Annual Conference Resolutions Packet

2018 Annual Conference Resolutions

Long Beach, California

September 12 – 14, 2018

INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES

RESOLUTIONS CONTAINED IN THIS PACKET: The League bylaws provide that resolutions shall be referred by the president to an appropriate policy committee for review and recommendation. Resolutions with committee recommendations shall then be considered by the General Resolutions Committee at the Annual Conference.

This year, two resolutions have been introduced for consideration at the Annual Conference and referred to League policy committees.

POLICY COMMITTEES: Five policy committees will meet at the Annual Conference to consider and take action on the resolutions referred to them. The committees are: Environmental Quality, Governance, Transparency & Labor Relations; Housing, Community & Economic Development; Revenue and Taxation; and Transportation, Communication & Public Works. The committees will meet from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 12, at the Hyatt Regency Long Beach. The sponsors of the resolutions have been notified of the time and location of the meeting.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: This committee will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 13, at the Hyatt Long Beach, to consider the reports of the policy committees regarding the resolutions. This committee includes one representative from each of the League's regional divisions, functional departments and standing policy committees, as well as other individuals appointed by the League president. Please check in at the registration desk for room location.

ANNUAL LUNCHEON/BUSINESS MEETING/GENERAL ASSEMBLY: This meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, September 14, at the Long Beach Convention Center.

PETITIONED RESOLUTIONS: For those issues that develop after the normal 60-day deadline, a resolution may be introduced at the Annual Conference with a petition signed by designated voting delegates of 10 percent of all member cities (48 valid signatures required) and presented to the Voting Delegates Desk at least 24 hours prior to the time set for convening the Annual Business Meeting of the General Assembly. This year, that deadline is 12:30 p.m., Thursday, September 13. Resolutions can be viewed on the League's Web site: www.cacities.org/resolutions.

Any questions concerning the resolutions procedures may be directed to Meg Desmond at the League office: mdesmond@cacities.org or (916) 658-8224

GUIDELINES FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

Policy development is a vital and ongoing process within the League. The principal means for deciding policy on the important issues facing cities is through the League's seven standing policy committees and the board of directors. The process allows for timely consideration of issues in a changing environment and assures city officials the opportunity to both initiate and influence policy decisions.

Annual conference resolutions constitute an additional way to develop League policy. Resolutions should adhere to the following criteria.

Guidelines for Annual Conference Resolutions

1. Only issues that have a direct bearing on municipal affairs should be considered or adopted at the Annual Conference.

2. The issue is not of a purely local or regional concern.

3. The recommended policy should not simply restate existing League policy.

4. The resolution should be directed at achieving one of the following objectives:

   (a) Focus public or media attention on an issue of major importance to cities.

   (b) Establish a new direction for League policy by establishing general principals around which more detailed policies may be developed by policy committees and the board of directors.

   (c) Consider important issues not adequately addressed by the policy committees and board of directors.

   (d) Amend the League bylaws (requires 2/3 vote at General Assembly).

LOCATION OF MEETINGS

Policy Committee Meetings
Wednesday, September 12, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Hyatt Regency Long Beach
200 South Pine Avenue, Long Beach

The following committees will be meeting:

1. Environmental Quality
2. Governance, Transparency & Labor Relations
3. Housing, Community & Economic Development
4. Revenue & Taxation
5. Transportation, Communication & Public Works

General Resolutions Committee
Thursday, September 13, 1:00 p.m.
Hyatt Regency Long Beach
200 South Pine Avenue, Long Beach

Annual Business Meeting and General Assembly Luncheon
Friday, September 14, 12:30 p.m.
Long Beach Convention Center
300 East Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach

KEY TO ACTIONS TAKEN ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions have been grouped by policy committees to which they have been assigned.

Number	Key Word Index	Reviewing Body Action		
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1 - Policy Committee Recommendation to General Resolutions Committee
2 - General Resolutions Committee
3 - General Assembly

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY POLICY COMMITTEE

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2	Repeal Preemption of Regulating Pesticides			

GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENCY & LABOR RELATIONS POLICY COMMITTEE

		1	2	3
1	Local Municipal Authority, Control, and Revenue			

HOUSING, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

		1	2	3
1	Local Municipal Authority, Control, and Revenue			

REVENUE & TAXATION POLICY COMMITTEE

		1	2	3
1	Local Municipal Authority, Control, and Revenue			

TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC WORKS POLICY COMMITTEE

		1	2	3
1	Local Municipal Authority, Control, and Revenue			

Information pertaining to the Annual Conference Resolutions will also be posted on each committee's page on the League website: www.cacities.org. The entire Resolutions Packet will be posted at: www.cacities.org/resolutions.

KEY TO ACTIONS TAKEN ON RESOLUTIONS *(Continued)*

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KEY TO REVIEWING BODIES

1. Policy Committee
2. General Resolutions Committee
3. General Assembly

ACTION FOOTNOTES

* Subject matter covered in another resolution

** Existing League policy

*** Local authority presently exists

KEY TO ACTIONS TAKEN

A	Approve
D	Disapprove
N	No Action
R	Refer to appropriate policy committee for study
a	Amend+
Aa	Approve as amended+
Aaa	Approve with additional amendment(s)+
Ra	Refer as amended to appropriate policy committee for study+
Raa	Additional amendments and refer+
Da	Amend (for clarity or brevity) and Disapprove+
Na	Amend (for clarity or brevity) and take No Action+
W	Withdrawn by Sponsor

Procedural Note:
The League of California Cities resolution process at the Annual Conference is guided by the League Bylaws. A helpful explanation of this process can be found on the League's website by clicking on this link: Resolution Process.

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**

Source: City of Beverly Hills
Concurrence of five or more cities/city officials: Cities: Arcadia, Burbank, Cupertino; Duarte; Oceanside; Ontario; Palo Alto; Redondo Beach; Santa Cruz; Sunnyvale; Torrance; West Hollywood
Referred to: Governance, Transparency & Labor Relations; Housing, Community & Economic Development; Revenue and Taxation; and Transportation, Communication & Public Works Policy Committees

WHEREAS, the State of California is comprised of diverse communities that are home to persons of differing backgrounds, needs, and aspirations; yet united by the vision that the most accessible, responsive, effective, and transparent form of democratic government is found at the local level and in their own communities; and

WHEREAS, subsidiarity is the principle that democratic decisions are best made at the most local level best suited to address the needs of the People, and suggests that local governments should be allowed to find solutions at the local level before the California Legislature imposes uniform and overreaching measures throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, the California Constitution recognizes that local self-government is the cornerstone of democracy by empowering cities to enact local laws and policies designed to protect the local public health, safety and welfare of their residents and govern the municipal affairs of charter cities; and

WHEREAS, over recent years there have been an increasing number of measures introduced within the Legislature or proposed for the state ballot, often sponsored by powerful interest groups and corporations, aimed at undermining the authority, control and revenue options for local governments and their residents; and

WHEREAS, powerful interest groups and corporations are willing to spend millions in political contributions to legislators to advance legislation, or to hire paid signature gatherers to qualify deceptive ballot proposals attempting to overrule or silence the voices of local residents and their democratically-elected local governments affected by their proposed policies; and

WHEREAS, powerful interest groups and corporations propose and advance such measures because they view local democracy as an obstacle that disrupts the efficiency of implementing corporate plans and increasing profits and therefore object when local residents—either through their elected city councils, boards of supervisors, special district boards, or by action of local voters—enact local ordinances and policies tailored to fit the needs of their individual communities; and

WHEREAS, public polling repeatedly demonstrates that local residents and voters have the highest levels of confidence in levels of government that are closest to the people, and thus would be likely to strongly support a ballot measure that would further strengthen the ability of communities to govern themselves without micromanagement from the state or having their authority undermined by deep-pocketed and powerful interests and corporations.

RESOLVED that the League of California Cities should assess the increasing 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 to best preserve their local quality of life.

