



**DATE:** September 5, 2017

**CATEGORY:** Consent

**DEPT.:** City Manager's Office

**TITLE:** **Approval of Recommendations for the League of California Cities Annual Conference Resolutions for 2017**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. Adopt recommended positions regarding the League of California Cities Annual Conference resolutions for 2017.
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**

There are two resolutions that have been introduced and will be considered during the upcoming League of California Cities ("League") Annual Conference scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, through Friday, September 15, 2017, in Sacramento (Attachment 1). The business session will take place on Friday, September 15, 2017.

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 need to be reviewed 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 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, the Public Safety Policy Committee will meet at the annual conference on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 to consider and take action on the two

resolutions referred to them. The General Resolutions Committee will meet on Thursday, September 14, 2017, to consider the report of the Policy Committee regarding the resolutions. Resolutions can be changed substantially through this process and the positions taken by the Council should guide our voting delegate. The resolution process concludes with voting at the League Annual Business Meeting on Friday, September 15, 2017.

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 2017 Annual Conference Resolution Packet on the League's website at [www.cacities.org/resolutions](http://www.cacities.org/resolutions).

## **ANALYSIS**

The two resolutions being considered for 2017 are public safety related, committing the League to supporting programs, policies, or initiatives that prioritize implementing strategies to: (1) reduce negative impacts of recent changes to criminal laws; and (2) support legislation amending Government Code Section 38611 clarifying the definition of local control for emergency medical response.

The first resolution is in response to AB 109 (2011), Proposition 47 (2014), which reclassified a host of felony offenses as misdemeanors, and Proposition 57 (2016), which revised the rules of parole for what are designated "non-violent" offenders under the California Penal Code, but in fact comprise a number of criminal acts that are violent in nature, or may be committed to facilitate a violent outcome.

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 <sup>1</sup>	Recommendation <sup>2</sup>
1. Implement Strategies to Reduce Negative Impacts of Recent Changes to Criminal Laws	<p><i>Summary:</i> This resolution seeks to address increases in crime in the wake of AB 109 (2011), Proposition 47 (2014), and Proposition 57 (2016), by directing staff to seek legislation expanding the term “violent felony” as defined in the California Penal Code; to tighten criteria for the release of non-violent, non-serious, non-sex offender inmates; to mandate consideration of an inmate’s entire criminal history as part of the deliberations involving whether to grant an individual parole; and to consider creation of a task force that would be charged with issuing a report recommending further changes in law, and supported by documentation collected by local agencies and other key stakeholders.</p> <p><i>Source:</i> League of California Cities</p> <p><i>Referred to:</i> Public Safety</p>	<p>Unknown. Despite a decrease in the crime rate last calendar year, Mountain View has seen dramatic increases in property crime rates since AB 109 and Proposition 47 went into effect. The collective and cumulative effect of the current criminal justice policies has led to increased pressure on county and municipal general funds related to increased resources for probation supervision, incarceration, law enforcement activity, and in some areas, increased emergency medical services calls. Should the objectives outlined by the resolution be achieved, those pressures will be alleviated to a significant but undetermined amount.</p>	Support.
2. Local Control for Emergency Medical Response	<p><i>Summary:</i> This resolution calls for the Governor and the Legislature to work with the League and other stakeholders to amend Government Code Section 38611 clarifying the definitions of local control, providing broad statutory authority for local officials to determine emergency service levels and direct emergency medical response within their jurisdictions.</p> <p><i>Source:</i> League of California Cities</p> <p><i>Referred to:</i> Public Safety</p>	<p>Unknown. This resolution, if its directive can be achieved, will have no direct fiscal impact on cities. It will, however, provide an atmosphere in which cities that have invested significant resources in building up and maintaining an independent EMS capability can have confidence that it will be deployed as intended.</p>	Support.

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

<sup>2</sup> **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).

At this time, it is recommended that the City Council adopt the recommended positions regarding the League Annual Conference resolutions for 2017 as a statement of support for the policy objectives of implementing strategies to reduce negative impacts of recent changes to criminal laws and local control for emergency medical response, 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 resolution 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 2017