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TO: Mayors, City Managers and City Clerks
League Board of Directors

RE: Annual Conference Resolutions Packet
Notice of League Annual Meeting

Enclosed please find the 2017 Annual Conference Resolutions Packet.

Annual Conference in Sacramento. This year's League Annual Conference will be held September 13 - 15 in Sacramento. The conference announcement has previously been sent to all cities and we hope that you and your colleagues will be able to join us. More information about the conference is available on the League's Web site at www.cacities.org/ac. We look forward to welcoming city officials to the conference.

Closing Luncheon/General Assembly - Friday, September 15, 12:30 p.m. The League's General Assembly Meeting will be held at the Sacramento Convention Center.

Resolutions Packet. At the Annual Conference, the League will consider two resolutions introduced by the deadline, Saturday, July 15, 2017, midnight. The resolutions are included in this packet. Resolutions submitted to the General Assembly must be concurred in by five cities or by city officials from at least five or more cities. These letters of concurrence are included with this packet. We request that you distribute this packet to your city council.

We encourage each city council to consider the resolutions and to determine a city position so that your voting delegate can represent your city's position on the resolution. A copy of the resolution packet is posted on the League's website for your convenience: www.cacities.org/resolutions.

The resolutions packet contains additional information related to consideration of the resolutions at the Annual Conference. This includes the date, time and location of the meetings at which the resolutions will be considered.

Voting Delegates. Each city council is encouraged to designate a voting delegate and two alternates to represent their city at the General Assembly Meeting. A letter asking city councils to designate their voting delegate and two alternates has already been sent to each city. If your city has not yet appointed a voting delegate, please contact Meg Desmond at (916) 658-8224 or email: mdesmond@cacities.org.

**Please Bring This Packet to the Annual Conference
September 13 - 15, Sacramento**



*Annual Conference
Resolutions Packet*

2017 Annual Conference Resolutions



*Sacramento, California
September 13 – 15, 2017*

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 by the Annual Conference and referred to the League policy committees.

POLICY COMMITTEES: One policy committee will meet at the Annual Conference to consider and take action on the resolutions referred to it. The committee is Public Safety. The committee will meet from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 13, at the Hyatt Regency. 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 14, at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento, to consider the report of the policy committee 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 15, at the Sacramento 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 14. 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 principles 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 13

Hyatt Regency Sacramento

1209 L Street, Sacramento

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.: Public Safety

General Resolutions Committee

Thursday, September 14, 1:00 p.m.

Hyatt Regency Sacramento

1209 L Street, Sacramento

Annual Business Meeting and General Assembly Luncheon

Friday, September 15, 12:30 p.m.

Sacramento Convention Center

1400 J Street, Sacramento

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		
		1	2	3
		1 - Policy Committee Recommendation to General Resolutions Committee		
		2 - General Resolutions Committee		
		3 - General Assembly		

PUBLIC SAFETY POLICY COMMITTEE

		1	2	3
1	Implement Strategies to Reduce Negative Impacts of Recent Changes to Criminal Laws			
2	Local Control for Emergency Medical Response			

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

KEY TO ACTIONS TAKEN

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| A | Approve |
| D | Disapprove |
| N | No Action |
| R | Refer to appropriate policy committee for study |

ACTION FOOTNOTES

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| | a | Amend+ |
| * Subject matter covered in another resolution | Aa | Approve as amended+ |
| ** Existing League policy | Aaa | Approve with additional amendment(s)+ |
| *** Local authority presently exists | 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](#).

2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY POLICY COMMITTEE

- 1. A RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES CALLING UPON THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSION WITH LEAGUE AND OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY STAKEHOLDERS TO IDENTIFY AND IMPLEMENT STRATEGIES THAT WILL REDUCE THE UNINTENDED NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF EXISTING CRIMINAL LAW**

Source: City of Whittier

Concurrence of five or more cities/city officials: Cities: La Mirada; Lakewood; Monrovia; Pico Rivera; Rolling Hills; Santa Fe Springs; and South Gate

Referred to: Public Safety Policy Committee

Recommendation to General Resolutions Committee:

WHEREAS, during the past several years, State legislative changes have made fundamental alterations to the fabric of California's criminal justice system. Many of those changes have been needed and necessary, as not all crimes should be punished with jail sentences; and

WHEREAS, California cities, counties, and the State, however, are facing increased crime which endangers the health and safety of police officers, residents, business owners, and property due to some of these legislative changes which created a situation where violent and career criminals are serving little to no prison time; and

WHEREAS, negative impacts from State legislative changes have been far reaching and crime rates and the number of victims are skyrocketing throughout California. The negative impacts of these laws were unintended when voters and legislators approved the laws, which were instead intended to help lower the prison population in California prisons and appropriately rehabilitate non-violent offenders; and

WHEREAS, incentives for offenders to voluntarily enroll in substance abuse programs have diminished, which has had the effect of eroding the safety of our communities; and

WHEREAS, AB 109 transferred nearly 45,000 felons from the State prison system to local jail facilities, which were not designed to house criminals on a long-term basis and were unprepared for such an increase in incarcerations, resulting in lower-level criminals being released early, directly impacting rising property crime rates throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, many probationers who have severe mental illness are released into communities where they continue to commit crimes that adversely impact the safety of community members and drain the resources of probation departments and police departments throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 47, The Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act, downgraded a number of serious crimes from felonies to misdemeanors—drug possession, repeated shoplifting, forging checks, gun theft, and possession of date-rape drugs; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 57 categorizes rape by intoxication, rape of an unconscious person, human trafficking involving sex with minors, drive-by shooting, assault with a deadly weapon, domestic violence, hate crime causing physical injury, and corporal injury to a child as “non-violent” felonies and offenders convicted of violating such laws are able to avoid appropriate prison sentences; and

WHEREAS, under Proposition 57, criminals who commit multiple crimes against multiple victims will be eligible for release at the same time as offenders who only committed a single crime against a single victim and allows repeat criminals to be eligible for release after the same period of incarceration as first time offenders; and

WHEREAS, cities must join together to voice their concerns for these legislative changes that have created an adverse impact on the safety of residents and businesses in local communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the General Assembly of the League of California Cities, assembled in Sacramento on September 15, 2017, to:

1. Direct League staff to consider creating a task force with other organizations and jointly commission a report on the unintended negative impacts of recent and future criminal law based on appropriate documentation by local agencies to identify necessary changes, working with key stakeholders to promote support for resulting advocacy efforts.
2. Promote an amendment of appropriate sections of AB 109 to change the criteria justifying the release of non-violent, non-serious, non-sex offender inmates to include their total criminal and mental health history instead of only their last criminal conviction.
3. Continue to advocate to place into law that for the purposes of Section 32 of Article I of the California Constitution, a violent offense includes any of the following:
 - Murder or voluntary manslaughter.
 - Mayhem.
 - Rape.
 - Sodomy by force, violence, duress, menace, or threat of great bodily harm.
 - Oral copulation by force, violence, duress, menace, or threat of great bodily harm.
 - Lewd acts on a child under the age of 14 years.
 - Any felony punishable by death or imprisonment in the state prison for life.
 - Any other felony in which the defendant inflicts great or serious bodily injury on any person, other than an accomplice, that has been charged and proven, or any felony in which the defendant uses a firearm which use has been charged and proven.
 - Attempted murder.
 - Assault with intent to commit rape or robbery.