Background Information on Resolution No. 1

Source: City of Beverly Hills

Background:
The relationship between the state and cities functions best as a partnership where major policy issues are approached by the state with careful consideration of the varied conditions among the state's 482 cities and 58 counties. There should be an appreciation of the importance of retaining local flexibility to tailor policies to reflect the needs and circumstances of the local community. Still, cities have had to respond to state legislation that undermines the principle of "local control" over important issues such as land use, housing, finance, infrastructure, elections, labor relations and other issues directly affecting cities.

Alexis de Tocqueville's "Democracy in America" examined the operation of the principle of subsidiarity in the early 19th century. Subsidiarity is an organizing principle that states matters should be handled by the smallest, lowest or least centralized competent authority. Tocqueville wrote that "Decentralization has not only an administrative value, but also a civic dimension, since it increases the opportunities for citizens to take interest in public affairs; it makes them get accustomed to using freedom." Tocqueville's works were first published in 1835 with a second volume published in 1840. The United States had a population of just 17 million people in 1840, less than 50% of the population of California today and yet there was value found in decentralization.

Another consideration is to examine how the European Union ("EU") operates. There are two prime guiding principles for the EU. The first is principle of conferral, which states that the EU should act only within the limits of the competences conferred on it by the treaties. The second, which is relevant to this resolution, is the principle of subsidiarity, which states that the EU should act only where an objective cannot be sufficiently achieved by the member states acting alone. Sacramento should operate in a similar manner and only govern when objectives need to be achieved at a much larger level than a local government.

For years, Governor Jerry Brown himself has spoken on the principle of "subsidiarity." Governor Brown has asserted for numerous years that local officials should have the flexibility to act without micromanagement from Sacramento.

Legislation introduced in both 2017 and 2018 by the state legislature has continually threatened local control in flagrant opposition to the principle of subsidiarity. This has included, but not been limited to, Senate Bill 649 (Hueso) Wireless Telecommunications Facilities ("SB 649") in 2017; AB 252 (Ridley-Thomas) Local government: taxation: prohibition: video streaming services ("AB 252") in 2017; and Senate Bill 827 (Wiener) Planning and Zoning: Transit-Rich Housing Bonus ("SB 827") in 2018.

SB 649 would have applied to all telecommunications providers and the equipment they use, including "micro-wireless," "small cell," and "macro-towers," as well as a range of video and cable services. The bill would have allowed the use of "small cell" wireless

antennas and related equipment without a local discretionary permit in all zoning districts as a use by-right, subject only to an administrative permit. Additionally, SB 649 provided a de facto CEQA exemption for the installation of such facilities and precluded consideration by the public for the aesthetic, nuisance, and environmental impacts of these facilities. SB 649 would have also removed the ability for cities to obtain fair and reasonable compensation when authorizing the use of public property and rights of way from a "for profit" company for this type of use.

SB 649 passed out of the State Assembly by a vote of 46-16-17 and out of the State Senate by a vote of 22-10-8 despite over 300 cities and 47 counties in California providing letters of opposition. Ultimately, Governor Brown vetoed the bill as he believed "that the interest which localities have in managing rights of way requires a more balanced solution than the one achieved in this bill." It is strongly believed that the issue of wireless telecommunications facilities is not over and it is anticipated that legislation will be introduced on this topic in January 2019.

Another example of an incursion into local control was AB 252, which would have prohibited any tax on the sale or use of video streaming services, including sales and use taxes and utility user taxes. Over the last two decades, voters in 107 cities and 3 counties have adopted measures to modernize their Utility User Tax ("UUT") ordinances. Of these jurisdictions, 87 cities and 1 county approved ordinances to allow a UUT on video providers. Prior to its first Committee hearing, AB 252 received opposition letters from 37 cities, the League of California Cities, South Bay Council of Governments, California Contract Cities Association, and nine other organizations. This bill failed in the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee 8-0-2, which the author of the Committee chaired.

More recently, SB 827 would have overridden local control on housing development that was within ½ mile of a major transit stop or ¼ mile from a high-quality bus corridor as defined by the legislation with some limitations. On April 17, 2018, SB 827 failed in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee 4-6-3 but was granted reconsideration. State legislators have indicated they will continue to introduce legislation that will override local zoning ordinances for the development of affordable housing in conjunction with mixed use and/or luxury condominium/apartment housing.

These are just three examples of the increasing attempts by Sacramento to supersede local control. Presently, there are discussions occurring in Sacramento to ban cities from creating their own municipal broadband or to prohibit local ordinances over the regulation of shared mobility devices such as dockless electric scooters. These decisions should remain with each individual jurisdiction to decide based on the uniqueness of their community and the constituents that live in each city.

Often fueled by the actions of special interest groups, Sacramento is continually attempting to overreach their authority with various incursions on local control. The desire in Sacramento to strip communities of their ability to make decisions over issues which should remain at the local level seems to intensify each state legislative cycle. Increasingly, legislation is being introduced with a "one-size-fits-all" approach which is detrimental in a

state with over 40 million residents that have extremely diverse communities from the desert to the sea, from the southern to the northern borders.

Loren King in the book “Cities, Subsidiarity and Federalism” states, “Decisions should be made at the lowest feasible scale possible”. The proposed resolution directs the League of California Cities to assess the increasing vulnerabilities to local authority, control and revenue. It also directs the League of California Cities to explore the preparation of a ballot measure and/or constitutional amendment which would aim to ensure that decisions are made as close to home as possible.

Local government, when done right, is the best form of democracy precisely because it is closest to home. A ballot measure and/or constitutional amendment would provide the state’s voters an opportunity to further strengthen local authority and maintain the role of local democracy to best preserve their local quality of life while still leaving the appropriate issues at the county, regional or state legislature depending on the topic. Any ballot measure and/or constitutional amendment should institutionalize the principle of subsidiarity, while encouraging inclusive regional cooperation that recognizes the diversity of California’s many individual communities. The time has come to allow the residents of California’s voters to decide if they prefer top down governance from Sacramento or bottom up governing from their own locally elected officials.

League of California Cities Staff Analysis on Resolution No. 1

Staff: Dan Carrigg, Johnnie Pina
Committees: Governance, Transparency and Labor Relations
Housing, Community & Economic Development
Revenue & Taxation
Transportation, Communication and Public Works

Summary:
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.

Background:
The City of Beverly Hills is sponsoring this resolution in reaction to their concerns over measures coming from the Legislature and the initiative process attempting to roll back local control and hinder cities from providing optimal services to their residents.

As examples, the city cites the 2017-2018 legislative cycle, the Legislature introduced bills such as Senate Bill 649 (Hueso) Wireless Telecommunications Facilities, and AB 252 (Ridley-Thomas) proposing to prohibit taxes on video streaming services, and more recently Senate Bill 827 (Wiener) Planning and Zoning: Transit-Rich Housing. SB 649 was vetoed by the Governor and SB 827 died in policy committee, however if these measures had been signed into law they would have impinged on the ability of a local government to be responsive to the needs of their constituents.

The city maintains that "local government, when done right, is the best form of democracy precisely because it is closest to home. A ballot measure and/or constitutional amendment would provide the state's voters an opportunity to further strengthen local authority and maintain the role of local democracy to best preserve their local quality of life while still leaving the appropriate issues at the county, regional or state legislature depending on the topic."

Fiscal Impact:
By requesting the League to "assess" vulnerabilities and "explore" the preparation of a ballot measure that would further protect local authority, there are no proposals to be quantified. But it is presumed that the League would not pursue a measure that did not have positive impacts of further protecting local authority.

For the League as an organization, however, the fiscal impact of sponsoring a ballot measure can be very expensive. It can take several million dollars to qualify a measure via signature gathering, and much more to fund an effective campaign and overcome organized opposition.

Comments:

1) Ballot measure advocacy is a settled aspect of California's political process. This year's November ballot is an example of that, with proposals ranging from dividing California

into three states, restoring rent control, repealing transportation funding, to funding housing and water bonds. Three other measures are not on the November ballot after their sponsors spent millions gathering signatures to qualify measures, then leveraged last-minute legislative deals in exchange for pulling them from the ballot.

