



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
WESTSIDE CITIES COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

Date: May 18, 2017

12:00 PM Board Luncheon

12:15 PM Meeting

1:15 PM Adjourn

Hosted by: City of Beverly Hills

Location: City of Beverly Hills

Municipal Gallery, 2nd Floor

455 North Rexford Drive

Beverly Hills, CA 90210

Parking: Parking Garage

444 North Rexford Drive

Beverly Hills, CA 90210

AGENDA

Public comment on any agenda item may be made during the consideration of that item. All comments on items not listed on the agenda may be made during the time allotted on the agenda to the public. Members of the public may comment by raising a hand and being recognized by the Chair. Speakers shall confine their comments to three minutes per speaker. Unless otherwise noted in the Agenda, the public may only comment on matters that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Westside Cities Council of Governments or items listed on the agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND IDENTIFICATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of March 30, 2017 Draft Meeting Notes

Action Item: Approve the meeting notes

B. Fiscal Actions for FY 2017-18

i. Adoption of the Determination of Dues to be Assessed and the Adoption of Annual Budget for FY 2017-18

ii. Adoption of Annual Work Plan for FY 2017-18

iii. ELP Advisors Contract Renewal for WSCCOG Executive Director Services

C. Election of WSCCOG Board Officers for FY 2017-18

Action Item: Election of WSCCOG Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary

D. SCAG Community, Economic & Human Development Representative

Action Item: Reappoint Honorable Jeffrey Cooper as the WSCCOG Representative

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

5. METRO UPDATE

A. Measure M Policy Advisory Council Updates

6. LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY

- A. Presentation from County of Los Angeles - Gary Gero, Chief Sustainability Officer

7. LEGISLATION

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. FUTURE MEETING LOCATIONS AND AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Next Meeting
 - i. Thursday, July 20, 2017 – County of Los Angeles
 - ii. Thursday, September 21, 2017 – City of Los Angeles
 - iii. Thursday, November 16, 2017 – City of Culver City

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public may address the Westside Cities Council of Governments (WSCCOG) on any subject on or off the agenda by raising a hand and being recognized by the WSCCOG Chair. Speakers shall confine their comments to three minutes per speaker.

11. ADJOURN

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DRAFT MEETING NOTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017
12:00 NOON

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
SANTA MONICA MAIN LIBRARY
601 SANTA MONICA BLVD
SANTA MONICA, CA 90401

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Beverly Hills:*** Councilmember John Mirisch. Staff: Cindy Owens, Aaron Kunz
- Culver City:*** Mayor Jim B. Clarke, Councilmember Meghan Sahli-Wells. Staff: Shelly Wolfberg, Jesse Mays, Diana Chang
- Santa Monica:*** Councilmember Kevin McKeown. Mayor Pro Tempore Gleam Davis. Staff: Francie Stefan; Stephanie Venegas
- West Hollywood:*** Mayor Lauren Meister. Staff: Hernan Molina, Joanna Hankamer
- City of LA:*** District 5 Staff: Jay Greenstein; Office of the Legislative Analyst: Chris Concepcion, Deborah Choi
- WSCCOG:*** Executive Director: Cecilia V. Estolano. Staff: Winnie Fong; Counsel: Lauren Langer
- Other:*** Mike Bohlke, Eric Geier (Metro); Norm Emerson (Emerson & Associates); Mary Stern (ICMA/League of CA Cities); Josh Kurpies (Office of Assemblymember Bloom); Nicolas Rodriguez (Office of Congressman Ted Lieu) David Bocarsly (Office of Senator Allen); Javiera Cartagena (SCAG); Jeff Kiernan (League of CA Cities); Robert Wong (Caltrans); David Feinberg (Santa Monica Big Blue Bus)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Kevin McKeown (Chair) called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

2. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND IDENTIFICATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

3. ACTION ITEMS

(A) APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 12, 2017 DRAFT MEETING NOTES

Mayor Jim B. Clarke inquired about the minutes regarding the legislative platform and if the WSCCOG board plans to agendize the discussion of adding the subject of aging in place to the document. WSCCOG Executive Director Cecilia V. Estolano responded that this can be agendized as the item at the next board meeting. The motion was made by Mayor Lauren Meister (Vice Chair) and seconded by Councilmember

Meghan Sahli-Wells to approve the January 12, 2017 draft meeting notes. The motion passed unanimously.