- Assault with a deadly weapon or instrument on a peace officer.
 - Assault by a life prisoner on a non-inmate.
 - Assault with a deadly weapon by an inmate.
 - Arson.
 - Exploding a destructive device or any explosive with intent to injure.
 - Exploding a destructive device or any explosive causing great bodily injury.
 - Exploding a destructive device or any explosive with intent to murder.
 - Robbery.
 - Kidnapping.
 - Taking of a hostage by an inmate of a state prison.
 - Attempt to commit a felony punishable by death or imprisonment in the state prison for life.
 - Any felony in which the defendant personally used a dangerous or deadly weapon.
 - Escape from a state prison by use of force or violence.
 - Assault with a deadly weapon.
 - Extortion as defined in Penal Code section 518, or threats to victims or witnesses as defined in Penal Code section 136.1, which would constitute a felony violation of Penal Code section 186.22.
 - Carjacking.
 - Discharge of a firearm at an inhabited dwelling, vehicle, or aircraft.
 - Throwing acid or flammable substances with intent to injure.
 - Continuous sexual abuse of a child.
4. Request the State to improve the Smart Justice platform to provide an effective statewide data sharing to allow state and local law enforcement agencies to rapidly and efficiently share offender information to assist in tracking and monitoring the activities of AB 109 and other offenders.
 5. Encourage the collection and organization of real world data from cities and counties on the universe of post-release community supervision (PRCS) offenders.
 6. Encourage cities throughout California to join in these advocacy efforts to mitigate the unintended negative impacts of recent policy changes to the criminal justice system.
 7. Call for the Governor and the Legislature to work with the League and others stakeholders to consider and implement such criminal justice system reforms.

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Background Information on Resolution No. 1

Source: City of Whittier

Background:

During the past several years, State legislative changes have made fundamental alterations to the fabric of California's criminal justice system. Some changes have been needed, as not all crimes should be punished with jail sentences. These changes included AB 109 as well as Propositions 47 and 57.

Approved in 2011, AB 109 was approved, transferring nearly 45,000 felons from the State prison system to local jail systems, resulting in lower-level criminals being released early. Then, Proposition 47, so called The Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act, was approved by California voters in 2014. It reclassified and downgraded a number of serious crimes from felonies to misdemeanors. Similarly, Proposition 57, called The Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act, was approved by voters in 2016 and allows the State to provide for the release of up to 30,000 criminals convicted of "non-violent" felonies, including rape by intoxication, driveby shooting, human trafficking involving sex act with minors, assault with a deadly weapon, to name a few. Additionally, under Prop 57 repeat criminals are eligible for release after the same period of incarceration as first time offenders.

Now, California cities and counties are facing increasing crime rates which are being connected to these legislative actions which created a situation where violent and career criminals are serving little to no prison time while low-level offenders commit multiple crimes with limited consequences. This increasing level of crime endangers the health and safety of our residents, police officers, and property. Negative impacts from these State legislative changes have been far reaching, and crime rates and the number of victims are increasing throughout California. The negative impacts of these laws were unintended when voters and legislators approved the laws, which were instead intended to help lower the prison population in California prisons and appropriately rehabilitate non-violent offenders.

As an example, the Public Policy Institute of California reports since 2015:

- California has experienced an uptick in overall crime
- Property crime is up 145%, violent crime up 54%
- One in four Californians view violence and street crime in their community as a substantial problem
- Arrests dropped 31% for property crimes and 68% for drug offenses (due to Prop. 47)
- The report concludes auto theft increase is a direct result of AB109

To make matters even worse, during the past two years we've seen officers shot, wounded and killed in communities throughout California including Whittier, Downey, Lancaster, Palm Springs, San Diego, Stanislaus County, and Modoc County. Further, the number of U.S. police officers killed in the line of duty hit a five-year high in 2016. The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's preliminary report shows that this year's 135 fatalities were a 10% increase over the 123 officers who died in the line of duty last year.

When taken together the increases in crime in our communities and reductions in arrests for many crimes plus violent attacks against police officers underscores the need for a call to action amongst California's state and local leaders. This conference resolution is an important first step and seeks to initiate both a dialogue as well as actions to begin reforming California's criminal justice system by requesting that League staff analyze the negative impacts of recent criminal law, identify necessary changes, and work with stakeholders to promote support for such advocacy efforts. The resolution also calls on the Governor, Legislature, cities, and other stakeholders to work together toward reforms. The resolution contains three specific reforms:

1. Address Issues with AB 109

The conference resolution promotes the amendment of appropriate sections of AB 109 to change the criteria justifying the release of non-violent, non-serious, non-sex offender inmates to include their total criminal and mental health history instead of only their last criminal conviction.

2. Revise the Definition of Violent Crime

The resolution calls for the League to advocate to place into law for the purposes of Section 32 of Article I of the California Constitution, a violent offense includes any of the following crimes:

- Murder or voluntary manslaughter
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- Discharge of a firearm at an inhabited dwelling, vehicle, or aircraft.
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3. Data Sharing

The resolution requests the State to improve the Smart Justice platform to provide an effective statewide data sharing to allow state and local law enforcement agencies to rapidly and efficiently share offender information to assist in tracking and monitoring the activities of AB 109 and other offenders.

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League of California Cities Staff Analysis on Resolution No. 1

Staff: Tim Cromartie
Committee: Public Safety

Summary:

This Resolution seeks to address increases in crime in the wake of AB 109 (2011), Proposition 47 (2014), which reclassified a host of felony offenses as misdemeanors, and Proposition 57 (2016), which revised the rules of parole for what are designated “non-violent” offenders under the California Penal Code, but in fact comprise a number of criminal acts that are violent in nature, or may be committed to facilitate a violent outcome (for example, discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle).

This Resolution would direct staff to seek legislation expanding the term “violent felony” as defined in the California Penal Code; to tighten the criteria for the release of non-violent, non-serious, non-sex offender inmates; to mandate consideration of an inmate’s entire criminal history as part of the deliberations involving whether to grant individual parole; and to consider creation of a task force that would be charged with issuing a report recommending further changes in law, and supported by documentation collected by local agencies and other key stakeholders.

Background:

Since 2011, changes in state law, starting with AB 109, altered the fabric of California's criminal justice system. In 2011, AB 109 began to shift nearly 45,000 felons from the state prison system to local county jails. Prior to AB 109, many of California's more heavily populated counties already had jail systems that were operating under court-ordered or self-imposed population caps. As a result, AB 109 implementation triggered changes in that county jails experienced over time an influx of a rougher class of offender, and many lower level petty criminals committing new offenses were simply booked and released, serving no jail time at all.

Proposition 47 followed in 2014, reclassifying a host of felony offenses as misdemeanors and increasing the threshold amount for a felony charge of grand theft from \$450.00 to \$900.00. The effect of this change was to significantly stimulate the volume of petty theft, shoplifting, auto theft, and organized retail theft (shoplifting involving multiple persons with cell phones, designated getaway drivers, and a pre-determined escape route often involving a short trip to a major highway). Proposition 57, approved by voters in 2016, facilitates the potential early release of a large number of "non-violent" offenders by providing that inmates are eligible for parole once they have served 100% of their base sentence, without regard to any time served as a result of any sentencing enhancements. The universe of "non-violent" offenders could include individuals who have committed the following offenses: rape by intoxication, attempted drive-by shooting, assault with a deadly weapon, throwing acid with the intent to disfigure, to name but a few offenses. Since current law defines a "non-violent offender" based on the individual's most recent commitment offense, even if the individual is a repeat offender, the State Parole Board must still consider that person's parole application.

This state of affairs includes factors such as a higher proportion of offenders at large on our city streets, many of whom have had little in the way of rehabilitation programming while incarcerated, some with drug habits, who are more violent now than when initially incarcerated. Unless they engage in major illegal activity (murder, rape, arson, armed robbery), the available sanctions for any violations they commit, such as flash incarceration, i.e. temporary incarceration for 48-72 hours in a city or county jail, scarcely provide a meaningful deterrent to further criminal activity.

Communities in California are now facing increasing crime rates which can be linked to these recent legislative changes, which probation officers and local law enforcement are struggling to monitor and contain a situation in which a dramatically increase universe of offenders are at large in our communities.

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Support:

Cities of La Mirada, Lakewood, Monrovia, Pico Rivera, Rolling Hills, Santa Fe Springs, and South Gate

Opposition:

None received.

Fiscal Impact:

The collective and cumulative effect of the current criminal justice policies has led to increased pressure on county general funds for increased resources for probation supervision and incarceration in county jails, as well as identical pressure on municipal general funds related to increased law enforcement activity and in some areas, increased emergency medical services calls. Should the objectives outlined by the resolution be achieved, those pressures will be alleviated to a significant but undetermined amount.