2) Most major stakeholder organizations in Sacramento have realized that they cannot rely on legislative advocacy alone to protect their interests, but must develop and maintain the capacity to protect their interests in the ballot process as well.

3) The League has been engaged in ballot advocacy for nearly 20 years. In the early 2000's, city officials were angered by repeated state raids of local revenues. These concerns led to the League –-for the first time in its then 100-year history—developing a ballot advocacy infrastructure that included forming and fundraising for an issues political action committee (PAC), establishing a network of regional managers, and building a coalition with other organizations that ultimately led to the passage of Prop. 1A of 2004. Over the years, the League's successful campaigns include the passage of Proposition 1A and Proposition 99 and the defeat of Propositions 90 and 98.

a. Yes on Proposition 1A (2004)
As a result of the passage of Prop 1A, local government revenues that otherwise would have been raided by the state legislature were kept in local coffers. This resulted in increased funding for public safety, health, libraries, parks and other locally delivered services. Proposition 1A PASSED WITH 83.7% OF THE VOTE.

b. No on Proposition 90 (2006)
Prop. 90 was a well-financed special interest-backed initiative that sought to eliminate most of local governments' land use decision making authority. Led by the League, the opposition educated voters on how this measure's far reaching provisions would have cost taxpayers billions of dollars by driving up the cost of infrastructure projects, prevented voters and state and local agencies from enacting environmental protections, jeopardized public safety services and more. Proposition 90 FAILED WITH 52.4% OF THE VOTERS VOTING NO.

c. No on Proposition 98 Yes on Proposition 99 (2008)
Given the hidden agendas within Prop 98, our message was not always an easy one to communicate to the electorate. The No on 98/ Yes on 99 campaign was able to educate voters on the important differences between both measures. As a result, important eminent domain reforms were enacted and both land use decision making and rent control were preserved within our communities. Proposition 98 FAILED WITH 61.6% OF THE VOTERS VOTING NO. Proposition 99 PASSED BY 61% OF THE VOTE.

d. Yes on Proposition 22 (2010)
As a result of the passage, local governments have been able to pay for infrastructure investment, create local jobs and avoid devastating cuts in our communities. Proposition 22 APPROVED BY 60.7% OF VOTERS.

4) While the League has been able to recently defeat several major legislative proposals aimed and undermining local authority, and avoid a battle over the Business Roundtable's measure in November due to the "soda tax" deal, the threats to local authority and revenue remain a constant concern. Other interest groups may be emboldened by some of the recent "deals" cut by ballot proponents and seek to implement similar strategies for the 2020 ballot. The next Governor may also have different philosophies then Governor Jerry Brown on "subsidiarity."
5) The League's President opted to send this resolution to four policy committees for several reasons: (a) the recent major threats to local control covered broad policy areas: telecom, land use, contracting, and revenue; and (b) having this issue vetted broadly within the League policy process will provide a better assessment of the depth of concern for the vulnerability to local control within the membership
6) If the membership chooses to approve this measure, it is strongly advisable to retain continued flexibility for the League to "assess" vulnerabilities and "explore" options. Any ballot initiative consideration must be approached very carefully by the organization. It is a difficult and very expensive endeavor that can have additional political ramifications. For 120 years the League's core mission has been to protect local control -- and it has gone to the ballot successfully before to do so -- but any such effort must be approached thoughtfully, prudently and cautiously.

Existing League Policy:

Related to this Resolution, existing policy provides:

- The League of California Cities' Mission Statement is, "To expand and protect local control for cities through education and advocacy. To enhance the quality of life for all Californians"
- The League of California Cities' Summary of Existing Policy and Guidelines states, "We Believe
    - Local self-governance is the cornerstone of democracy.
    - Our strength lies in the unity of our diverse communities of interest.
    - In the involvement of all stakeholders in establishing goals and in solving problems.
    - In conducting the business of government with openness, respect, and civility.
    - The spirit of public service is what builds communities.
    - Open decision-making that is of the highest ethical standards honors the public trust.
    - Cities are the economic engine of California.
    - The vitality of cities is dependent upon their fiscal stability and local autonomy.
    - The active participation of all city officials increases the League's effectiveness.
    - Focused advocacy and lobbying is most effective through partnerships and collaboration.
    - Well-informed city officials mean responsive, visionary leadership, and effective and efficient
    - city operations."
- Click here to view the **Summary of Existing Policy and Guiding Principles 2018**.

Support:
The following letters of concurrence were received: Steven Scharf, Cupertino City Council Member; Michael S. Goldman, Sunnyvale City Council; Lydia Kou, Palo Alto City Council Member; David Terrazas, Mayor of Santa Cruz; Peter Weiss, Mayor of Oceanside; Alan D. Wapner, Mayor pro Tem of Ontario; Patrick Furey, Mayor of Torrance; Lauren Meister, West Hollywood Council Member; Liz Reilly, Duarte Mayor Pro Tem; Bill Brand, Mayor of Redondo Beach; Sho Tay, Mayor of Arcadia; Emily Gabel-Luddy, Mayor of Burbank.

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

Source: City of Malibu
Concurrence of five or more cities/city officials: Cities: Agoura Hills; Calabasas; Davis; Menlo Park; Moorpark; Ojai; Oxnard; Richmond; West Hollywood
Referred to: Environmental Quality

WHEREAS, anticoagulant rodenticides are poisonous bait products that are poisoning 80 to 90% of predator wildlife in California. These poisons cause painful, internal hemorrhaging in non-target animals, including pets, that accidentally ingest the products. Approximately 10,000 children under the age of six are accidentally poisoned by anticoagulant rodenticides each year nationwide; and

WHEREAS, in response to these harms, the California Department of Pesticide Regulation banned the consumer purchase and use of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides in July 2014. Despite collecting data for almost four years after this ban, the Department of Fish and Wildlife found no evidence supporting a decrease in poisonings by anticoagulant rodenticides; and

WHEREAS, the state of California currently only recognizes the harm posed by second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides, which are prohibited in state wildlife habitat areas but are still available for agricultural purposes and by certified applicators throughout the state of California; and

WHEREAS, first-generation anticoagulant rodenticides are still available to the public and used throughout California without limitation; and

WHEREAS, nonpoisonous rodent control methods, such as controlling trash, sealing buildings, setting traps, erecting raptor poles and owl boxes, and removing rodent nesting areas are also effective rodent control methods; and

WHEREAS, the state of California preempts cities from regulating pesticides; and

WHEREAS, many cities across California have passed resolutions restricting pesticide use on city property and have expressed the desire to ban the use of pesticides within their jurisdictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the General Assembly of the League of California Cities, assembled in Long Beach, California on September 14, 2018, to do as follows:

1. Encourage the state of California to fund and sponsor further research into the negative impacts of anticoagulant rodenticides to determine whether the use of these products should be further restricted or banned statewide.

2. Direct the League of California Cities staff to consider creating a task force with other organizations and jointly commission a report on the unintended negative impact of anticoagulant rodenticides;

3. Encourage cities throughout California to eliminate use of anticoagulant rodenticides as part of their maintenance program in city-owned parks, lands, and facilities and to report on the effectiveness of other rodent control methods used in in their maintenance program;

4. Encourage property owners throughout California to eliminate use of anticoagulant rodenticides on their properties;

5. Encourage cities throughout California to join in these advocacy efforts to mitigate the unintended negative impacts of anticoagulant rodenticides;

6. Endorse a repeal of California Food and Agriculture Code § 11501.1 to end local preemption of regulating pesticides; and

7. Call for the Governor and the Legislature to work with the League of California Cities and other stakeholders to consider and implement this reform.