(B) MEASURE M POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

The board considered the item to authorize the WSCCOG Executive Director Cecilia V. Estolano to serve as the WSCCOG representative to the Measure M Policy Advisory Council and Joanna Hankamer of City of West Hollywood as the alternate. The motion was made by Mayor Meister and seconded by Councilmember Sahli-Wells. The motion passed unanimously.

(C) SCAG REGIONAL COUNCIL DISTRICT #41 REPRESENTATIVE

Councilmember Sahli-Wells, Councilmember Mirisch, and Mayor Meister mentioned that they were interested in position for the WSCCOG representative, but did not submit a letter of interest. The WSCCOG received one letter of interest from Councilmember Pam O'Conner of City of Santa Monica. Chair McKeown opened and closed the nominations, and then called for a vote on the nomination. The board voted in acclamation of Councilmember Pam O'Connor to continue and serve as the WSCCOG representative to the SCAG Regional Council District #41.

(D) METRO WESTSIDE/CENTRAL SERVICE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Chair McKeown opened and closed the nominations, and then called for a vote on the nomination. The board voted in acclamation of David Feinberg to continue and serve as the WSCCOG representative to the Metro Westside/Central Service Council.

(E) MEASURE A STEERING COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Chair McKeown opened and closed the nominations, and then called for a vote on the nomination. The board voted in acclamation of Karen Ginsberg to serve as the WSCCOG representative to the County's Measure A Steering Committee.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Estolano reminded the board to submit their Form 700s by the April 4th deadline. WSCCOG staff Winnie Fong provided a brief update on the subregional approach on the drone ordinances and the SCAG PEV survey and outreach. Ms. Estolano provided a brief update on the County's Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) efforts. Ms. Estolano and Chair McKeown encouraged the member cities to draft a set of values to send to the WSCCOG to see where the WSCCOG are consistent to move forward.

5. TRANSPORTATION

(A) Metro Updates

a. Draft Measure M Guidelines

Ms. Estolano suggested advocating the use of Measure M funds for program staff to administer the WSCCOG's active transportation programs.

b. Update from Measure M Local Return Guidelines Working Group

Joanna Hankamer of City of West Hollywood provided a brief update on the Measure M Local Return Guidelines Working Group, including advocating for the use of daytime and employment population, not just residential population, as part of the allocation of Local Return revenue distribution process. The board agrees using daytime and employment population in addition to residential population in consideration of the allocation. Chair McKeown authorized the WSCCOG Executive Director to draft a letter to Metro in the WSCCOG Board's position.

6. WSCCOG HOMELESS WORKING GROUP UPDATE

Due to time constraints, Ms. Estolano referred the board to the agenda packet for the latest updates on the WSCCOG's homelessness efforts.

7. WSCCOG APPOINTEE /REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES

(A) County Water Resilience Working Group

Councilmember Sahli-Wells provided the board with a brief update on the working group's first meeting.

8. LEGISLATION

Jeff Kiernan of the League of California Cities provided updates on transportation and affordable housing related legislation.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Jim B. Clarke provided a brief update from his position as the WSCCOG representative to the SCAG Transportation Committee.

10. FUTURE MEETING LOCATION AND AGENDA ITEMS

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

12. ADJOURNMENT

The WSCCOG Board adjourned at 1:36 p.m.



DATE: May 18, 2017

TO: Westside Cities Council of Governments Board

FROM: Westside Cities Council of Governments Staff

SUBJECT: Legislation

Discussion

That the WSCCOG Board engage in a discussion of the following legislation and whether to take action in drafting a joint comment letter. For informational purposes at the rest of the WSCCOG boardmembers and member cities staff members, attached for information on the following legislation and news articles that is pertinent in the Westside subregion:

- SB 649 (Hueso) – Wireless Telecommunication Facilities
 - AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) - De Facto Ban on Local Government Contracts
 - California public pension shortfall one of nation's largest – Dan Waters
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ACTION ALERT!!

AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) De Facto Ban on Local Government Contracts OPPOSE

Background:

Back in 2014, the California State Assembly adopted HR 29 (Gomez) which the League strongly opposed. HR 29 was a resolution that aimed to restrict local governments' ability to contract out for services. While HR 29 was the blueprint, AB 1250 could potentially be the legislative vehicle that will place substantial burdens on local agencies by adding onerous, over prescriptive and unnecessary requirements that impede on local control and have significant impacts on local governance.