Comment:

This measure is a response to a trend of rapidly mounting frustration among cities beset by calls for more law enforcement resources as a result of ongoing, sustained criminal activity. There is a growing sense among law enforcement professionals and local elected officials that current policies which have reduced criminal penalties, reclassified felonies as misdemeanors and facilitated what amounts to early release of many offenders who are not truly non-violent, will in time result in a high-profile tragedy involving significant loss of life.

Existing League Policy:

In regard to incarceration policy, the League supports stiffer penalties for violent offenders. In 2014, the League joined the California Police Chiefs in opposing Proposition 47, which reduces sentencing penalties for specified non-serious and non-violent drug and property crimes. It directed that the following offenses would be treated as misdemeanors, in most instances irrespective of the circumstances:

- Commercial Burglary
- Forgery
- Passing Bad Checks
- Grand Theft
- Receipt of Stolen Property
- Petty Theft with a Prior Offense
- Drug Possession

In 2013, the League Board of Directors approved a resolution pertaining to AB 109 (2011), which implemented Public Safety Realignment and brought significant changes to the state's incarceration policy. Specifically, it provided that specified categories of felony offenders previously sentenced to state prison, would prospectively be sentenced to terms in county jails.

The League's Resolution had two significant components relevant to this resolution:

- 1) It urged the Governor's office to adjust the implementation of Public Safety Realignment so that the criteria examined to evaluate the appropriateness of release of non-violent, non-serious, non-sex offender inmates would include their total criminal and mental

- history, instead of merely the most recent criminal conviction for which they are currently committed; and
- 2) It urged the Governor's office to expedite the development of an effective statewide data sharing mechanism allowing state and local law enforcement agencies too rapidly and efficiently share offender information to assist in tracking and monitoring the activities of AB 109 and other offenders.

Finally, the League in 2016 opposed Proposition 57, which altered rules for parole eligibility for non-violent felons, potentially facilitating parole before an individual has served any time toward a sentencing enhancement, and ushered in new rules for good time behavior seeking to incentivize inmates to undergo rehabilitation programming of an educational/vocational nature.

RESOLUTION REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY POLICY COMMITTEE

2. A RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES SUPPORTING LEGISLATION AMENDING GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 38611 TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF LOCAL CONTROL PROVIDING BROAD STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR LOCAL OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE EMERGENCY SERVICE LEVELS AND DIRECT EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS

Source: City of Tracy

Concurrence of five or more cities/city officials: Cities: Lathrop, Lodi, Manteca, Stockton, and
Consummes Fire Department (Cities of Elk Grove and Galt)

Referred to: Public Safety Policy Committee

Recommendation to General Resolutions Committee:

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 38611 was last amended in 1957 and does not contain language clarifying the broad scope of emergency services as provided by present day fire departments; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 38611 requires further definition for general law and charter cities in determining service levels for the delivery of emergency services commensurate with the resources provided by the local government body; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7 of Article XI of the California Constitution, municipal governments are vested with police power which imposes on the responsibility to protect public safety and public health and municipal governments must provide or contract for fire and/or emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the local provision of fire protection services, rescue services, emergency medical services, hazardous material emergency response services, ambulance services, and other services relating to the protection of lives and property is critical to the public peace, health, and safety of the state; and

WHEREAS, local fire and/or emergency medical services are financed by local taxpayers and the availability and use of such services is determined by the local governing body of the jurisdiction to which services are directly provided; and

WHEREAS, amending Government Code Section 38611 would provide the chief of a fire department specific authority to protect public safety and public health within the jurisdictional boundaries of the fire department.

RESOLVED, that the League of California Cities General Assembly, assembled at the League Annual Conference on September 15, 2017 in Sacramento, calls for the Governor and the Legislature to work with the League and other stakeholders to amend Government Code Section 38611 clarifying the definition of local control, providing broad statutory authority for local officials to determine emergency service levels and direct emergency medical response within their jurisdictions.

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Background Information on Resolution No. 2

Source: City of Tracy

Background:

In 1980, the State Legislature enacted the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Act in response to the development of paramedic services and a concern that there was a lack of medical oversight and coordination of emergency medical services. The EMS Act contains 100 different provisions in nine separate chapters of the California Health and Safety Code. The EMS Act created a two-tiered system that established a State EMS Agency to coordinate state-wide EMS activities and to develop state-wide minimum EMS policies and a local tier (Local EMS Agency) to plan, implement and evaluate an EMS System. The statute also includes language that establishes *“The medical direction and management of an emergency medical services system shall be under the medical control of the medical director of the local EMS Agency.”* In each county, the local EMS Agency sets local EMS policy, administers and provides medical oversight for cities and special fire districts to deliver EMS services within the county.

In the late 1970’s, as the EMS Act was being developed, the League of California Cities weighed heavily concerning the impact of the proposed EMS Act on cities. The League of California Cities argued against depriving a city of local control over EMS service levels. The League of California Cities wrote, *“We believe (local control) is important because city taxpayers financially support (EMS) programs and city management is responsible for their efficient utilization. The city council is responsible for the level of service and the cost of the program, wholly unrelated to the medical questions.”* Based on that argument, additional language was included in the EMS policy that allowed local agencies that were providing EMS service to continue (and even obligated) them to continue to provide EMS services at the same levels as prior to 1980. This addition to the EMS Act (Section 1797.201 – became known as “201

Rights”) has been very controversial and has led to several lawsuits between cities/special districts and local EMS Agencies.

The City of Tracy in San Joaquin County has become the epicenter on the issue of local control as it relates to who has the authority to determine which resources will respond to medical emergencies. Several incidents have been noted where poor patient outcomes were the result of a failed county policy (SJCEMS Agency Policy 3202) that restricts local fire departments from responding to “low-level” emergencies. The EMS policy decisions within San Joaquin County have potential implications on every local community within the state of California and increasingly threaten local control.

Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment to Government Code Section 38611 would clarify local control and allow the local governing bodies to determine which services are directly provided within their respective jurisdictions. The existing law is extremely limited in scope having been last amended in 1957, at a time when fire departments did not routinely provide many of the specialized services of today. Changes in services provided include but are not limited to hazardous materials response, specialized rescue, and emergency medical services. The amendment aims to support the long-standing tradition in California of local control over the types, levels, and availability of these services.

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League of California Cities Staff Analysis on Resolution No. 2

Staff: Tim Cromartie
Committee: Public Safety

Summary:

This resolution calls for the Governor and the Legislature to work with the League and other stakeholders to amend Government Code Section 38611 clarifying the definition of local control, providing broad statutory authority for local officials to determine emergency service levels and direct emergency medical response within their jurisdictions.

Background:

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of the local EMS Agency.” In each county, the local EMS Agency sets local EMS policy, administers and provides medical oversight for cities and special fire districts to deliver EMS services within the county.

In the late 1970's, as the EMS Act was being developed, the League of California Cities weighed heavily concerning the impact of the proposed EMS Act on cities. The League argued against depriving a city of local control over EMS service levels. The League wrote, *“We believe (local control) is important because city taxpayers financially support (EMS) programs and city management is responsible for their efficient utilization. The city council is responsible for the level of service and the cost of the program, wholly unrelated to the medical questions.”* Based on that argument, additional language was included in the EMS policy that allowed local agencies that were providing EMS service to continue (and even obligated) them to continue to provide EMS services at the same levels as prior to 1980. This addition to the EMS Act (Section 1797.201 – became known as “201 Rights”) has been very controversial and has led to several lawsuits between cities/special districts and local EMS Agencies.

The City of Tracy in San Joaquin County has become one of the epicenters on the issue of local control as it relates to who has the authority to determine which resources will respond to medical emergencies. Several incidents have been noted where poor patient outcomes have been attributed by some observers to a county policy (SJCEMS Agency Policy 3202) that restricts local fire departments from responding to “low-level” emergencies. The EMS policy decisions within San Joaquin County have potential implications on every local community within the state of California and increasingly threaten local control.

Support:

Cities of Lathrop, Lodi, Manteca, City of Stockton, and Consumnes Fire Department (Cities of Elk Grove and Galt)

Opposition:

None received.

Fiscal Impact:

This resolution, if its directive can be achieved, will have no direct fiscal impact on cities. It will however, provide an atmosphere in which cities that have invested significant resources in building up and maintaining an independent EMS capability can have confidence that it will be deployed as intended.