Background Information on Resolution

Source: City of Malibu
Background:

A. Anticoagulant rodenticides are unnecessarily destructive and dangerous

Anticoagulant rodenticides contain lethal agents that disrupt the normal blood clotting or coagulation process causing dosed rodents to die from uncontrolled bleeding or hemorrhaging. Deaths typically occur between four days and two weeks after rodents begin to feed on the bait. Animals commonly targeted by anticoagulant rodenticides include rats, mice, gophers and squirrels. Non-target predator wildlife victims, which are exposed to an 80-90% risk of poisoning, include owls, hawks, bobcats, bears, foxes, coyotes, and mountain lions. The endangered species at risk of poisoning include fishers, spotted owls, and San Joaquin foxes. The use of anticoagulant rodenticides not only harms rodents, but it commonly harms pets, such as dogs, cats, and bunnies, and other wildlife that mistakenly eat the bait through primary poisoning or that unknowingly consume animals that have ingested the anticoagulant rodenticide through secondary poisoning. Children also suffer poisoning by mistakenly ingesting anticoagulant rodenticides.

California recognizes the grave harm that can be caused by anticoagulant rodenticides and has partially restricted access to second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides by the public:

> Because of documented hazards to wildlife, pets and children, the California Department of Pesticide Regulation has restricted public access to some of these materials in California. As of July 1, 2014, rodenticide products containing the active ingredients brodifacoum, bromadiolone, difethialone and difenacoum are only to be used by licensed applicators (professional exterminators).[1]

California has also prohibited the use of these ingredients in any "wildlife habitat area," which is defined as "any state park, state wildlife refuge, or state conservancy."[2]

The United State Environmental Protection Agency[3] and the California Department of Pesticide Regulation[4] have both documented in detail the damage to wildlife from second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides in support of the 2014 consumer ban on the purchase and use of the products. While first-generation anticoagulant rodenticides are less toxic, they are far more abundant due to their continued availability to all members of public.[4] The California Department of Fish & Wildlife was tasked with collecting data on poisoning incidents to ascertain the effectiveness of the restrictions on second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides. After almost four years of collecting data, there was no evidence supporting a reduction in the number of poisonings.

[1] https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/living-with-wildlife/rodenticides.
[2] Cal. Food and Agric. Code § 12978.7.
[3] https://www.epa.gov/rodenticides/restrictions-rodenticide-products
[4] https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/reevaluation/chemicals/brodifacoum_final_assess.pdf

Recent studies by the University of California, Los Angeles and the National Park Service on bobcats have shown that first-generation anticoagulant rodenticide poisoning levels similar to the second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides poisoning levels.[5] A comprehensive study of 111 mountain lions in 37 California counties found first-generation anticoagulant rodenticides in the liver tissue of 81 mountain lions (73% of those studied) across 33 of the 37 counties, and second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides in 102 mountain lions (92% of those studied) across 35 of the 37 counties.[6] First-generation anticoagulant rodenticides were identified as contributing to the poisoning of Griffith Park mountain lion, P-22, (who was rescued), and the deaths of Newbury Park mountain lion, P-34, and Verdugo Hills mountain lion, P-41.

This data demonstrates the inadequacy of current legislative measures to ameliorate the documented problem caused by both second-generation and first-generation anticoagulant rodenticides.

B. State law preempts general law cities from regulating the use of pesticides, including anticoagulant rodenticides

A general law city may not enact local laws that conflict with general state law.[7] Local legislation that conflicts with state law is void.[8] A local law conflicts with state law if it (1) duplicates, (2) contradicts, or (3) enters a field that has been fully occupied by state law, whether expressly or by implication. A local law falling into any of these categories is "preempted" and is unenforceable.

State law expressly bars local governments from regulating or prohibiting pesticide use. This bar is codified in the California Food and Agricultural Code § 11501.1(a):

> This division and Division 7 . . . are of statewide concern and occupy the whole field of regulation regarding the registration, sale, transportation, or use of pesticides to the exclusion of all local regulation. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this code, no ordinance or regulation of local government, including, but not limited to, an action by a local governmental agency or department, a county board of supervisors, or a city council, or a local regulation adopted by the use of an initiative measure, may prohibit or in any way attempt to regulate any matter relating to the registration, transportation, or use of pesticides, and any of these ordinances, laws or regulations are void and of no force or effect.

State law also authorizes the state to take action against any local entity that promulgates an ordinance or regulation that violates § 11501.1(a).[9] The statute was specifically adopted to overrule a 30 year old court decision in *People v. County of Mendocino*,[10] which had held that a

[5] L. E. K. Serieys, et al, "Anticoagulant rodenticides in urban bobcats: exposure, risk factors and potential effects based on a 16-year study," *Ecotoxicology* (2015) 24:844–862.
[6] J. Rudd, et al, "Prevalence of First-Generation and Second-Generation Rodenticide Exposure in California Mountain Lions," Proceeding of the 28th Vertebrate Pest Conference, February 2018.
[7] Cal. Const. art. XI § 7.
[8] *City of Riverside v. Inland Empire Patients Health and Wellness Center, Inc*. (2013) 56 Cal. 4th 729, 743.
[9] Cal. Food and Agric. Code § 11501.1, subd. (b).
[10] *People ex rel. Deukmejian v. County of Mendocino* (1984) 36 Cal. 3d 476.

local regulation prohibiting aerial application of phenoxy herbicides was not then preempted by state or federal law.[11]

The use of pesticides is broadly regulated by state law. In the language of preemption law, the state "occupies the field," leaving no room for additional local law on the subject. Accordingly, a city's ban on the use of anticoagulant rodenticides would be unenforceable.

C. California should repeal the preemption in Cal. Food and Agric. Code § 11501.1 to provide cities with the authority to decide how to regulate pesticides within their own jurisdictions based on local concerns

The state of California should provide cities with the authority to regulate the use of pesticides in their own jurisdictions based on their own individual local needs.

Recognizing that cities' power to "make and enforce within its limits all local, police, sanitary, and other ordinances and regulations" is presently preempted by the general laws of the state, cities throughout California request that the state provide cities with the authority to decide how to deal with rodents based on their land use.

Depending on such land use, cities may decide to allow the use of nonpoisonous control methods, non-anticoagulant rodenticides, or anticoagulant rodenticides, if necessary. Nonpoisonous methods to control rodent pests, include sealing entrances to buildings, sanitizing property, removing rodent habitats, such as ivy or wood piles, setting traps, and erecting raptor poles or owl boxes. For example, a recent landmark study by Ventura County established that installing raptor poles for hawks and owls was more effective than anticoagulant rodenticides in reducing the damage to water control levees caused by ground squirrel burrows. Burrows decreased by 66% with the change.[12]

The ultimate goal is to allow cities to address their local concerns with the input of community members at open and public meetings. Presently, cities are unable to adequately address local concerns; they are limited to encouraging or discouraging behavior.

D. Conclusion

The negative effects from the use of anticoagulant rodenticides across California has garnered the interest of cities and community members to remedy the problem. By presenting this resolution to the League of California Cities, the City of Malibu hopes to organize support and gain interest at the state level to repeal the preemption in Cal. Food and Agric. Code § 11501.1 to provide cities with the authority to regulate pesticides based on individual, local concerns.

[11] *IT Corp. v. Solano County Bd. Of Supervisors* (1991) 1 Cal. 4th 81, fn. 9; *Turner v. Chevron USA Inc.*, 2006 WL 1314013, fn. 14 (unpublished).
[12] http://vcportal.ventura.org/BOS/District2/RaptorPilotStudy.pdf

League of California Cities Staff Analysis on Resolution No. 2

Staff: Erin Evans-Fudem
Committee: Environmental Quality

Summary:
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.

Background:
The City of Malibu is sponsoring this resolution out of concern about the effect of a certain type of rodent control (anticoagulant rodenticides) has on other wildlife. According to the City, anticoagulant rodenticides disrupt the blood clotting process and therefore cause rodents to die from bleeding or hemorrhaging. This rodenticide is commonly used on rats, mice, gophers, and squirrels. Predator animals that eat rodents can be exposed to anticoagulant rodenticides if they consume animals that have eaten the bait. These animals include owls, hawks, bobcats, bears, foxes, coyotes, and mountain lions. Furthermore, pets can also be exposed to anticoagulant rodenticides if they eat the bait or consume animals that have eaten the bait.

