating a Sub Region is 3 years out, the Task Force would like to finish this process by 2018.
- Currently, state sets number for a region to collectively meet numbers. Establishing a
  sub region will not change the regions collective number. Current law allows a group of
  contiguous cities that includes a county to take on the task of allocation received from
  the state, allowing for transfers among the member jurisdictions. No jurisdiction is
  forced to do anything they don't agree. The exchanges allow for flexibility and creating
  incentive to create creative housing and better projects.
- When San Mateo County Sub Region went through the process, they were excited about possible revenue or cost sharing and water sharing. Trading for money may need enabling legislation.
- The goal is for every city to participate.
- \*\*\*The guiding principles to which the Task Force is seeking feedback:
  - 1. Ensure allocation of affordable homes is equitable

- 2. Create structure for housing growth that meets needs of our residents & workers, while respecting local land use authority
- 3. Foster collaboration & develop collective strategies
- 4. Facilitate open dialogue between jurisdictions, the public, & interested organizations and agencies
- 5. Utilize existing forums for discussion (Cities Association, City Managers' Association, SCCAPO)
- \*\*\*Feedback on the guiding principles document can be sent to Andi Jordan

## **Assembly Member Marc Berman**

- Early April legislature passed a 10 year 52 billion transportation package, for Santa Clara 31.7 million for county 31.7 million a year 104% increase, for cities its \$107 % increase in \$135 million over 10 years for mass transit for corridor relief. There is an effort to send this to the voters to repeal.
- Passed extension of Cap and Trade as the program was set to expire in 2020
- Increase funding for K-12 education by \$2 billion
- Increase budget reserves by \$2.2 billion, for a total \$9.9 billion reserve.
- Assembly Democratic Caucus priorities were housing and transportation. Governor's top
  priority was extending Cap and Trade (Emissions trading or cap and trade is a
  government-mandated, market-based approach to controlling pollution by providing
  economic incentives for achieving reductions in the emissions of pollutants.)
- Housing package took longer to pass than previously believed. Of the 130 bills introduced, 15 bills became the core. SB 2, SB 3, SB 35 were the biggest of the housing bills.
  - SB 2 is the biggest lift creating a new fee on certain real estate transactions such as refinancing. The max of \$225 in fees per person will provide \$200-\$250 million to affordable housing.
  - SB 3 \$4 billion affordable housing bond of which \$1 billion for veterans housing.
  - SB 35 Governor's streamlining bill, Governor wouldn't sign other bills unless this was passed. Streamlines development process for communities who aren't meeting their RHNA numbers in the five income categories.
- SB 649 did not support. It was an overreach. Support decreased over time.
- Thanked the Board for supporting his bills, extension of sea level rise database and increasing the ability Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts to prepare or mitigate against Climate Change.

**Legislative Update** was given by Betsy Shotwell, City of San José. Betsy referred to the legislative list from the packet. Please note that SB 797 (CalTrain), SB 595 (Bridge Toll Bill) were both signed on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> which is not noted in the Report. The last day for the Governor to take action is Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**City Manager's Report:** Jim Keene, City of Palo Alto and SCCCMA representative, shared update on the last SCCCMA meeting. Presentations by

CALPers Strategy by Dane Hutchings, League of California Cities

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- o Little appetite in legislature to address issue
- CalPers board is highly politicized
- Reaching out to local elected officials to tell their story to CalPers Board to tell their agency stories
- Leadership Academy Presentations (The Leadership Academy is made up of up and local government employees):
  - Civil Discourse/Trustworthy Government
  - Best Practices in Health Care for Local Government Employees Local Government Employees
- Leadership Academy graduation is October 26th

**Executive Director Report**: Andi Jordan shared that the Silicon Valley Community Foundation is encouraging communities to participate in "On the Table", November 15<sup>th</sup>, which bring thousands of local people together for conversation that spark ideas and solutions to our region's housing challenges. See **siliconvalleycf.org/on**the**table** 

## Joys & Challenges

• Mayor Liz Gibbons shared Joys of having a wonderful CERT program who are hosting wine tasting fundraising on Sunday afternoon, November 5.