



DATE: September 14, 2021

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: City Manager's Office

TITLE: **Approval of Recommendation for the League of California Cities Annual Conference Resolutions for 2021**

RECOMMENDATION

1. Adopt recommended positions regarding the League of California Cities Annual Conference Resolutions for 2021.
2. Authorize the City's voting delegate/alternate to cast a vote at the League of California Cities Annual Conference to reflect the position adopted by the City Council.

BACKGROUND

The League of California Cities (League) regularly presents resolutions for consideration at its Annual Conference. These 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 resolutions have been introduced and will be considered by three policy committees who will meet virtually one week prior to the Annual Conference to consider and take action on the resolutions. The General Resolutions Committee will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 23, 2021, to consider the reports of the policy committees. Resolutions can be changed substantially through this process, and the

positions taken by Council should guide the City’s voting delegate. The resolution process concludes with voting at the League Annual Business Meeting (during the General Assembly) on Friday, September 24, 2021.

In addition to the attached resolutions, the League bylaws provide for the introduction of a petition resolution. Petition resolutions require the signature of 10% (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 on 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 2021 Annual Conference Resolution Packet on the League’s website at www.cacities.org/resolutions.

ANALYSIS

Below is a summary of the two resolutions being considered for 2021, 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.

Summary of Resolution, Source, and League Referral	Impact to Mountain View, if Any ¹	Recommendations ²
League Resolution No. 1: Onlnie Sales Tax and Equity		
<i>Summary:</i> This resolution calls on the League of California Cities (Cal Cities) to request the Legislature to pass legislation that provides for a fair and equitable distribution of the Bradley Burns 1% local sales tax from in-State online purchases, based on data where products are shipped to, and that	It is unknown how the City could be impacted by a change in the basis to determine how sales tax is allocated or if this would be a benefit or a detriment to the City’s financial well-being. Mountain View’s revenue structure is less dependent upon sales tax revenue compared to other cities.	No action is recommended.

¹ League Resolutions are not actions on behalf of the City of Mountain View. Rather, they are reflective of the League and its member cities.

² League actions that may be taken can include: Approve, Disapprove, No Action, Refer to Appropriate Policy Committee for Study, Amend, Approve as Amended, Approve with Additional Amendment(s), Amend and Refer as Amended to Appropriate Policy Committee for Study, Additional Amendments and Refer, Amend (for Clarity or Brevity) and Disapprove, Amend (for Clarity or Brevity) and Take No Action, and Withdrawn by Sponsor (see Attachment 1).

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<p>rightfully takes into consideration the impacts that fulfillment centers have on host cities but also provides a fair share to California cities that do not and/or cannot have a fulfillment center within their jurisdiction.</p> <p><i>Source:</i> League of California Cities</p> <p><i>Referred to:</i> Revenue and Taxation Policy Committee</p>	<p>The City has various businesses with online sales and receives point-of-sale revenue; this revenue could be reduced if legislation changes to make these sales destination-based. Mountain View represents about 3.7% of Santa Clara County’s pool (based on point-of-sale revenue) and 4.3% of the total County population, which could infer a nominal increase in revenues if changed to destination-based. Online sales tax equity is a significant policy issue for many cities, but one that may not have a substantial impact on Mountain View in the short term.</p>	
League Resolution No. 2: Security Railroad Property Maintenance		
<p><i>Summary:</i> The City of South Gate submits this resolution, which states the League of California Cities should urge the Governor and the Legislature to provide adequate regulatory authority and necessary funding to assist cities with railroad right-of-way areas to address illegal dumping, graffiti, and homeless encampments that proliferate along the rail lines and result in public safety issues.</p> <p><i>Source:</i> League of California Cities</p> <p><i>Referred to:</i> Housing, Community and Economic Development Policy Committee, Transportation, Communication, and Public Works Policy Committee</p>	<p>There is a potential for the community to benefit from interagency coordination and funding related to assisting cities with addressing illegal dumping, graffiti, or homeless encampments within the Caltrain or VTA rail lines rights-of-way.</p>	<p>Support.</p>

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 2021