Some cities have passed “ceremonial resolutions” locally. For example, the City of Malibu has two ordinances in place to discontinue use of rodenticides and traps in city-owned parks, roads, and facilities, as well as encourage businesses and property owners not to use anticoagulant rodenticides on their property.

Fiscal Impact:
Costs to cities would include using alternative methods of rodent control and studying the efficacy. Since the resolution encourages, but does not mandate action by cities, city costs would be taken on voluntarily.

Fiscal impact to the League would include costs associated with the task force, scientific research, and educating League staff and members. For the task force, the League may incur costs associated with staffing, convening, and educating a task force to study anticoagulant rodenticides, as well as the cost of writing a report. This could include a need for outside experts with knowledge of pesticides and their ecological impacts. League resources would also be utilized to support proposals to repeal the statute preempting local regulation of pesticides; however, this cost may be absorbed with existing staff resources.

Comments:

Pesticides are regulated by federal and state governments. The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) reserves for the federal government authority over pesticide labeling. States can adopt stricter labeling requirements and can effectively ban sale and use of pesticides that do not meet state health or safety standards.[1] For 51 years, California has reserved regulation of pesticides for the state only, preempting local regulation.[2] This preemption has been ratified and confirmed in subsequent court decisions and legislation. However, County Agricultural Commissioners work to enforce the state laws. Local governments may regulate or restrict pesticide use in their own operations, including use in municipal buildings or parks.[3][4]

Broad direction. This resolution would direct the League to take a position allowing broad local discretion over pesticide regulation in general. Because the regulation of anticoagulant rodenticides is largely based in science, additional or outside expertise may be needed to ensure full understanding of the science behind rodent control methods. The resolution itself is not limited to allowing local governments to regulate anticoagulant rodenticides, which this resolution otherwise targets.

Rodent control methods. There are numerous methods of controlling rodents, including lethal traps, live traps, and poison baits. There are two generations of rodenticide poisons because after rodents became resistant to the first generation, the second was developed. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) provides the following information below related to the science and use of anticoagulant rodenticides:

> Most of the rodenticides used today are anticoagulant compounds that interfere with blood clotting and cause death from excessive bleeding. Deaths typically occur between four days and two weeks after rodents begin to feed on the bait.
>
> First-generation anticoagulants include the anticoagulants that were developed as rodenticides before 1970. These compounds are much more toxic when feeding occurs on several successive days rather than on one day only. Chlorpophacinone, diphacinone and warfarin are first-generation anticoagulants that are registered to control rats and mice in the United States.
>
> Second-generation anticoagulants were developed beginning in the 1970s to control rodents that are resistant to first-generation anticoagulants. Second-generation anticoagulants also are more likely than first-generation anticoagulants to be able to kill after a single night's feeding. These compounds kill over a similar course of time but tend to remain in animal tissues longer than do first-generation ones. These properties mean that second-generation products pose greater risks to nontarget species that might feed on bait only once or that might feed upon animals that have eaten the bait. Due to these

[1] California Department of Pesticide Regulation (CDPR), *A Guide to Pesticide Regulation in California: 2017 Update*, pg. 9, https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/pressrls/dprguide/dprguide.pdf.
[2] California Food and Agriculture Code § 11501.1 (1967).
[3] CDPR, *A Guide to Pesticide Regulation in California: 2017 Update*, pg. 9, https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/pressrls/dprguide/dprguide.pdf.
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risks, second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides no longer are registered for use in products geared toward consumers and are registered only for the commercial pest control and structural pest control markets. Second-generation anticoagulants registered in the United States include brodifacoum, bromadiolone, difenacoum, and difethialone.

Other rodenticides that currently are registered to control mice include bromethalin, cholecalciferol and zinc phosphide. These compounds are not anticoagulants. Each is toxic in other ways.[5]

Legislative attempts to ban. Several legislative measures have been introduced to ban the use of certain anticoagulant rodenticides (AB 1687, Bloom, 2017. AB 2596, Bloom, 2016). However, neither of these measures were heard and failed to pass key legislative deadlines.

Existing League Policy:
The League does not have policy related to pesticides or rodenticides.

Related to federal regulation, League policy states:

- The League supports flexibility for state and local government to enact environmental and other standard or mandates that are stronger than the federal standards. However, the League reserves the right to question or oppose stronger standards on the merits. The League also opposes legislation that prohibits state and local governments from enacting stricter standards.

Support:
The following letters of concurrence were received: William Koehler, Mayor of Agoura Hills; Fred Gaines, Mayor of Calabasas; Brett Lee, Mayor Pro Tem of Davis; Catherine Carlton, Menlo Park City Council Member; Janice Parvin, Mayor of Moorpark; Suza Francina, Ojai City Council Member; Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard City Council Member; Tom Butt, Mayor of Richmond; Lindsey Horvath, West Hollywood City Council Member

[5] U.S. EPA, Restrictions on Rodenticide Products, https://www.epa.gov/rodenticides/restrictions-rodenticide-products

LETTERS OF CONCURRENCE

Resolution No. 1

Local Municipal Authority, Control and Revenue

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SUBJECT: 2018 CONFERENCE RESOLUTION TO RESPOND TO THE INCREASING VULNERABILITIES TO LOCAL MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, CONTROL AND REVENUE

Dear Committee:

As the Mayor of the City of Arcadia, I support the League of California Cities ("League") Annual Conference Resolution proposed by the City of Beverly Hills calling for the League to explore the preparation of a ballot measure and/or constitutional amendment that would provide the state's voters an opportunity to further strengthen local authority and preserve the role of local democracy.

State legislation introduced in both 2017 and 2018 by the legislature has continually threatened to erode local control. Whether this was Senate Bill 649 (Hueso) Wireless Telecommunications Facilities or the more recently introduced Senate Bill 827 (Wiener) Planning and Zoning: Transit-Rich Housing Bonus that was defeated in Committee, legislatures are continually introducing proposals that impinge on the ability of a local government to institute discretionary legislation that is responsive to the needs of their constituents.

More recently, a state ballot initiative was introduced that would have made increasing fees and passing taxes more onerous on local jurisdictions due to the interest of powerful interest groups. This interest group successfully negotiated an Assembly Bill that prohibits constituents in local jurisdictions from passing a soda tax for twelve years; trumping the will of the people should they wish to support such a measure. However, as a result the passage of that Assembly Bill, the state ballot initiative was pulled from the November 2018 ballot.

These continual incursions into local control by the state legislature, and powerful interest groups, should be prohibited in areas where it is unwarranted and does not best serve the unique communities that make up the state of California.

The passage of the proposed resolution by the City of Beverly Hills would provide direction to the League to pursue a ballot measure and/or constitutional amendment that would strengthen local democracy and authority. For these reasons, I strongly support this resolution.

Sincerely,

Sho Tay
Mayor, City of Arcadia

cc: City of Arcadia City Council
Vice Mayor John Mirisch, City of Beverly Hills

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SUBJECT: 2018 CONFERENCE RESOLUTION TO RESPOND TO THE INCREASING VULNERABILITIES TO LOCAL MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, CONTROL AND REVENUE

Dear Committee:

As the Mayor of the City of Burbank, on my own behalf, I support the League of California Cities ("League") Annual Conference Resolution proposed by the City of Beverly Hills calling for the League to explore the preparation of a ballot measure and/or constitutional amendment that would provide the state's voters an opportunity to further strengthen local authority and preserve the role of local democracy.

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The passage of the proposed resolution by the City of Beverly Hills would provide direction to the League to pursue a ballot measure and/or constitutional amendment that would strengthen local democracy and authority. For these reasons I strongly support this resolution.