Comment:

While this resolution calls for very specific action to clarify the rules governing emergency medical services, ideally it would be more generally worded to allow greater flexibility in pursuing legislative and other solutions to a problem that has existed for decades, spawning both legislation and multiple incidents of litigation.

However, it accurately expresses the legitimate frustration of cities in their efforts to provide emergency medical services (EMS) while abiding by the directives of their local emergency medical services authorities (LEMSA's), which are county entities. Counties have broad

discretion under existing case law in how they administer EMS under the doctrine of medical control. To the degree there is dissatisfaction on the part of cities within a given county or counties, the following should be noted:

- 1) A task force convened by the California Emergency Medical Services Authority, the state entity with jurisdiction over this subject matter, made significant headway in crafting regulations governing the provision of ground emergency medical transport -- until disputes over local control and the criteria under which a local (municipal) agency could lay claim to the exclusive right to provide EMS in a specific operating area led to a lawsuit being filed by the California Fire Chiefs Association. That suit effectively suspended the work of the Task Force.
- 2) Over the past two decades, multiple attempts at legislation to resolve this issue have been tried, most without success. It was in part the multiple attempts at legislation that triggered the formation of the above-referenced task force.

Existing League Policy:

The League supports the fire service mission of saving lives and protecting property through fire prevention, disaster preparedness, hazardous-materials mitigation, specialized rescue, etc. as well as cities' authority and discretion to provide all emergency services to their communities.

The League supports and strives to ensure local control of emergency medical services by authorizing cities and fire districts to prescribe and monitor the manner and scope of pre-hospital emergency medical services, including transport through ambulance services, all provided within local boundaries for the purpose of improving the level of pre-hospital emergency medical service.

The League supports legislation to provide the framework for a solution to longstanding conflict between cities, counties, the fire service and LEMSA's particularly by local advisory committees to review and approve the EMS plan and to serve as an appeals body. Conflicts over EMS governance may be resolved if stakeholders are able to participate in EMS system design and evaluation and if complainants are given a fair and open hearing.

The League opposes legislation, regulations and standards that impose minimum staffing and response time standards for city fire and EMS services since such determinations should reflect the conditions and priorities of individual cities.

The League supports Emergency 911 systems to ensure cities and counties are represented on decisions affecting emergency response.

LETTERS OF CONCURRENCE

Resolution No. 1

**Implement Strategies to Reduce Negative Impacts of
Recent Changes to Criminal Laws**



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LETTER OF SUPPORT

General Resolutions Committee
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**SUBJECT: 2017 CONFERENCE RESOLUTION STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE NEGATIVE
IMPACTS OF CRIMINAL LAW**

Dear Committee:

The City of La Mirada supports the League of California Cities Annual Conference Resolution proposed by the City of Whittier calling on the Governor and Legislature to enter into discussion with the League and other public safety stakeholders to identify and implement strategies that will improve the unintended negative impacts of existing criminal law.

The City of La Mirada has seen increases in property crime that may have resulted from a combination of legislative actions and voter-approved initiatives. Specifically, since 2014 the City of La Mirada has seen property crime increase by 41 percent. The proposed resolution seeks to correct these negative impacts from existing criminal law and considers proactive measures that could reduce such impacts.

The resolution directs League staff to consider creating a task force with other organizations and jointly commission a report on the unintended negative impacts of recent criminal law to identify necessary changes.

The resolution also promotes an amendment of appropriate sections of AB 109 to change the criteria justifying the release of non-violent, non-serious, non-sex offender inmates to include one's total criminal and mental health history instead of only the most recent criminal conviction. It encourages continued advocacy to make "violent offenses" include crimes that meet the plain language definition of "violent".

The resolution further asks the State to improve the Smart Justice platform to allow state and local law enforcement agencies to rapidly share information to track offenders, and encourages data collection on post-release community supervision offenders.

The passage of this resolution would provide a range of important reforms to enhance public safety in our community. For these reasons, the City of La Mirada strongly supports this resolution to strategically address criminal justice reforms.

Sincerely,

CITY OF LA MIRADA

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Mayor

July 10, 2017

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**RE: 2017 Conference Resolution – Notice of Support
Strategies to Improve Negative Impacts of Criminal Law**

Dear Committee:

The City of Lakewood supports the League of California Cities Annual Conference Resolution calling on the Governor and Legislature to enter into discussion with the League and other public safety stakeholders to identify and implement strategies that will improve the unintended negative impacts of existing criminal law.

Like other cities, Lakewood has seen increases in property crime that may have resulted from a combination of legislative actions and voter-approved initiatives. The proposed annual conference resolution seeks to turn around these negative impacts from existing criminal law and considers proactive measures that could reduce such impacts. These include:

- Request League staff to consider creating a task force with other organizations and jointly commission a report on the unintended negative impacts of recent criminal law to identify necessary changes and work with key stakeholders to promote support for resulting advocacy efforts.
- Promote an amendment of appropriate sections of AB 109 to change the criteria justifying the release of non-violent, non-serious, non-sex offender inmates to include their total criminal and mental health history instead of only their last criminal conviction. It encourages continued advocacy to make "violent offenses" include crimes that meet the plain language definition of "violent."
- Request that the State improve the "Smart Justice" platform to allow state and local law enforcement agencies to rapidly share information to track offenders and encourage data collection on post-release community supervision offenders.

The passage of this resolution would provide a range of important reforms that would enhance public safety in our community. For these reasons, the City of Lakewood strongly supports this resolution to strategically address criminal justice reforms.

Sincerely,

Diane DuBois
Mayor

Lakewood



July 11, 2017

President JoAnne Mounce
The League of California Cities
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RE: Letter of Support for the Resolution Brought Forward by the City of Whittier Regarding the Unintended Negative Consequences of Recent Legislative Changes to California's Criminal Justice System

Dear Ms. Mounce:

The City of Monrovia strongly supports the Resolution brought forth by the City of Whittier, which asks the League of California Cities (League) to initiate and facilitate further discussion between the Governor, the State Legislature, and other key public safety stakeholders regarding the legislative changes that have been made to California's criminal justice system during the past few years.

Taken together, Assembly Bill 109, Proposition 47, and Proposition 57 have reshaped how we approach public safety issues in our State. And certainly, the identified measures have resulted in measurable and positive impacts to California's criminal justice system, such as a decrease in the State prison system population. However, the cumulative effect of these legislative actions have had several significant unintended consequences, which have resulted in California cities now needing to address increasingly complex public safety challenges.

For example, in the City of Monrovia, violent and property crimes increased by 19% when comparing 2016 crime levels against 2015 rates. On-the-street information being provided by our Police Officers seems to correlate that the increasing levels of crime are connected with the legislative changes that have been enacted in California during the past several years. Additionally, the public safety issues we are experiencing in Monrovia are not occurring in a vacuum, as other neighboring jurisdictions are reporting similar concerns that impact our region as a whole.

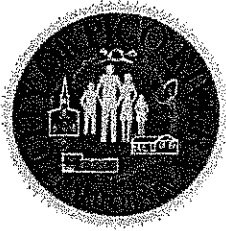
Given these factors, we believe that California's overall criminal justice system needs to be carefully reexamined for potential methods to mitigate these emerging public safety issues. The City of Whittier's Resolution represents a positive first step, which includes the formation of a task force to examine possible criminal justice system modifications in greater detail. We believe that such a step would be a move in the right direction for California.

For these reasons, the City of Monrovia strongly supports the Resolution brought forth by the City of Whittier. Of course, please feel free to contact me if I can provide any additional information. I can be reached at (626) 932-5501, or via email at ochi@ci.monrovia.ca.us.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Oliver Chi".

Oliver Chi
City Manager



René Bobadilla, P.E.
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**RE: 2017 Conference Resolution
Strategies to Improve Negative Impacts of Criminal Law
Notice of Support**

Dear Committee:

The City of Pico Rivera supports the League of California Cities Annual Conference Resolution calling on the Governor and Legislature to enter into discussion with the League and other public safety stakeholders to identify and implement strategies that will improve the unintended negative impacts of existing criminal law.