The new reporting requirements, privacy concerns, increased costs, and potential for litigation created by this measure would place an overwhelming and significant burden on nearly every city department and would create a de facto ban on virtually all contracting services.

AB 1250 would:

- Require a city, before entering a contract or renewing a contract, to perform a full economic analysis of the potential impacts of outsourcing, including the impact on local businesses if consumer spending power is reduced.
- Mandate a city to conduct a full environmental impact analysis caused by contracting for the services.
- Force a city to conduct an annual audit of each contract.
- Eliminate local agency hiring discretion by limiting a local agencies' ability to utilize a contract for the sole purpose of cost savings through salaries and benefits.
- Require that the agency provide an orientation to contract non-city employees.
- Require a city to create a new, fully searchable database that must be posted on the city website. Apart from the inherent cost drivers with this provision, there are significant privacy concerns about posting full names, job titles, and salaries of non-city employees. This database must include:
 - o The names, job titles, salary of each contracted non-city employee and subcontractors.
 - o The services of the contract, the name of the agency department or division of the city who manages the contract.
 - o The amount paid to the contract including the total projected cost of the contract for all fiscal years and the funding source.
 - o The total number of "full time equivalent" employees being contracted out.

ACTION: AB 1250 will be heard on April 19, 2017 at 9am in Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security. If you have an Assembly Member on this committee, please consider sending your CITY LETTER OF OPPOSITION as soon as possible. A sample letter is attached or a letter may also be sent through the League's online [Action Center](#).

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Brough, William	73	R	3141	916 319 2173
Cervantes, Sabrina	60	D	5164	916 319 2160
Cooley, Ken	8	D	3013	916 319 2108
Cooper, Jim	9	D	6025	916 319 2109
O'Donnell, Patrick	70	D	2196	916 319 2170
Rodriguez, Freddie (Chair)	52	D	2188	916 319 2152

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MAY 02, 2017 5:10 PM

California public pension shortfall one of nation's largest

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Throughout California, local government and school district officials are writing new budgets and confronting rapidly rising costs of pensions.

Many have seen their costs double in the last few years, largely consuming revenue increases that the state's expanding economy have produced. For instance, a projected \$1 billion increase in school districts' teacher pension costs in 2017-18 will [more than equal](#) projected revenue gains.

However, as the old rock song says, "You ain't seen nothing yet."

ADVERTISING

Lackluster earnings by pension trust funds, revised actuarial projections and impacts of benefit increases are compelling the systems to sharply increase mandatory "contributions" from public employers.

Nevertheless, pension systems have seen their "unfunded liabilities" continue to increase – giving California one of the nation's widest gaps between earning assets and pension obligations.

California's unfortunate status is confirmed in [a new report](#) from Pew Charitable Trusts, which found that in 2015 the state's two big pension funds had the nation's sixth-worst record of reducing unfunded liabilities, gathering just 79 percent of the \$18.9 billion they needed to keep their pension debts from rising.

California's status may have worsened since then. In 2015, Pew reported, the California Public Employees' Retirement System and the California State Teachers' Retirement System had 74 percent of what they needed to meet pension obligations, but that ratio has since dropped to about 64 percent due to reductions in their projected investment earnings.

What emerges from this picture is a precarious balancing act. The pension systems are trying to keep their funding levels from dropping below a point of no

return while simultaneously trying to prevent pension contributions from driving local governments and school districts into insolvency.

It didn't have to be that way.

Pension systems in other states contended with the same macro conditions but, as the Pew report shows, most have been much more diligent in adjusting.

Ed Mendel, a veteran journalist who writes a blog about pension issues, [points out](#) that as California was collecting just 79 percent of what it needed in 2015, New York's big pension fund upped its contributions to 163 percent and is 98 percent funded.

Because New York was diligent in dealing with declining earnings, as Mendel points out, it actually hits state and local employers relatively lightly, charging them only about two-thirds of California's rates as percentages of payroll.

All of this implies that California's public agencies and taxpayers can expect ever-higher pension fund demands – unless something is done to markedly reduce the cost side of the pension ledger.

Appellate courts have ruled that the "[California rule](#)," which seemingly prohibits changes in public pension benefits, may not be valid, and the state Supreme Court will have the last word.

It could be the only way to prevent a complete meltdown of California's already precarious pension systems.

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