Sincerely,

Emily Gabel-Luddy

Emily Gabel-Luddy
Mayor, City of Burbank

cc: Vice Mayor John Mirisch, City of Beverly Hills
Jennifer Quan, League Regional Public Affairs Manager (via email)

From: Steven Scharf <scharf.steven@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 08, 2018 8:34 PM
To: Cindy Owens
Subject: Letter of Support for California League of Cities Resolution

Dear Ms. Cowens,

I was forwarded your email requesting support for a resolution in support of "the preparation of a ballot measure and/or state constitutional amendment that would strengthen local authority and preserve the role of local democracy at the local level as the state legislature is continually attempting to override the local authority of cities."

Speaking only for myself, and not on behalf of the City of Cupertino or other Cupertino City Council Members, I hereby give my support for such a measure. You may use my name as a supporter.

Sincerely,
Steven Scharf
Cupertino City Council Member

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2018 CONFERENCE RESOLUTION TO RESPOND TO THE INCREASING VULNERABILITIES TO LOCAL MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, CONTROL, AND REVENUE

Dear Committee:

The City of Duarte supports the League of California Cities ("League") Annual Conference Resolution proposed by the City of Beverly Hills calling for the League to explore the preparation of a ballot measure that would provide the State's voters an opportunity to further strengthen local authority and preserve the role of local democracy.

State legislation introduced in both 2017 and 2018 by the legislature has continually threatened to erode local control. Whether this was Senate Bill 649 (Hueso) (Wireless Telecommunications Facilities) or the more recently introduced Senate Bill 827 (Wiener) (Planning and Zoning: Transit-Rich Housing Bonus) that was defeated in Committee, legislatures are continually introducing proposals that impinge on the ability of a local government to institute discretionary legislation that is responsive to the needs of their constituents.

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These continual incursions into local control by the State legislature and powerful interest groups should be prohibited in areas where it is unwarranted, and does not best serve the unique communities that make up the State of California.

The passage of the proposed resolution by the City of Beverly Hills would provide direction to the League to pursue a ballot measure and/or constitutional amendment that would strengthen local democracy and authority. For these reasons, the City of Duarte strongly supports this resolution.

Sincerely,

Liz Reilly

Liz Reilly
Mayor Pro Tem

cc: Vice Mayor John Mirisch, City of Beverly Hills

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SUBJECT: 2018 CONFERENCE RESOLUTION TO RESPOND TO THE INCREASING VULNERABILITIES TO LOCAL MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, CONTROL AND REVENUE

Dear Committee:

I'm writing on behalf of the City of Oceanside to support the League of California Cities' ("League") Annual Conference Resolution proposed by the City of Beverly Hills calling for the League to explore the preparation of a ballot measure and/or constitutional amendment that would provide the State's voters an opportunity to further strengthen local authority and preserve the role of local democracy.

State legislation introduced in both 2017 and 2018 by the legislature has continually threatened to erode local control. Whether this was Senate Bill 649 (Hueso) Wireless Telecommunications Facilities, or the more recently introduced Senate Bill 827 (Wiener) Planning and Zoning: Transit-Rich Housing Bonus that was defeated in Committee, legislatures are continually introducing proposals that impinge on the ability of a local government to institute discretionary legislation that is responsive to the needs of their constituents.

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The passage of the proposed resolution by the City of Beverly Hills would provide direction to the League to pursue a ballot measure and/or constitutional amendment that would strengthen local democracy and authority. For these reasons, I strongly support this resolution.

Sincerely,

Peter Weiss
MAYOR

cc: Vice Mayor John Mirisch, City of Beverly Hills

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Re: 2018 CONFERENCE RESOLUTION TO RESPOND TO THE INCREASING VULNERABILITIES TO LOCAL MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, CONTROL AND REVENUE

Dear Committee Members,

As Mayor pro Tem for the City of Ontario, I support the Annual Conference Resolution proposed by the City of Beverly Hills calling for the League of California Cities to explore the preparation of a ballot measure and/or constitutional amendment that would provide the state's voters an opportunity to further strengthen local authority and preserve the role of local democracy.

In recent years, the state legislature has aggressively ramped up its efforts to wrestle authority away from local government. In the past session alone, we saw egregious and unprecedented attacks on local control with several bills that strike at the heart of local government. These bills, including Senate Bill 649 (Hueso – Wireless Telecommunications Facilities) and Senate Bill 827 (Wiener – Planning and Zoning: Transit-Rich Housing Bonus) show a blatant contempt for the ability of local governments to meet the needs of the local community.

Unfortunately, these bills are likely only the beginning. As such, there is a need for a ballot measure and/or constitutional amendment to clearly enshrine the role of local government in regulating local issues. The passage of the proposed resolution by the City of Beverly Hills recognizes that it is local government, not the state legislature, that best understands the local community and is therefore best-situated to regulate and respond to local issues. For these reasons, I strongly support this resolution.

Sincerely,

Alan D. Wapner
Mayor pro Tem – City of Ontario

cc: Vice Mayor John Mirisch, City of Beverly Hills

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City of Palo Alto
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Re: EXPLORING A RESOLUTION TO RESPOND TO INCREASING VULNERABILITIES TO LOCAL MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

Dear Committee Members:

As one Councilmember of the City of Palo Alto, and in my individual capacity and not on behalf of the Council as a body, or the City, I write to support the League of California Cities ("League") Annual Conference Resolution proposed by the City of Beverly Hills. This resolution asks the League to explore the preparation of a ballot measure and/or constitutional amendment that would provide voters an opportunity to further strengthen local authority and preserve the role of local democracy. If the resolution passes, I encourage the League to ensure any potential measure includes both charter and general law cities.

State legislation introduced in both 2017 and 2018 has continually threatened to erode local control. Whether this was SB 649 (Hueso) Wireless Telecommunications Facilities or the more recently introduced SB 827 (Wiener) Planning and Zoning: Transit-Rich Housing Bonus that was defeated in Committee, legislatures are continually introducing proposals that impinge on the ability of a local government to institute discretionary legislation that is responsive to the needs of their constituents.

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The passage of the proposed resolution by the City of Beverly Hills would provide direction to the League to pursue a ballot measure and/or constitutional amendment that would strengthen local democracy and authority. For these reasons I support this resolution.

Sincerely,

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Lydia Kou
Councilmember, City of Palo Alto

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SUBJECT: 2018 CONFERENCE RESOLUTION TO RESPOND TO THE INCREASING VULNERABILITIES TO LOCAL MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, CONTROL AND REVENUE

Dear Committee:

As Mayor of Redondo Beach, I support the League of California Cities Annual Conference Resolution proposed by the City of Beverly Hills calling for the LCC to explore the preparation of a ballot measure and/or constitutional amendment that would provide the State's voters an opportunity to further strengthen local authority and preserve the role of local democracy.

State legislation introduced in both 2017 and 2018 by the Legislature has continually threatened to erode local control. Whether this was Senate Bill 649 (Hueso) Wireless Telecommunications Facilities, or the more recently introduced Senate Bill 827 (Wiener) Planning and Zoning: Transit-Rich Housing Bonus that was defeated in Committee, The State Legislature is continuing to introduce proposals that impinge on the ability of local governments to institute discretionary legislation that is responsive to the needs of their communities.

These continual incursions into local control by the State Legislature, and powerful special interest groups, should be prohibited in areas where it is unwarranted and does not best serve the unique communities that make up the State of California.

The passage of the proposed resolution by the City of Beverly Hills would provide direction to the League to pursue a ballot measure and/or constitutional amendment that would strengthen local democracy and authority. For these reasons I strongly support this resolution.

Sincerely,

Bill Brand

cc: Vice Mayor John Mirisch, City of Beverly Hills

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RE: 2018 CONFERENCE RESOLUTION TO RESPOND TO THE INCREASING VULNERABILITIES TO LOCAL MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, CONTROL, AND REVENUE

Dear General Resolutions Committee Members:

As Mayor of the City of Santa Cruz, I support the League of California Cities ("League") Annual Conference Resolution proposed by the City of Beverly Hills calling for the League to explore the preparation of a ballot measure and/or constitutional amendment that would provide the State's voters an opportunity to further strengthen local authority and preserve the role of local democracy.