The City of Pico Rivera has seen increases in property crime that may have resulted from a combination of legislative actions and voter-approved initiatives. Following are some specific impacts provided by the Pico Rivera Sheriff's Department:

Part I crimes

Robbery is up 10.26% in 2017 compared to 2016

Larceny Theft is up 4.09% in 2017 compared to 2016

Part II crimes

Weapon Law is up 9.68% in 2017 compared to 2016

Felony Transport & or Sales of controlled substance (except Marijuana) is up 44.44% compared to 2016

Misdemeanor Possession of a Controlled Substance (excluding Marijuana) is up 56.06% compared to 2016

Under the influence of Narcotic is up 28.57% in 2017 compared to 2016

The proposed annual conference resolution seeks to turn around these negative impacts from existing criminal law and considers proactive measures that could reduce such impacts.

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The resolution directs League staff to consider creating a task force with other organizations and jointly commission a report on the unintended negative impacts of recent criminal law to identify necessary changes, working with key stakeholders to promote support for resulting advocacy efforts.

The resolution also promotes an amendment of appropriate sections of AB 109 to change the criteria justifying the release of non-violent, non-serious, non-sex offender inmates to include their total criminal and mental health history instead of only their last criminal conviction. It encourages continued advocacy to make "violent offenses" include crimes that meet the plain language definition of "violent".

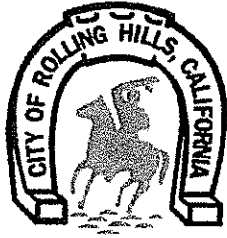
The resolution further asks the State to improve the Smart Justice platform to allow state and local law enforcement agencies to rapidly share information to track offenders, and encourages data collection on post-release community supervision offenders.

The passage of this resolution would provide a range of important reforms that would enhance public safety in our community. For these reasons, the City of Pico Rivera strongly supports this resolution to strategically address criminal justice reforms.

Best regards,

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René Bobadilla, P.E.
City Manager
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**RE: 2017 Conference Resolution
Strategies to Improve Negative Impacts of Criminal Law
Notice of Support**

Dear Members of the General Resolutions Committee:

As a member of the Rolling Hills City Council, I support the League of California Cities Annual Conference Resolution calling on the Governor and Legislature to enter into discussion with the League and with other public safety stakeholders to identify and implement strategies that will relieve the unintended negative impacts of existing criminal law.

The City of Rolling Hills has seen increases in burglaries, mail/package theft and other property related crime that may have resulted from a combination of legislative actions and voter-approved initiatives. The City has also seen a significant jump in identity theft. The proposed annual conference resolution seeks to turn around these negative impacts from existing criminal law and considers proactive measures that could reduce such impacts.

The resolution directs League staff to consider creating a task force with other organizations and jointly commission a report on the unintended negative impacts of recent criminal law to identify necessary changes, working with key stakeholders to promote support for resulting advocacy efforts.

The resolution also promotes an amendment of appropriate sections of AB 109 to change the criteria justifying the release of non-violent, non-serious, non-sex offender inmates to include their total criminal and mental health history instead of only their last criminal conviction. It encourages continued advocacy to make "violent offenses" include crimes that meet the plain language definition of "violent".

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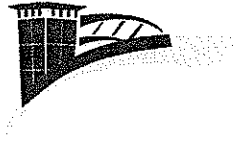
Sincerely,



Bea Dieringer
Councilmember
City of Rolling Hills

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**RE: 2017 Conference Resolution
Strategies to Improve Negative Impacts of Criminal Law
Notice of Support**

Dear Committee:

The City of Santa Fe Springs supports the League of California Cities Annual Conference Resolution calling on the Governor and Legislature to enter into discussion with the League and other public safety stakeholders to identify and implement strategies that will improve the unintended negative impacts of existing criminal law.

The City of Santa Fe Springs has seen increases in property crime that may have resulted from a combination of legislative actions and voter-approved initiatives. In addition, the City of Santa Fe Springs contracts with the Whittier Police Department for Law Enforcement Services. In February, Whittier Police Department Officer Keith Boyer was gunned down by a AB 109 offender in a heinous act of indiscriminate violence. We feel strongly that AB 109 and the loosening of oversight and control over recidivist offenders was at least partially responsible in Officer Boyer's death. We believe that the proposed annual conference resolution seeks to turn around these negative impacts from existing criminal law and considers proactive measures that could reduce such impacts.

The resolution directs League staff to consider creating a task force with other organizations and jointly commission a report on the unintended negative impacts of recent criminal law to identify necessary changes, working with key stakeholders to promote support for resulting advocacy efforts.

The resolution also promotes an amendment of appropriate sections of AB 109 to change the criteria justifying the release of non-violent, non-serious, non-sex offender inmates to include their total criminal and mental health history instead of only their last criminal conviction. It encourages continued advocacy to make "violent offenses" include crimes that meet the plain language definition of "violent".

The resolution further asks the State to improve the Smart Justice platform to allow state and local law enforcement agencies to rapidly share information to track offenders, and encourages data collection on post-release community supervision offenders.

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The passage of this resolution would provide a range of important reforms that would enhance public safety in our community. For these reasons, the City of Santa Fe Springs strongly supports this resolution to strategically address criminal justice reforms.

Sincerely,

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William K. Rounds, Mayor
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**RE: 2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION: STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE
NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF CRIMINAL LAW-NOTICE OF SUPPORT**

Dear Committee:

As a Council Member of the City of South Gate, and a Member of the League's Public Safety Policy Committee, I am writing to express my support of the City of Whittier's 2017 Annual Conference Resolution (Resolution.) The proposed Resolution calls on the Governor and Legislature to enter into discussion with the League and other public safety stakeholders, to identify and implement strategies that will improve the unintended negative impacts of existing criminal law.

Cities in Los Angeles County have experienced increases in property crimes that may have resulted from a combination of legislative actions and voter-approved initiatives. The proposed Resolution seeks to remedy many of the negative impacts from existing criminal law and considers proactive measures that could reduce such impacts.

The passage of this Resolution would provide a range of important League directives to address the growing public safety concerns in these communities. For these reasons, I strongly support this Resolution to strategically address criminal justice reforms.

Sincerely,

Jorge Morales
Council Member

LETTERS OF CONCURRENCE

Resolution No. 2

Local Control for Emergency Medical Response



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The Honorable JoAnne Mounce, President
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**RE: RESOLUTION THAT SUPPORTS LEGISLATION TO AMEND GOVERNMENT
CODE SECTION 38611 TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF LOCAL CONTROL**

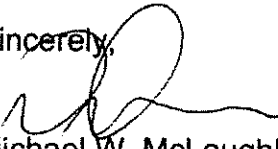
Dear President Mounce,

The Cosumnes CSD Fire Department, which encompasses the Cities of Elk Grove and Galt supports the proposed resolution that would support legislation to amend Government Code Section 38611 to clarify the definition of local control as it pertains to emergency services.

A core function of local government is the ability to determine and provide the appropriated level of emergency response resources. Allowing Local Emergency Medical Services Agencies (LEMSAs) to determine when and how local fire agencies respond to emergencies circumvents the role of Fire Chiefs and municipal and special fire district legislative bodies. It should be the role of the Fire Chief to determine the required service levels and the role of the local legislative bodies to support the Fire Chief's recommendations based on community expectations, community risk reduction strategies and available resources.

Therefore, the Cosumnes CSD Fire Department supports the proposed resolution and future legislation that would serve to ensure local government determines their emergency response service levels. If further clarification is required, please let me know.

Sincerely,


Michael W. McLaughlin
Fire Chief



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July 14, 2017

The Honorable JoAnne Mounce, President
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Sent to Via Email to: Meg Desmond mdesmond@cacities.org <<mailto:mdesmond@cacities.org>>

**Re: RESOLUTION THAT SUPPORTS LEGISLATION TO AMEND GOVERNMENT
CODE SECTION 38611 TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF LOCAL CONTROL**


Dear President Mounce,

The City of Lathrop supports the proposed resolution that would support legislation to amend Government Code Section 38611 to clarify the definition of local control as it pertains to emergency services.

