



DATE: September 24, 2019

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: City Manager's Office

TITLE: **Approval of Recommendations for the League of California Cities Annual Conference Resolutions for 2019**

RECOMMENDATION

1. Adopt recommended positions regarding the League of California Cities Annual Conference Resolutions for 2019.
2. Authorize the City's voting delegate/alternate to cast votes at the League of California Cities Annual Conference to reflect the positions adopted by the City Council.

BACKGROUND

Two resolutions have been introduced and will be considered during the upcoming League of California Cities ("League") Annual Conference scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, through Friday, October 18, 2019, in Long Beach (Attachment 1). The business session will take place on Friday, October 18, 2019.

The League resolutions are intended to help guide League policy and efforts to improve local government. They are not actions on behalf of the City of Mountain View, but are reflective of the positions of the League and its member cities. Resolutions are often submitted by cities to garner policy support and, in some cases, can develop through the legislative process into State legislation or voter-enacted Constitutional Amendments. Any resulting legislation would be reviewed by staff at such time to analyze any direct impact to the City. The City's vote on League resolutions is considered to be a statement of support, belief, and/or consistency with City policy goals, and the topics of the resolutions may have varying degrees of applicability to the City of Mountain View.

The League's annual resolutions process includes a review and recommendation by a policy committee, which then makes recommendations to the General Resolution Committee. This year, two policy committees will meet at the Annual Conference on

Wednesday, October 16, 2019, to consider and take action on the resolutions referred to them: Environmental Quality, Transportation, Communications, and Public Works. The General Resolutions Committee will meet on Thursday, October 17, 2019, to consider the reports of the policy committees regarding the resolutions. Resolutions can be changed substantially through this process and the positions taken by the Council should guide the City's voting delegate. The resolution process concludes with voting at the League Annual Business Meeting on Friday, October 18, 2019.

In addition to the attached resolutions, the League bylaws provide for the introduction of a petition resolution. Petition resolutions require the signature of 10 percent (48 valid signatures) of all voting delegates to be considered at the annual conference. If petition resolutions are introduced at the conference and qualify for consideration, staff can review the resolutions, in conjunction with the voting delegate, to assess their impact to Mountain View. League policy also provides procedures for resolutions approved by a League policy committee but not approved by the General Resolutions Committee. Additional information on the resolutions procedures can be found in the 2019 Annual Conference Resolution Packet on the League's website at www.cacities.org/resolutions.

ANALYSIS

The two resolutions being considered for 2019 are:

1. Resolution of the League of California Cities Calling on the California Public Utilities Commission to Amend Rule 20A to Add Projects in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones to the List of Eligibility Criteria and to Increase Funding Allocations for Rule 20A projects.
2. A Resolution Calling Upon the Federal and State Governments to Address the Devastating Impacts of International Transboundary Pollution Flows into the Southernmost Regions of California and the Pacific Ocean.

Below is a summary of the two resolutions with detailed League information included in Attachment 1. It is important to note that the City's vote on these resolutions represents its comments on League policy and not an action on behalf of Mountain View. Impacts that may be applicable to Mountain View and recommendations are summarized below. The voting delegate/alternate may gain new information at the conference that may help inform their vote as well.

League Resolution Title	Summary of Resolution, Source, and League Referral	Impact to Mountain View, if Any ¹	Recommendation ²
1. Amendment to Rule 20A	<p><i>Summary:</i> This Resolution, in response to intensifying fire seasons and hazards associated with exposed utility lines, proposes that the League of California Cities (League) call upon the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to amend the Rule 20A program by expanding the criteria for undergrounding overhead utilities to include projects in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ). This Resolution also proposes that the League call upon the CPUC to increase utilities' funding allocations for Rule 20A projects.</p> <p><i>Source:</i> League of California Cities</p> <p><i>Referred to:</i> Environmental Quality Policy Committee; Transportation, Communications, and Public Works Policy Committee</p>	<p>Cal Fire's Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ) does not include the City of Mountain View. Any electric undergrounding would impact PG&E infrastructure and there would be little impact to the City.</p>	<p>Support.</p>

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2. International Transboundary Pollution Flows	<p><i>Summary:</i> This resolution states that the League of California Cities should call upon the State and Federal governments to restore and ensure proper funding for the U.S. – Mexico Border Water Infrastructure Program (BWIP) and work binationally to address water quality issues resulting from transboundary flows from Mexico’s Tijuana River into the United States containing untreated sewage, polluted sediment, and trash.</p> <p><i>Source:</i> League of California Cities</p> <p><i>Referred to:</i> Environmental Quality Policy Committee</p>	Helps protect water quality and human health in our partner agency jurisdictions.	Support.

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At this time, it is recommended that the City Council adopt the recommended positions regarding the League Annual Conference resolutions for 2019 as a statement of support for the policy objectives, and authorize the City's voting delegate/alternate(s) to cast votes at the League Annual Conference to reflect the positions adopted by the City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommendations for the League of California Cities Annual Conference resolutions. Supporting the resolutions does not commit the City to specific programs or expenditures.

ALTERNATIVES

The City Council may provide alternate direction to the voting delegates on the League resolutions.

PUBLIC NOTICING – Agenda posting.

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Attachment: 1. League Annual Conference Resolution Packet for 2019