

Alameda County Mayors' Conference

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

July 13, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Oakland Zoo

[9777 Golf Links Road, Oakland, CA](#)

Habitarium, Room 101

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of June 8, 2022, Meeting Minutes*
3. Agenda Amendments
4. Public Comments and Other Announcements
5. Member Reports on Regional Boards and Activities
6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications*

Board Name/ Appointment	District	Incumbent	Applicant(s)	Start	End
Association of Bay Area Governments, Executive Board	N/A	Mayor Halliday	Mayor Halliday	July 2022	December 2022
EveryOne Home Leadership Board	Tri-Valley	None	Josh Thurman	July 2022	July 2025
EveryOne Home Leadership Board	South County	None	Laurie Flores	July 2022	July 2025

*Applications submitted for appointment will always be included with the Nominating Committee agenda packet, which also includes a listing of current regional board vacancies.

7. League of California Cities' Report, Legislative Updates, and Actions
 - a) Samantha Caygill, East Bay Regional Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities
8. Meeting Presentation

Presenter: Nik Dehejia, Chief Executive Officer, Oakland Zoo
Presentation Topic: The Oakland Zoo
9. Other Business Matters
 - a) Consideration of United States Conference of Mayors Resolution Concerning Supreme Court Opinion on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*
10. Request for Future Agenda Items
11. Adjournment

*Denotes report included below or attached material. Regional board applications are included with the Nominating Committee agenda packet

Note: The Mayors' Conference or the Alameda County City Selection Committee may act on any subject posted on this agenda, including nominations from the floor for regional boards.

For questions or information regarding this Agenda, contact Steven Bocian, Executive Director at: sbocian@acmayorsconference.org

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Executive Director's Report

Item 6 - Appointment to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

The Nominating Committee is scheduled to review the applications received and make appointments to the regional boards listed in this agenda. Please see the Nominating Committee agenda packet for additional information, including applications and the listing of current regional board vacancies.

RECOMMENDATION - Consider the Nominating Committee's recommendations and make appointments to the above-listed regional board(s).

Item 9 - Consideration of United States Conference of Mayors Resolution Concerning Supreme Court Opinion on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*

Mayor Russo Cutter provided a model resolution received at the United States Conference of Mayors in opposition to the state of Arizona law banning abortion after 15 weeks of gestation (Attachment 1). Some mayors have expressed an interest in endorsing the resolution.

To state an opinion on national or world issues, the Mayors' Conference has typically not agendized the issue until there is an affirmative vote from the mayors. However, due to the timeliness of this matter, and a request by some mayors, it has been placed on the agenda for consideration. Three potential options for addressing this matter are listed below:

1. Do not take action on the item until there is an affirmative vote to support agendizing it at a future meeting.
2. Take action supporting the resolution (Attachment 1)
3. Adopt the attached Mayors' Conference resolution prepared by the Executive Director modeled after the United States Conference of Mayors resolution. However, this resolution is more generally focused on the recent Supreme Court *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* opinion and is not as specific to the Arizona law (Attachment 2)

RECOMMENDATION - Consider the above and take action on the options listed above or an alternative. If a resolution is adopted, the Executive Director will process and distribute it to all members.

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Speaker Bio

As a 16-year veteran of Oakland Zoo, Nik Dehejia's role as Chief Executive Officer is integral to all Zoo operations. Nik's passion for advancing the Zoo into the future, both in wildlife conservation and as a visitor destination, has been key to establishing Oakland Zoo as we know it today.

On a recent Oakland Zoo-sponsored ecotour to Africa, Nik met with many of the Zoo's frontline conservation partners there, seeing firsthand the profound impact the Zoo's ongoing support makes for wildlife abroad. A board member of the Regional Parks Foundation, Visit Oakland, and Wildlife Restoration Foundation, and as a member of the prestigious AZA (Association of Zoo and Aquariums) and Awards Committee and AZA Trends Committee, Nik's twin goals of Taking Action for Wildlife and over-arching future progress drives successful projects across Oakland Zoo.

In a massive undertaking representing the best in Oakland Zoo's collaboration with community leaders, political leaders, and the diverse members of our Bay Area community, Nik oversaw the development of the California Trail, a \$71-million-dollar project that included a Leed-certified Veterinary Hospital (opened in 2012), a Biodiversity Center (opened in 2013), and the California Trail (opened in 2018).

A 26-year resident in the Bay Area, Nik holds an MBA from U.C. Berkeley and has been a board member for Heyday Books, Community Initiatives, and Slide Ranch. Before Oakland Zoo, Nik worked in international public policy at the World Resources Institute and World Bank, in corporate responsibility at Business for Social Responsibility, and in a more traditionally commercial role at Levi Strauss & Co. The father of two teenagers, Nik lives in Alameda.

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CALENDAR OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Meeting Date	Host City*
July 13, 2022	Oakland Zoo
August 2022	Annual Recess
September 14, 2022	City of San Leandro
October 12, 2022	Virtual Zoom Meeting
November 9, 2022	City of Hayward
December 14, 2022	Virtual Zoom Meeting

**The Alameda County Mayors' Conference will continue to hold virtual meetings every other month until further notice. Meeting information is available at www.alamedacountymayorsconference.org*