A core function of local government is the ability to determine and provide the appropriated level of emergency response resources. Allowing Local Emergency Medical Services Agencies (LEMSAs) to determine when and how local fire agencies respond to emergencies circumvents the role of Fire Chiefs and municipal and special fire district legislative bodies. It should be the role of the Fire Chief to determine the required service levels and the role of the local legislative bodies to support the Fire Chief's recommendations based on community expectations, community risk reduction strategies and available resources.

Therefore, the City of Lathrop supports the proposed resolution and future legislation that would serve to ensure local government determines their emergency response service levels. If further clarification is required, please let me know.

Thank you,



Stephen J. Salvatore
City Manager

Cc: Members of the City of Lathrop City Council
Lathrop Manteca Fire Chief, Gene Neely
Tracy City Manager, Troy Brown
Tracy Fire Chief, Randall Bradley
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The Honorable JoAnne Mounce, President
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**RE: RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES SUPPORTING
LEGISLATION AMENDING GC §38611 TO CLARIFY DEFINITION OF LOCAL
CONTROL PROVIDING BROAD STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR LOCAL
OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE EMERGENCY SERVICE LEVELS AND DIRECT
EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS**

The City of Lodi supports the proposed resolution to support legislation amending Government Code §38611 to clarify the definition of local control providing broad statutory authority for local officials to determine emergency service levels and direct emergency medical response within their jurisdictions.

Accordingly, we concur in the submission of the resolution for consideration by the League of California Cities General Assembly at its annual meeting on September 15, 2017.

Government Code Section 38611 does not contain language clarifying the broad scope of emergency services as provided by present day fire departments. The code requires further definition for general law and charter cities in determining service levels for the delivery of emergency services commensurate with the resources provided by the local government body. Amending Government Code Section 38611 would provide the chief of a fire department specific authority to protect public safety and public health within the jurisdictional boundaries of the fire department.

The City of Lodi is in strong support of providing statutory authority for local officials to determine emergency service levels and direct emergency medical response within their jurisdictions.

Sincerely,



Doug Kuehne
Mayor, City of Lodi

DK/JMF

cc: Larry Rooney, Fire Chief, City of Lodi
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**RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES SUPPORTING LEGISLATION AMENDING
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 38611 TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF LOCAL CONTROL PROVIDING
BROAD STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR LOCAL OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE EMERGENCY SERVICE LEVELS
AND DIRECT EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS**

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter confirms that the City of Manteca supports the resolution on Emergency Medical Services submitted to the League of California cities by the City of Tracy. The City of Manteca believes that local control of Emergency Services is critical to ensure that the best possible service and protection of our citizens/taxpayers is provided.

We appreciate the City of Tracy's willingness to bring this crucial issue to the forefront.

Respectfully,


Greg Showerman, Acting City Manager

Date: 13 July 2017


Kyle Shipherd, Fire Chief

Date: 13 July 2017

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The Honorable JoAnne Mounce, President
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**SUBJECT: Resolution of the League of California Cities Supporting Legislation
Providing Broad Statutory Authority for Local Officials to Determine
Emergency Service Levels - SUPPORT**

Dear President Mounce,

On behalf of the City of Stockton, I wish to voice our support of the City of Tracy proposed resolution for consideration by League membership. Stockton supports this resolution for the following reasons:

- 1) The City of Stockton Legislative Program seeks the broadest authority for the City Council to make decisions locally, particularly related to the local exercise of police powers;
- 2) The City of Stockton Legislative Program advocates for efforts that impact the City's ability to enhance the well-being, quality of life, health, and safety of residents;
- 3) The City of Stockton has experienced challenges and frustrations in delivering the highest quality of emergency medical services to our residents due to provision of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Act.
- 4) Amendments to the EMS Act would clarify local control and allow governing bodies to determine which services are directly provided within their respective jurisdictions.

For these reasons, the City of Stockton concurs with and supports the City of Tracy proposed resolution for consideration by League membership.

MICHAEL TUBBS
MAYOR

MT:cc

cc: Stockton City Councilmembers
Kurt Wilson, Stockton City Manager

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REGIONAL MANAGER
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August 8, 2017

Dear Mayor Liu,

The election for the Executive Committee for the Peninsula Division of the League of California Cities will be held on Thursday, September 14th, 2017 at the Division's Annual Election Luncheon during the League of California Cities' Annual Conference in Sacramento. The Peninsula Division Nominating Committee - Division President and Redwood City Councilmember Alicia Aguirre and League 2nd Vice President and South San Francisco Councilmember Rich Garbarino – submit the enclosed the 2017-18 Peninsula Division Executive Committee Officers Ballot. Each city is entitled to one vote for each office on the ballot.

Ballots should be mailed back to Seth Miller in the enclosed envelope by Friday, September 8th or can be delivered in person at the Annual Breakfast on Thursday, September 14th. All ballots will be opened and tabulated at the Annual Election Luncheon meeting in Sacramento and the new officers will be introduced on September 14, 2017.

If you have any questions regarding the election, I can be reached by email at smiller@cacities.org or by phone at (415) 595-8629. Thank you for your consideration and participation.

Sincerely,

Seth Miller
Public Affairs Manager
Peninsula Division, League of California Cities



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**PENINSULA DIVISION
2017-18 Executive Committee Officers Ballot**

CITY: Brisbane

Please return to the Peninsula Division c/o Seth Miller, 450 Taraval Street, PMB #236, San Francisco, CA 94116 by September 8 or deliver in person at the Annual Election Luncheon on September 14th at the League Annual Conference in Sacramento.

President:

Emily Lo, Council Member, Saratoga Yes____

Vice President:

Larry Moody, Councilmember, East Palo Alto Yes____

Treasurer:

Shelly Masur, Councilmember, Redwood City Yes____

Secretary

Charles Stone, Councilmember, Belmont Yes____

Board Director (Two Year Term)

Liz Kniss, Councilmember, Palo Alto Yes____

Legislative Action Committee Co-Chair, Santa Clara

Cory Wolbach, Councilmember, Palo Alto Yes____

Legislative Action Committee Co-Chair, San Mateo

Kirsten Keith, Councilmember, Menlo Park Yes____

Past President

Alicia Aguirre, Councilmember, Redwood City Yes____

At-Large: VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATES FOR EACH COUNTY

San Mateo County

Emily Beach, Councilmember, Burlingame Yes____

Santa Clara County

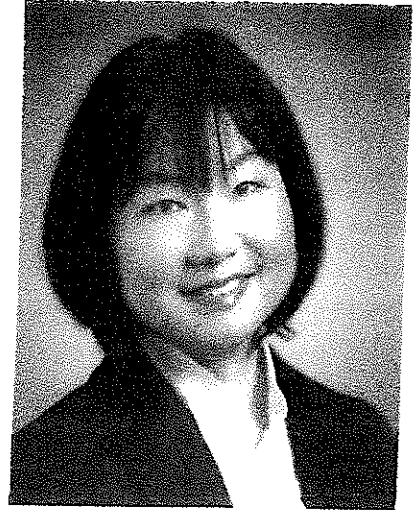
Marico Sayoc, Councilmember, Los Gatos Yes____

Emily Lo, Mayor, Saratoga

Statement of Intent to Serve

I have had the honor to serve as Vice President of the Peninsula Division of League of Cities this year, and would like to continue to support the League (and its members) in legislative advocacy through education, outreach, collaboration and civic engagement as President in 2017-18.

I hope to engage Division membership in legislative matters, to promote participation in League events and to advocate for issues that are critical to our communities. Please feel free to contact me with question or concerns. I can be reached at 408-480-2834 (cell) or elo@saratoga.ca.us.



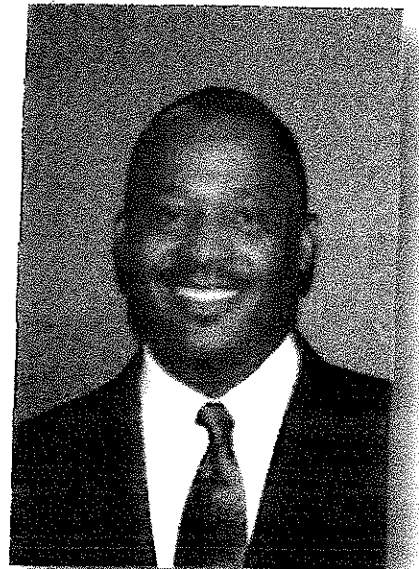
Bio

I am currently the Mayor of Saratoga (for the second time), and have served as Chair of Santa Clara County Library JPA, Board Member of Santa Clara County Cities Association, Santa Clara County Water District Commissioner, as well as member of the League's Community Services Policy Committee. On the local level, I serve on the Board of Trustee of Hakone Foundation, and was President of Saratoga Chamber of Commerce prior to serving on the City Council.