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Sincerely,

David Terrazas
Mayor

cc: Vice Mayor John Mirisch, City of Beverly Hills

From: Michael Goldman <miklg@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 07, 2018 4:37 PM
To: Cindy Owens
Subject: Letter of Support for California League of Cities Resolution

Dear Ms. Cowens,

I was forwarded your email requesting support for a resolution in support of "the preparation of a ballot measure and/or state constitutional amendment that would strengthen local authority and preserve the role of local democracy at the local level as the state legislature is continually attempting to override the local authority of cities."

Speaking solely on my own behalf, I hereby give my whole-hearted support for such a measure. The essence of democracy is the control by the people of their community. As public servants, we elected officials serve the democratically expressed will of the public.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Goldman

Sunnyvale City Council, Seat 7

CITY OF
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PATRICK J. FUREY
MAYOR

July 5, 2018

General Resolutions Committee
League of California Cities
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SUBJECT: 2018 CONFERENCE RESOLUTION TO RESPOND TO THE INCREASING VULNERABILITIES TO LOCAL MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY, CONTROL AND REVENUE

Dear Committee:

As Mayor of the City of Torrance, I support the League of California Cities ("League") Annual Conference Resolution proposed by the City of Beverly Hills calling for the League to explore the preparation of a ballot measure that would provide the state's voters an opportunity to further strengthen local authority and preserve the role of local democracy.

State legislation introduced in both 2017 and 2018 by the legislature has continually threatened to erode local control. Whether this was Senate Bill 649 (Hueso) Wireless Telecommunications Facilities or the more recently introduced Senate Bill 827 (Wiener) Planning and Zoning: Transit-Rich Housing Bonus that was defeated in Committee, legislatures are continually introducing proposals that impinge on the ability of a local government to institute discretionary legislation that is responsive to the needs of their constituents.

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The passage of the proposed resolution by the City of Beverly Hills would provide direction to the League to pursue a ballot measure and/or constitutional amendment that would strengthen local democracy and authority. For these reasons I strongly support this resolution.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Furey
Mayor

cc: Vice Mayor John Mirisch, City of Beverly Hills

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Dear Committee:

As a Councilmember of the City of West Hollywood, I support the League of California Cities ("League") Annual Conference Resolution proposed by the City of Beverly Hills calling for the League to explore the preparation of a ballot measure and/or constitutional amendment that would provide the state's voters an opportunity to further strengthen local authority and preserve the role of local democracy.

During the current 2017-2018 regular session of the California Legislature, legislators introduced several pieces of legislation that have attempted to erode local control. Whether this was Senate Bill (SB) 649 (Hueso) Wireless Telecommunications Facilities, or more recently SB 827 (Wiener) Planning and Zoning: Transit-Rich Housing Bonus, which was defeated in Committee, legislators continue to introduce proposals that impinge on the ability of local governments to self-determine.

Another good example of how the Legislature takes actions that are detrimental to local governments' control is the legislative compromise between the Legislature and beverages' manufacturers who agreed to withdraw their ballot initiative in exchange for the approval of Assembly Bill (AB) 1838 (Committee on Budget): Local government: taxation: prohibition: groceries, (Chapter 61, Statutes of 2016). As you know, AB 1838 basically prohibited the adoption of a local "soda tax" by any municipality for the next twelve years.

These incursions into local control by the Legislature, and powerful interest groups, should be prohibited in areas where it is unwarranted and does not best serve the unique communities that make up the state of California.

The passage of the proposed resolution by the City of Beverly Hills would provide direction to the League to pursue a ballot measure and/or constitutional amendment that would strengthen local democracy and authority. For these reasons I strongly support this resolution.

Sincerely,

Lauren Meister,
Councilmember

cc: Vice Mayor John Mirisch, City of Beverly Hills

LETTERS OF CONCURRENCE

Resolution No. 2

Repeal Preemption of Regulating Pesticides

CITY OF

AGOURA HILLS

"Gateway to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area"

July 10, 2018

The Honorable Rich Garbarino
League of California Cities
1400 K Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: RESOLUTION OF LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES DECLARING ITS CONTRACT TO SUPPORT THE REPEAL OF PREEMPTION IN CALIFORNIA FOOD AND AGRICULTURE CODE §11501.1 THAT PREVENTS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM REGULATING PESTICIDES

Dear President Garbarino:

The City of Agoura Hills supports the proposed above referenced resolution that supports the repeal of preemption in California Food and Agriculture Code §11501.1 that prevents local Governments from regulating pesticides.

Accordingly, we concur in the submission of the resolution for consideration by the League of Cities General Assembly at its annual meeting on September 14, 2018.

As the gateway to the Santa Monica Mountains we have been witness to the harmful effects of anticoagulant rodenticides on wildlife in our community, and surrounding areas.

For this reason, the City of Agoura Hills is supportive of this resolution, and requests the league's support.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM D. KOEHLER
Mayor - City of Agoura Hills

cc: Ms. Meg Desmond - mdesmond@cacities.org
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CITY of CALABASAS

FRED GAINES
Mayor

July 9, 2018

ORIGINAL BY U.S. MAIL

VIA EMAIL mdesmond@cacities.org

The Honorable Rich Garbarino, President
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Dear President Garbarino:

The City of Calabasas supports the proposed resolution to support the repeal of the preemption clause in California Food and Agriculture Code Section 11501.1 regarding pesticide use and regulation so that each city in the State of California is able to decide how to regulate pesticides within their own jurisdiction to adequately address local concerns.

Accordingly, we concur in the submission by the City of Malibu of the above-referenced resolution for consideration by the League of Cities General Assembly at its annual meeting on September 14, 2018.

The City of Calabasas has identified the devastating effect of anticoagulent rodenticides on wildlife in our community and on the ecosystem in our native Santa Monica Mountains. While our City has adopted resolutions and implemented programs to discourage the use of the pesticides by our residents and businesses, we are limited by State law from taking more effective actions.

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The City of Calabasas is in strong support of providing cities across the State of California with the authority to regulate pesticides based on local concerns in the communities and supports the proposed Resolution.

Sincerely,

Fred Gaines
Mayor

cc: Mary Linden (MLinden@malibucity.org)

July 13, 2018

The Honorable Rich Garbarino, President
League of California Cities
1400 K Street
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RE: 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

Dear President Garbarino:

Anticoagulant rodenticides poison unintended targets, including predator wildlife in California and pets that ingest the products. These poisons cause painful, internal hemorrhaging in non-target animals. In addition, approximately 10,000 children under the age of six are accidentally poisoned each year nationwide.

The California Department of Pesticide Regulation banned the consumer purchase and use of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides in July 2014. Despite collecting data for almost four years after this ban, the Department of Fish and Wildlife found no evidence supporting a decrease in poisonings by anticoagulant rodenticides due to this partial restriction of the supply.

Currently, State law preempts general law cities from regulating the use of pesticides, including anticoagulant rodenticides. In my official capacity as a city councilmember I support the proposed resolution to repeal the preemptive clause in California Food and Agriculture Code Section 11501.1 to provide cities across the state of California with the authority to regulate pesticides based on the local concerns in their communities. The State of California should provide cities with the authority to regulate the use of pesticides in their own jurisdictions based on their own individual local needs.

I concur with the submission of this resolution at the League of California Cities General Assembly at its annual meeting in Long Beach on September 14, 2018.

Sincerely,

Brett Lee
Mayor Pro Tem

July 5, 2018

The Honorable Rich Garbarino, President
League of California Cities
1400 K Street
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: 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

Dear President Garbarino,

Anticoagulant rodenticides are products that are poisoning 80% to 90% of predator wildlife in our cities and throughout California. These poisons cause painful, internal hemorrhaging in non-target animals - including pets - that ingest the products either directly or from consuming poisoned rodents. In addition, approximately 10,000 children under the age of six are accidentally poisoned each year nationwide.

My own mother lost a dearly loved pet dog, who was poisoned when it ate a poisoned rat!

