



## **CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** August 15, 2017

**DEPARTMENT:** ADMINISTRATION

**FROM:** Jim Pia, Assistant City Manager  
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**TITLE:** LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES' VOTING DELEGATES AND  
POLICY RESOLUTIONS

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Motion to approve appointment of Mayor Joe Gunter as the voting delegate and Councilmember Tony Barrera as the alternate voting delegate for the annual League of California Cities' business meeting on policy resolutions; and further authorize the City's delegate to vote in support/opposition of the League of California Cities' proposed Policy Resolutions.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve appointment of Mayor Joe Gunter as the voting delegate and Councilmember Tony Barrera as the alternate voting delegate for the annual League of California Cities' business meeting on policy resolutions and authorize the City's delegate to vote on the League of California Cities' Policy Resolutions accordingly.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The League's 2017 Annual Conference is scheduled for September 13-15 in Sacramento. An important part of the Annual Conference is the Annual Business meeting where the League membership considers and takes action on resolutions that establish League policy. In order to vote on the proposed Policy Resolution at the Annual Business meeting, voting delegates and alternates must be appointed by the City Council.

BACKGROUND:

At its annual business meeting, the League of California Cities adopts policy resolutions on issues of statewide importance that have direct bearing on municipal affairs and are of broad municipal interests. This year's general assembly and business meeting will be held during the League's annual conference on Friday, September 15, 2017 at the Sacramento Convention Center. Each city must appoint a voting delegate and may appoint up to two alternates to vote on the League's policy resolutions. Action by the City Council is required consistent with the League bylaws. Mayor

Gunter wishes to serve as the voting delegate and recommends Councilmember Tony Barrera serve as the alternate voting delegate.

The League's primary means for developing policy is through their standing policy committees and Board of Directors. Additionally, any city, elected or appointed city official, or League Division, Department, or Policy Committee may submit a resolution sixty days before the business meeting. Resolutions signed by at least 47 delegates may be introduced during the annual conference for issues that developed after the submittal deadline.

During the conference, the Public Safety Policy Committee will consider making recommendations on Resolutions 1 and 2 before the delegates in the General Assembly take action.

### 1. Implement Strategies to Reduce Negative Impacts of Recent Changes to Criminal Laws

The City of Whittier submitted this resolution. This Resolution calls upon the League membership 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.

Executive staff recommends support of Resolution 1. The City of Salinas supported the League of California Cities efforts and that of the California Chiefs Association in opposition of Proposition 47 and 57, and support of AB 109 requesting Public Safety Realignment as a response to increasing crime rates throughout the state.

### 2. Local Control for Emergency Medical Response

The City of Tracy submitted this resolution. The 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. Executive staff recommends support of Resolution 2. Local fire service agencies have an obligation to provide public safety services including, fire suppression, fire prevention, hazardous material response, technical rescue and emergency medical services (EMS). The City of Salinas relies on mutual aid to both respond to incidents and provide critical coverage when all Salinas Fire Department (SFD) units are committed on other incidents. Although mutual aid is a reliable system, the response time increases and level of service varies. The City of Salinas Fire Department strongly supports the need for additional legislation and working with the League and other stakeholders on possible changes to Government Code Section 38611.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

**Not a Project.** The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

Identifying voting delegates of the City Council to vote on League policy resolutions supports the City Council's goal of effective, sustainable government and encourages participation in League events and activities that help build strong strategic partnerships. Additionally, supporting the proposed policy resolutions meets the City Council's goal of safe, livable communities by reestablish State and Federal Partnerships to Fight Crime in efforts to improve the overall safety of all residents, and developing an EMS System Strategic Plan as a viable alternative to a private based system.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

No fiscal and sustainability impact.

ATTACHMENTS:

May 12, 2017 letter from LCC reg. Voting Delegates  
2017 Annual Conference Resolutions