Larry Moody, Vice-Mayor, East Palo Alto

Bio

Larry Moody was appointed by the City of East Palo Alto to the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency in April of 2016. Mr. Moody was elected to the City Council in 2012 and was appointed as Vice-Mayor in 2015. He serves on the Council Ad Hoc Committees for Education, Housing, and Infrastructure, and is actively involved with the League of California Cities where he serves on the Community Services Policy Committee, and was a member of the Housing Community and Economic Development. Mr. Moody is currently serving on the Peninsula League Executive Committee, and the San Mateo County Task Force on Jobs and Housing. Mr. Moody was a member of the Ravenswood City School Board from 2006 - 2010. Mr. Moody is married with four adult sons. He is a Veteran of the United States Air Force.



Shelly Masur, Councilmember, Redwood City

Statement of Intent to Serve

I have been pleased to serve at the At-Large representative for San Mateo County on the Peninsula Division's Executive Board for 2016-17. During that time, we have worked to build the Peninsula Division's ability to serve its members by presenting regular programs that address current issues that our councils are struggling with, such as marijuana regulations, housing policy and autonomous vehicles. We have also sought to build our region's influence through establishing a Legislative Action Committee and participating in regular visits with our state elected leaders.



I am grateful for the nomination to serve as Treasurer and will work with the other executive officers and members Peninsula Division staff to ensure fiscal responsibility and continued viability of our division. In addition, I look forward to continuing to build the strength and relevance of the Division for its members.

Bio

Redwood City Councilmember Shelly Masur is the CEO of Californians Dedicated to Education Foundation (CDEF). She has close to twenty years of experience leading youth serving non-profits and in education-related leadership roles. She is a former school board member in the Redwood City School District in San Mateo County where she served for 10 years and was elected as city councilmember in Redwood City in 2015. Shelly serves on the council's Communications and Finance & Audit committees and on Redwood City 2020, as well as on the board of the Peninsula Division of California League of Cities, the League's Community Services Policy Committee, and represents the City of Redwood City on several regional committees and advisory boards. Shelly holds a Master's Degree on Public Health and lives in Redwood City with her husband, two high school-aged sons and three dogs. She texts regularly with her college-aged daughter.

Charles Stone, Councilmember, Belmont

Statement of Intent to Serve

It has been a pleasure to serve as a member of the Peninsula Division's Executive Board for 2016-17. I have enjoyed meeting with the Bay Area legislative delegation in Sacramento and forming the Legislative Action Committee to better represent the values and policy priorities of our region. It would be an honor to serve as Secretary of the Peninsula Division in 2017-18.



Bio

Charles Stone grew up in San Mateo County, California. Charles attended UC San Diego ('97) and Santa Clara University School of Law ('02.) He began his career as a litigator with the well-respected Redwood City, CA firm of Roger, Scott & Helmer. After moving his family from San Mateo to Belmont in 2004, Charles became active as a volunteer in the public school community and youth sports. In 2010, Charles began volunteering with the Belmont-Redwood Shores School District Education Foundation (School-Force!). In 2012, he was appointed to the School-Force! Board of Directors as Endowment Chair and helped lead an effort that resulted in new fundraising records. In 2013, Charles was elected to the Belmont City Council and currently serves as Belmont's Vice-Mayor. He was appointed to the San Mateo County Transit District ("SamTrans") Board of Directors in December, 2013. He currently serves as the Board's Finance Committee Chair. In addition to the Belmont City Council and SamTrans, Charles currently serves as a Governing Member of the San Mateo County Library JPA, a Board Member on the South Bay Waste Management Agency ("ReThink Waste,") a member of the Congestion Management and Environmental Quality sub-committee of C/CAG, and as Belmont's representative for the San Mateo County Jobs/Housing Imbalance Task Force. He currently serves on the Peninsula Clean Energy ("PCE") JPA Board.

Cory Wolbach, Councilmember, Palo Alto

Statement of Intent to Serve

I would be honored to serve as Co-Chair of the Legislative Action Committee (LAC) for the League of CA Cities (LCC) Peninsula Division and a member of the Executive Committee. Over the past year, along with my duties as At-Large Representative for Santa Clara County, I have served as chair of the LAC in it's formative year. I have testified on behalf of the League and the Peninsula Division in Sacramento on housing legislation and lead District Meetings with legislators from San Francisco, San Mateo to San Jose. I have helped guide the visioning and planning process for the Peninsula Division LAC and hope we can become an increasingly effective mechanism for promoting Peninsula values and protecting Peninsula interests moving forward.



Bio

Cory Wolbach was elected to the Palo Alto City Council in November 2014, focused locally on housing affordability, income inequality, transportation, and climate sustainability and adaptation. From 2012 to 2015, Cory worked in the District Office of State Senator Jerry Hill, liaising with Peninsula communities on education policy, public safety, and other issues of local concern. Cory earned a B.A. in Political Science/International Relations from University of California San Diego, Cum Laude, and an associate's degree from Santa Monica Community College. As a Public Policy Intern with People for the American Way, he worked on the early stages of the ongoing effort reduce the role of money in politics by overturning Citizens United v. FEC (2010). As a member of the Palo Alto City Council, Cory has spearheaded a host of legislative initiatives including: Neighborhood Engagement Town Halls (Lead Author); Secondary Dwelling Units (Lead Author); Surveillance Technology Standards (Lead Author); Minimum Wage (Co-Author); Campaign Finance Reform (Lead Author); Support for Youth Community Services (Co-Author); 7. Inclusive and Protective Community Resolution (Lead Author).

Kirsten Keith, Mayor Pro-Tem, Menlo Park

Statement of Intent to Serve

It has been a pleasure to work and serve as the President of the Peninsula Division League of Cities for the past several years. I have enjoyed getting to know many of you and look forward to formalizing our work together through the Peninsula Division's Legislative Action Committee. It is critical that our Division focus on legislation that affects our cities and impacts our ability to govern locally. I have actively served on the League's Board of Directors 2014 – 2016 and currently serve on the Revenue and Taxation subcommittee. Please feel free to call me at 650-796-1009 or email me at kirsten.keith@gmail.com with any questions or thoughts. Thank you.



Bio

Kirsten Keith was appointed by the City of Menlo Park to the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) in 2013. The city provides water to about 10,000 residents in two enclaves of the city, while other water purveyors serve the rest of the city's residential, commercial and industrial customers.

Ms. Keith was elected to a four-year term on the Menlo Park City Council in November 2010 and served as Mayor in 2012. She was re-elected to Council in November 2014. Prior to her election on the City Council, Ms. Keith's volunteer work with community organizations throughout San Mateo County spanned over two decades. She served on the Board of Directors of Sor Juana Inez, a battered women's service agency, and is a member of the Advisory Board of the Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA). She served as President for two consecutive years on the San Mateo County Commission on the Status of Women, an organization she was actively involved in for eight years. Ms. Keith is a member of the San Mateo County Legal Aid Society's fundraising committee for over fourteen years, which raises money to help people in the County obtain legal services they could not have otherwise afford. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Service League of San Mateo County. In Menlo Park, Ms. Keith served on the Community Mediation Services Committee and Housing Commission. She was also appointed to the Planning Commission in 2004 where she served as Chair in 2007.

Ms. Keith is the President of the League of California Cities Peninsula Division. Ms. Keith serves on a number of committees, including the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG), County of Santa Clara Community Resources Group for Stanford University, the Dumbarton Rail Policy Committee, Grand Boulevard Task Force, and is the Chair of the San Francisco Joint Powers Authority. She represents the City of Menlo Park on the Caltrain Modernization Local Policy Group. She also serves as Council Liaison to the Menlo Park Bicycle Commission, Stanford Parcel Negotiation and Community Grant Funding Committees.

