



DATE: September 13, 2016

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: City Manager's Office

TITLE: **Approval of Recommendations for the League of California Cities Annual Conference Resolutions for 2016**

RECOMMENDATION

1. Adopt recommended positions regarding the League of California Cities Annual Conference resolutions for 2016.
2. Authorize the City's voting delegate/alternate(s) to cast votes at the League of California Cities Annual Conference to reflect the positions adopted by the City Council.

BACKGROUND

There is one resolution that has been introduced and will be considered during the upcoming League of California Cities ("League") Annual Conference scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, through Friday, October 7, 2016, in Long Beach (Attachment 1). The business session will take place on Friday, October 7, 2016.

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 will 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 Transportation, Communication, and Public Works Policy Committee will meet at the annual conference to consider and take action on the

resolution referred to them on Wednesday, October 5, 2016. The General Resolutions Committee will meet on Thursday, October 6, 2016, to consider the report of the Policy Committee regarding the resolution. Resolutions can be changed substantially through this process and the positions taken by the Council should guide our voting delegate. The resolution process concludes at the League Annual Business Meeting on Friday, October 7, 2016.

In addition to the attached resolution, 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 2016 Annual Conference Resolution Packet on the League's website at www.cacities.org/resolutions.

In Item 4.2 of the September 13, 2016 City Council Regular Meeting, a recommendation was made to the Council to designate Mayor Patricia Showalter as the Voting Delegate; Councilmember R. Michael Kasperzak, Jr., as Alternate No. 1; and Councilmember John McAlister as Alternate No. 2. Each is registered to attend the League Conference and at least one representative will be present for the Business Session to cast the City's single vote.

ANALYSIS

The resolution being considered for 2016 is Vision Zero, committing the League to supporting programs, policies, or initiatives that prioritize transportation safety.

Below is a summary of the resolution 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/alternates 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 ⁱ	Recommendation ⁱⁱ
1. Vision Zero	<p><i>Summary:</i> This resolution commits the League to supporting Vision Zero, Toward Zero Deaths, and other programs, policies, or initiatives that prioritize transportation safety; encouraging cities throughout California to join in these traffic safety initiatives to pursue the elimination of death and severe injury crashes on our roadways; and encouraging the State to consider adopting transportation safety as a top priority for transportation projects and policy formulation.</p> <p><i>Source:</i> City of San Jose</p> <p><i>Referred to:</i> Transportation, Communication, and Public Works</p>	<p>Unknown. The costs to any particular city to implement Vision Zero can vary tremendously depending on the level and scope of investment any particular city would seek to make. For example, the City of San Francisco has Vision Zero project costs ranging from \$30,000 for pedestrian safety treatments up to \$12,000,000 for a streetscape project.</p>	Support.

Vision Zero is a multidisciplinary approach to eliminate traffic fatalities and injuries, particularly for those walking and bicycling, through:

- Managing roadway speeds.
- Traffic engagement.
- Street redesign.

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

ⁱⁱ **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).

- Changing the behavior of motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists.
- Policy changes.

Mountain View is currently engaged in implementing many of these strategies through education, outreach, and traffic engineering projects and initiatives adopted by the City Council, Public Works, and the Police Department.

Since the Council's identification of improving bicycling and pedestrian mobility during the Fiscal Years 2013-14 and 2014-15 goal-setting process as one of its major goals, significant resources have been directed to this goal—more than \$13 million in bicycle-/pedestrian-related projects have been approved in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 and Fiscal Year 2014-15 Capital Improvement Programs, and a Transportation (Mobility) position was created with a recruitment currently under way.

During the City Council's Fiscal Years 2015-16 and 2016-17 goal-setting discussions in March 2015, the Council considered a request by the City's Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (B/PAC) to include a work plan item adopting a Vision Zero goal. There was limited Council discussion on the request, and ultimately, the Council decided to include other work plan items in support of its major goal of Improving Transportation by Enhancing Mobility and Connectivity.

If the Council decides at a later date to consider moving forward with the development and implementation of a formal Vision Zero goal/program, it would likely take significant time and resources from the City Manager's Office, City Attorney's Office, Public Works Department, and the Police Department.

At this time, it is recommended that the City Council adopt the recommended position regarding the League Annual Conference resolution for 2016 as a statement of support for the policy objectives of Vision Zero, 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. If the City were to later adopt and implement its own Vision Zero program and strategy, the costs would be identified at that time.

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 2016