



**DATE:** September 4, 2018

**CATEGORY:** Consent

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

**TITLE:** **Approval of Recommendations for the League of California Cities Annual Conference Resolutions for 2018**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. Adopt recommended positions regarding the League of California Cities Annual Conference resolutions for 2018.
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 12, through Friday, September 14, 2018, in Sacramento (Attachment 1). The business session will take place on Friday, September 14, 2018.

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, five policy committees will meet at the Annual Conference on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, to consider and take action on the resolutions referred

to them: Environmental Quality, Governance, Transparency & Labor Relations; Housing, Community & Economic Development; Revenue and Taxation; and Transportation, Communication & Public Works. The General Resolutions Committee will meet on Thursday, September 13, 2018, to consider the report of the Policy Committees 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 14, 2018.

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 2018 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 2018 are:

1. Resolution of the League of California Cities Calling Upon the League to Respond to the Increasing Vulnerabilities to Local Municipal Authority, Control and Revenue and Explore the Preparation of a Ballot Measure and/or Constitutional Amendment that Would Further Strengthen Local Democracy and Authority
2. A Resolution of the League of California Cities Declaring its Commitment to Support the Repeal of Preemption in California Food and Agriculture Code § 11501.1 that Prevents Local Governments from Regulating Pesticides

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. Local Municipal Authority, Control, and Revenue	<p><i>Summary:</i> This Resolution states that the League of California Cities should assess the vulnerabilities to local authority, control and revenue and explore the preparation of a ballot measure and or constitutional amendment that would give the State’s voters an opportunity to further strengthen local authority and preserve the role of local democracy.</p> <p><i>Source:</i> League of California Cities</p> <p><i>Referred to:</i> Governance, Transparency and Labor Relations; Housing, Community &amp; Economic Development; Revenue &amp; Taxation; Transportation, Communication and Public Works</p>	This is consistent with our general policy of protecting local control.	Support. (To explore, not necessarily to endorse a future ballot measure.)

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<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).

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2. Repeal Preemption of Regulating Pesticides	<p><i>Summary:</i> This resolution seeks to have the State and the League study the negative impacts of anticoagulant rodenticides and address the inability of cities to regulate the use of rodenticides and pesticides. Specifically related to anticoagulant rodenticides, the resolution would encourage the State to fund research into the negative impacts and a potential restriction or ban; direct the League to consider creating a task force to study and report on the unintended negative consequences; encourage cities and property owners to eliminate use; and encourage cities to join advocacy efforts. In addition, the resolution would direct the League to endorse repeal of a statute that preempts local regulation of pesticides.</p> <p><i>Source:</i> League of California Cities</p> <p><i>Referred to:</i> Environmental Quality</p>	The City does not use anticoagulant rodenticides in City-owned parks, lands, or facilities due to the risk of harm to wildlife, other animals, and people. The actions called for in this resolution are consistent with the City’s own operations and could help reduce the negative impacts citywide.	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 2018 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 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 2018