The California Department of Pesticide Regulation banned the consumer purchase and use of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides in July 2014. Despite collecting data for almost four years after this ban, the Department of Fish and Wildlife found no evidence supporting a decrease in poisonings by anticoagulant rodenticides due to this partial restriction of the supply.

State law now preempts general law cities from regulating the use of pesticides, including anticoagulant rodenticides. I support the proposed resolution to repeal the preemptive clause in California Food and Agriculture Code Section 11501.1 to provide cities across the state of California with the authority to regulate pesticides based on the local concerns in their communities. The State of California should provide cities with the authority to regulate the use of pesticides in their own jurisdictions based on their own individual local needs.

I concur with the submission of this resolution at the League of California Cities General Assembly at its annual meeting in Long Beach on September 14, 2018.

Sincerely,

Catherine Carlton

Environmental Committee Vice Chair for the League of California Cities

CITY OF MOORPARK

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July 12, 2018

The Honorable Rich Garbarino, President
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RE: 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

Dear President Garbarino:

The City of Moorpark supports the above referenced resolution being brought to a vote at the upcoming League of California Cities Conference on September 14, 2018.

As a community surrounded by the beauty of the Santa Monica Mountains and its wildlife, the City adopted a resolution in 2013 urging Moorpark residents and businesses to not use anticoagulant rodenticides in Moorpark. In 2014, the City applauded passage of AB 2657, which removed many second generation anticoagulant rodenticides from the state.

However, as we are all unfortunately aware, scientific research continues to find anticoagulant rodenticides in non-target animals, including the natural predators that help regulate rodent populations and endangered species throughout California. Accordingly, the City has supported subsequent legislative proposals to ban all anticoagulant rodenticides statewide, including AB 2422, which is currently stalled in the state legislature.

The City further believes that local governments should have the opportunity to regulate pesticide usage within their jurisdictions if the communities they represent desire to do so. Therefore, the City supports the above referenced resolution being brought to a vote.

Yours truly,

Janice Parvin
Mayor

JANICE S. PARVIN, Mayor | ROSEANN MIKOS, Ph.D., Councilmember | DAVID POLLOCK, Councilmember | KEN SIMONS, Councilmember | MARK VAN DAM, Councilmember

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July 9, 2018

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RE: 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

Dear President Garbarino,

Anticoagulant rodenticides are products that are poisoning 80 to 90% of predator wildlife in California. These poisons cause painful, internal hemorrhaging in non-target animals including pets that ingest the products either directly or from consuming poisoned rodents. In addition, approximately 10,000 children under the age of six are accidentally poisoned each year nationwide.

The California Department of Pesticide Regulation banned the consumer purchase and use of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides in July 2014. Despite collecting data for almost four years after this ban, the Department of Fish and Wildlife found no evidence supporting a decrease in poisonings by anticoagulant rodenticides due to this partial restriction of the supply.

Currently, State law preempts general law cities from regulating the use of pesticides, including anticoagulant rodenticides. In my official capacity as a city councilmember I support the proposed resolution to repeal the preemptive clause in California Food and Agriculture Code Section 11501.1 to provide cities across the state of California with the authority to regulate pesticides based on the local concerns in their communities. The State of California should provide cities with the authority to regulate the use of pesticides in their own jurisdictions based on their own individual local needs.

I concur with the submission of this resolution at the League of California Cities General Assembly at its annual meeting in Long Beach on September 14, 2018.

Sincerely,
Suza Francina
Councilmember, City of Ojai

July 12, 2018

The Honorable Rich Garbarino, President
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RE: 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

Dear President Garbarino,

I write as one council member of the City of Oxnard regarding the state law that preempts general law cities such as ours from regulating the use of pesticides. Our city is heavily impacted with environmental burdens associated with pesticide use as well as other industrial toxins, which affect the health of the people, wildlife and our environment. Oxnard residents are requesting that the use of pesticides in our public spaces be curtailed and restricted. This would include anticoagulant rodenticides, products that are poisoning 80 to 90% of predator wildlife in California. These poisons cause painful, internal hemorrhaging in non-target animals including pets that ingest the products either directly or from consuming poisoned rodents. In addition, approximately 10,000 children under the age of six are accidentally poisoned each year nationwide.

The California Department of Pesticide Regulation banned the consumer purchase and use of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides in July 2014. Despite collecting data for almost four years after this ban, the Department of Fish and Wildlife found no evidence supporting a decrease in poisonings by anticoagulant rodenticides due to this partial restriction of the supply.

Currently, State law preempts general law cities from regulating the use of pesticides, including anticoagulant rodenticides. In my official capacity as a city councilmember I support the proposed resolution to repeal the preemptive clause in California Food and Agriculture Code Section 11501.1 to provide cities across the state of California with the authority to regulate pesticides based on the local concerns in their communities. The State of California should provide cities with the authority to regulate the use of pesticides in their own jurisdictions based on their own individual local needs.

I concur with the submission of this resolution at the League of California Cities General Assembly at its annual meeting in Long Beach on September 14, 2018. Thank you very much for your attention to this.

Sincerely,

Carmen Ramirez

Richmond
CALIFORNIA
OFFICE OF MAYOR TOM BUTT
Bay Front. Home Front. Out Front.

July 6, 2018

The Honorable Rich Garbarino
President, League of California Cities
1400 K Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: In Support to Repeal the Preemption in California Food and Agriculture Code § 11501.1 that Prevents Local Governments from regulating pesticides

Dear President Garbarino,

Anticoagulant rodenticides poison 80% to 90% of predator wildlife in California. These poisons cause painful, internal hemorrhaging in non-target animals including pets that ingest the products either directly or from consuming poisoned rodents. In addition, approximately 10,000 children under the age of six are accidentally poisoned each year nationwide.

The California Department of Pesticide Regulation banned the consumer purchase and use of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides in July 2014. Currently, State law preempts general law cities from regulating the use of pesticides, including anticoagulant rodenticides, which has minimized the impact of the State's ban. Despite collecting data for almost four years, the Department of Fish and Wildlife found no evidence supporting a decrease in poisonings by anticoagulant rodenticides due to the partial restriction of the supply.

As a member of the League of California Cities' Environmental Quality Policy Committee, I support the proposed resolution to repeal the preemptive clause in California Food and Agriculture Code Section 11501.1 to provide cities across the state of California with the authority to regulate pesticides based on the local concerns in their communities. The State of California should provide cities with the authority to regulate the use of pesticides in their own jurisdictions based on their own individual local needs.

I concur with the submission of this resolution at the League of California Cities General Assembly at its annual meeting in Long Beach on September 14, 2018.

Sincerely,

Mayor Tom Butt
Richmond, California

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July 13, 2018

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RE: 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

Dear President Garbarino,

I am writing to express my support for the above-mentioned resolution to repeal the preemptive clause in California Food and Agriculture Code Section 11501.1 in order to give cities across California the authority to regulate and/or prohibit the use of pesticides in their local communities. I concur with the submission of the proposed resolution to the League of California Cities General Assembly annual meeting on September 14, 2018.

Granting local governments the ability to self-regulate pesticide use better enables cities to protect the health and safety of the public, animals, and the environment. Given that no two cities are identical, local governments must have the power to take a systematic approach to pesticide use and regulation that fits the specific needs of their city. Repealing this section of the code will provide cities the opportunity to act in the best interest of their jurisdiction to set a standard of regulation that offers comprehensive protection, better formulated to protect a community's individual needs.

The City of West Hollywood is in strong support of environmentally-sensitive pest management practices that minimize risk to people, companion and wild animals, resources, and the environment. As the proposed resolution explains, anticoagulant rodenticides have devastating effects on wildlife. The City of West Hollywood has implemented an Integrated Pest Management Program that supports environmentally-sensitive pest management while protecting the health and safety of the public. This policy is in compliance with the State and Federal regulations while catering to and prioritizing the needs of the City of West Hollywood.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Horvath
Councilmember

cc: Meg Desmond, League of CA Cities
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