



Administrative Report

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To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
From: JOE HOEFGEN, CITY MANAGER

TITLE

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE CITY'S POSITION REGARDING LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED FOR ADOPTION AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS MEETING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the August 3, 2021 City Council meeting, the City Council designated Council Member Todd Loewenstein as the Voting Delegate and Mayor Bill Brand as the Alternate for the League of California Cities Annual Conference which will take place September 22-24, 2021 in Sacramento. This report includes copies of materials to be considered by the City's voting delegate, or alternate, including three proposed Resolutions.

As described further in this report and in the accompanying materials, two of the Resolutions call for the State Legislature to work with the League to address: (1) the method of distributing sales tax resulting from In-State online purchases from Fulfillment Centers and (2) the maintenance of Railroad Right of Way areas to better deal with illegal dumping, graffiti and homeless encampments. The third Resolution would implement amendments to the League's Bylaws.

BACKGROUND

Part of the conference is an Annual Luncheon/Business Meeting on Friday, September 24, 2021 at 12:30 pm where League delegates will consider the 2021 Annual Conference Resolutions attached to this report. This report is provided to enable City Council to consider the Resolutions and determine the City's position on each recommended action.

Resolutions for consideration are titled as follows:

1. RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES CALLING ON THE STATE 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 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

2. A RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE NECESSARY FUNDING FOR CUPC TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS TO INSPECT RAILROAD LINES TO ENSURE THAT OPERATORS ARE REMOVING ILLEGAL DUMPING, GRAFFITI AND HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS THAT DEGRADE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND RESULTS IN INCREASED PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS FROM COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS THAT ADJACENT TO THE RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY

3. RESOLUTION RELATING TO AMENDMENTS TO THE CAL-CITIES BYLAWS IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) Adjust the composition of the Board to achieve a higher impact and be more representative by adding Director seats to the Board for each of the five Diversity Caucuses, and transitioning members of the National League of Cities Board from Cal Cities Directors to one non-voting advisor to the Cal Cities Board.
- 2) Recognize the Cal Cities Diversity Caucuses in the Cal Cities by laws to reflect the full contribution the caucuses make to Cal Cities' mission and vision.
- 3) Update the League of California moniker to Cal Cities.
- 4) Make various minor technical corrections.

Following review of the attached materials (which includes the proposed resolutions, background information, League of California Cities analysis, and City support letters), the City Council should engage in discussion and determine whether to authorize an affirmative vote on each of these items.

An affirmative vote on Resolutions two and three (Railroad ROW and the Bylaws Amendments) is recommended by staff. In terms of Resolution one (Sales Tax Distribution), a yes vote would improve the City's finances as Redondo Beach currently is not host to an on-line order fulfillment center. However, if the City Council believes in the future a fulfillment center is likely to be sited in Redondo Beach, then a no vote on this Resolution would be appropriate.

ATTACHMENTS

- League Materials related to the Sales Tax and RR ROW Resolutions
- League Materials related to the Amendment of Bylaws