Ms. Keith has had her law practice in San Mateo County for 19 years. She is a long time resident of Menlo Park, and is a proud parent of children attending Menlo Park public schools.

Marico Sayoc, Concilmember, Los Gatos

Statement of Intent to Serve

Thank you for conveying my nomination to serve as At-Large Member, Santa Clara County for the Peninsula Division in 2017-18. I accept the nomination and eagerly look forward to the opportunity to serve the Peninsula Division. I was elected to the Los Gatos Town Council in 2014 and am currently the Mayor of my Town. During this time, I have come to understand that effectiveness in local government requires a stronger understanding and partnership with our regional counterparts and our state government. I would like to work with the Executive Committee and all members of the Peninsula Division to strengthen those partnerships so that all our towns and cities are working effectively to serve our residents. I will bring to the Executive Committee many years of federal government experience, a respect for public policy and a relentless enthusiasm.



Bio

Mayor – Town of Los Gatos 2016-Present

Represent the Town in all regional, state and federal matters; Lead Town Council, advisory and community groups to work cross-functionally to achieve town-wide goals and priorities; Direct legislative policies that represent the diverse views and values of the Town; Partner with neighboring cities for regional impact and benefits.

Council Member – Town of Los Gatos 2014-2016

Formulate and enact public policy that is forward thinking, fiscally responsible, environmentally sustainable and fair and inclusive to all stakeholders and constituents; Manage the Town's financial resources by delivering a balanced budget that reflects the priorities of the Town Ensure all stakeholders and constituents are represented and negotiate solutions to conflicting objectives and priorities.

Planning Commissioner – Town of Los Gatos 2007-2014

Advised Mayor and town council on land use matters; Optimized governmental processes and partnered with town commissions and departments towards land use solutions; Negotiated solutions to conflicting land use objectives and priorities; Reviewed compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

Program Manager – Natural Resources Defense Council Washington, DC, 2003-2005

Managed initiatives to eliminate the use of mercury in commerce, including management of joint initiatives with partner organizations in the U.S. and abroad; Managed the partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme to develop an action plan for reducing global mercury pollution; Managed campaigns that pressured targeted industries to move towards mercury-free processes; Secured press coverage and helped galvanize public concern for the hazards of mercury.

U.S.-Mexico Program Manager – U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Washington, DC, 1999-2003

Represented the EPA at Department Secretary-level negotiations between the U.S. and Mexico.

Emily Beach, Councilmember, Burlingame

Statement of Intent to Serve

Thank you to the Nominating Committee for recommending me as a candidate for the San Mateo At-Large Member of the Peninsula Division Executive Committee. After participating in the League's Legislative Action Day in Sacramento this past April, City Finances Advance Leadership Workshop in Monterey, and occasional Peninsula Division events, I am sincerely interested in getting more involved with the League of California Cities. I admire and appreciate the League's advocacy and educational work, and I recognize how important it is for Councilmembers to participate in Sacramento's legislative process so we can help influence policy decisions that impact cities. I understand the required commitment includes attending a monthly Officer's meeting/luncheon and quarterly Friday luncheon panels, plus other optional opportunities to support the Division. Although



Tuesday and Friday luncheons are more convenient for me, I can accommodate most 3rd Mondays as well.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily Beach".

Bio

Emily's professional experience spans nonprofit, public, and private sectors. After graduating from the University of Notre Dame (B.A. Government and Spanish) on a ROTC scholarship, she served as a U.S. Army officer in Saudi Arabia, South Korea, and Texas. During her four years on active duty, she earned the rank of captain and the U.S. Army Parachutist Badge. Emily also worked as a sales executive in Silicon Valley before re-inventing herself as a stay-at-home mom and active community volunteer.

Emily served four years on Burlingame Community for Education Foundation's (BCE) Board of Directors, including two years as president from 2013-15. Under Emily's leadership, BCE experienced the greatest period of fundraising and volunteerism growth in its nearly 40-year history. Emily also served as past chair of First Presbyterian Church Nursery School's Board and Girl Scout volunteer. She is an active parishioner and music volunteer at St. Catherine of Siena Church, and currently teaches music at UMC Nursery School.

Emily serves on several regional committees and boards. The additional duties reflect her passion for infrastructure, transportation, the environment, and emergency services: San Mateo County Transportation, Authority (TA) Board of Directors, representing Cities-at-Large, Caltrain Modernization Local Policymaker Group (Vice Chair, 2015-present), Commute.org Board of Directors, C/CAG Congestion Management and Environmental Quality Committee, C/CAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, The Grand Boulevard Task Force, San Mateo County Emergency Services Council Board of Directors, Fire/ALS (Advanced Life Support) Services Board of Directors, City Council liaison to Burlingame Chamber of Commerce, Burlingame/Caltrans El Camino Real (California State Highway 82) Task Force, Civic Engagement Subcommittee.

Alicia Carmen Aguirre, Councilmember, Redwood City

Application Statement

I have served on the Redwood City Council since January 2005. Since then I have been involved and participated with the League in various capacities. I have attended Lobby Days with my colleagues from the Peninsula. I attend the League's Annual Conference every year. I am also the current President of the Latino Caucus of the League. The Peninsula Division is a very important and influential organization that brings together Mayors and Council Members together to address the issues and concerns of particular importance to this region. I would be honored to serve as Past-President of the Peninsula Division of the League.



Bio

Alicia is a professor at Cañada College. She has taught there since 1988 in the English Institute and the Spanish Department. She was Coordinator of the English Institute, Chair of the District Curriculum Committee and on the District Academic Senate. She holds an M.A. from Eastern Michigan University and has done Doctoral studies in Social Anthropology at the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City. She was a Fulbright Exchange Professor in Argentina.

Alicia is a former Mayor of the City of Redwood City and a serving member of the City Council. She is the first Latina/o Mayor in the history of Redwood City. She was appointed in January, 2005 and was elected in November, 2005, 2007, 2011, and 2015. She also served as a Trustee and the President of the Redwood City Elementary School Board. As an active community member, she has served on numerous community boards in San Mateo County and the State of California and has received many awards. Some of these include: Woman of the Year 2012 State of California 21st Assembly District's by Assemblyman Rich Gordon; Recipient of the OHTLI Award and Medal by the Mexican Government; President of the Statewide Latino Caucus Executive Board of the League of California Cities; Inducted into the Redwood City San Mateo County Chamber Hall of Fame; Treasurer of the Latino Political Action Committee of San Mateo County; Chair, CCAG - City County Association of Governments Board; Board Member of the Redwood City Chamber-San Mateo County; Treasurer, Academic Senate, Cañada College Board Member of Dreamer's RoadMap; Board Member of Kid's Vision; Advisory Council, Sequoia Adult Student Scholars Foundation; Metropolitan Transportation Commissioner, representing the Cities of SMC; President of the Board of the Service League of San Mateo County; Former Trustee, Notre Dame De Namur University; Former Latina Mentor Advisory Council of the San Mateo County Office of Education; Former Board Member, Redwood City Library Foundation; Former Board Member Shelter Network; Former Board Member Hispanos Unidos.

Liz Kniss, Councilmember, Palo Alto

Application Statement

I have lived and worked in Palo Alto and in Santa Clara County for many years, and have served in public office since 1985. As a school board member, City Council member and Supervisor in Santa Clara County, I have been involved with each governing body's professional organization and have served in leadership on Palo Alto School Board, Palo Alto City Council and Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, as well as many committees. I was Vice Mayor of the Palo Alto City Council in 2014. I have recently been appointed to the Employee Relations committee after being back on the PACC since 2013.



Bio

While on the Palo Alto City Council, I participate in activities at the local level with the Peninsula Division and statewide with the League of California Cities. I am particularly interested in the "voice" that the League can have in Sacramento and in Washington and will work to maintain good long term relationships with the delegation of elected officials from the Bay Area.

While I was on the Board of Supervisors, I chaired the Legislative Committee for six years, and oversaw both state and federal advocates, following the budgets, the bills, and trends in public spending. I frequently visited Sacramento and DC to visit with our elected officials to work with them and their staff on issues important to our communities.

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