

# Alameda County Mayors' Conference

## BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

November 10, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Teleconference Meeting

Access the meeting remotely by using this URL:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9152161630> Meeting ID: 915 216 1630

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of October 13, 2021, Meeting Minutes\*
3. Approval of Alameda County Mayors' Conference Resolution 3.21 Adopting Findings for the Continuation of Virtual Meetings\*
4. Agenda Amendments
5. Public Comments and Other Announcements
6. Member Reports on Regional Boards and Activities
7. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications\*

Board Name/ Appointment	District	Incumbent	Applicant(s)	Start	End
Association of Bay Area Governments Regional Planning Committee	N/A	Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft	Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft	11/2021	10/2023
Alameda County Transportation Commission Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee	D2 - Valle	Ben Schwenge	Ben Schwenge	11/2021	11/2023
East Bay Community Energy Community Advisory Committee	N/A	New position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ed Hernandez</li><li>• Hope Salazar</li><li>• Jim Lutz</li><li>• Lisa C. Hu</li><li>• Michael Katz</li><li>• Sarah Garner</li><li>• Whitney W. Stewart</li></ul>	11/2021	11/2023

\*Applications submitted for appointment are included with the Nominating Committee Packet

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

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## 8. Meeting Presentation

a) Presenter: Jesse Arreguin, Mayor, City of Berkeley

Presentation Topic: Discussion of the Framework for Cities/County Homeless Services to be incorporated in the HomeTogether Plan

## 9. Other Business Matters

## 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.

## CALENDAR OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Meeting Date	Host City*
November 10, 2021	Virtual Meeting
December 8, 2021	Virtual Meeting
January 12, 2022	Virtual Meeting
February 9, 2022	TBD

*\*The Alameda County Mayors' Conference will continue to hold virtual meetings until further notice. Once in-person meetings begin, this calendar will be updated with host city information. Meeting information is available at [www.alamedacountymayorsconference.org](http://www.alamedacountymayorsconference.org)*

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## Guest Speakers Bio

## Executive Director's Report

### Item 6 - Appointment to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

Please see the Nominating Committee agenda material for additional information, including applications and the listing of current regional board vacancies.

Please note that East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) is a not-for-profit public agency that governs the Community Choice Energy service in the majority of Alameda County. The agency previously requested, and the Mayors Conference agreed, to conduct an applicant selection process to facilitate expanding its Community Advisory Committee by adding two at large members from Alameda County. The applications received are included in the Nominating Committee packet.

**RECOMMENDATION** - Consider the Nominating Committee's recommendations and make appointments to the above-listed regional boards and the EBCE.

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## **Public Comments for Teleconference Meeting**

This meeting is being held in accordance with the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor's Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020, and AB 361 to allow attendance by members of the Alameda County Mayors' Conference by teleconference.

Please be advised that pursuant to the Executive Order, and to ensure the health and safety of the public by limiting human contact that could spread the COVID-19 virus, there will not be a physical location open to the public for the meeting. Members of the Alameda County Mayors' Conference will be participating telephonically and will not be physically present in a single location.

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Should you wish to provide public comment, please follow the above listed link to participate in the meeting. Public members will be placed in a queue to speak in order of login.

Members of the public may also comment on any item on this agenda by submitting an email. To give adequate time to print out your comments for consideration at the meeting, please submit your written comments no later than 2:00 p.m. on May 4, 2021 to [sbocian@acmayorsconference.org](mailto:sbocian@acmayorsconference.org). Any email received will be provided to the Alameda County Mayors' Conference membership prior to the meeting and made part of the meeting record.

If you wish to have your comments read to the Alameda County Mayors' Conference, please submit an email to [sbocian@acmayorsconference.org](mailto:sbocian@acmayorsconference.org) up until the beginning of the agenda item that you wish to comment on. Please indicate in the subject line "FOR PUBLIC COMMENT" and list the item number that you wish to comment on. Public comments submitted to be read into the record will be subject to a three-minute time limitation and accordingly should be limited to no more than 250 words. If the email is not received for the identified agenda item, the email will not be read but will be made part of the meeting record if received prior to the end of the meeting.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please send an e-mail to [sbocian@acmayorsconference.org](mailto:sbocian@acmayorsconference.org) at least two working days prior to the meeting to enable the Alameda County Mayors' Conference to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

# **ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE**

## **Resolution No. 3.21**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS CONFERENCE AND THE ALAMEDA COUNTY CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE ADOPTING FINDINGS REGARDING SOCIAL DISTANCING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ARISING FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC WHICH WARRANT THE CONTINUATION OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor declared a state of emergency due to COVID-19 on March 4, 2020, which has been extended. Due to the COVID-19 Delta variant, many pandemic restrictions remain in place; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Department of Public Health has issued COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards which generally requires that face coverings be worn in shared rooms, and persons to be at least six feet apart; and

**WHEREAS**, public meetings involve many people in shared indoors spaces for hours, when the number of people present does not always allow for a minimum six foot distance between persons. Close contacts raise the risk of the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayors' Conference and Alameda County City Selection Committee does not typically have microphones at their public meetings resulting in persons needing to speak loudly or project their voices to be heard by the group. Speaking loudly indoors with others can raise the risk of the spread of aerosols with the COVID-19 virus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayors' Conference and Alameda County City Selection Committee is comprised of elected leaders from various cities in Alameda County and identifying a room or location for each meeting that can maximize ventilation can be difficult since these meetings rotate monthly.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER THE FOLLOWING:**

**SECTION 1.** Finds that the public health, safety and welfare supports continual social distancing as a result of the transmissibility of the COVID-19 virus, such that in-person meetings create a health risk.

- A. That the Alameda County Mayors' Conference and City Selection Committee will continue to meet virtually to allow its members and members of the public to avoid exposure, maintain social distancing and avoid pre-screening for vaccination or symptoms which is impractical at the meetings.
- B. While meeting virtually the Alameda County Mayors' Conference and the City Selection Committee will adhere to applicable open meeting requirements, including AB 361.

**SECTION 2.** This resolution will become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

**SECTION 3.** The Executive Director will certify to the passage of this resolution.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Alameda County Mayors' Conference at its meeting held on November 10, 2021.

I, Steven Bocian, Executive Director of the Alameda County Mayors' Conference certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Alameda County Mayors' Conference at its meeting held on the tenth day of November 2021 by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTENTION:**

# ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of October 13, 2021

This telephonic/video meeting, held in compliance with Alameda County's shelter in place order, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft using a Zoom software interface.

## 1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

The following mayors, or their elected alternates, were present during the proceedings:

City	Member Attendee
Alameda	Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft
Albany	Mayor Ge'Nell Gary
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Dublin	Mayor Melissa Hernandez
Emeryville	Mayor Dianne Martinez
Hayward	Mayor Barbara Halliday
Livermore	Mayor Bob Woerner
Newark	Mayor Al Nagy
Oakland	Mayor Libby Schaaf
Piedmont	Mayor Teddy Gray King
Pleasanton	Mayor Karla Brown
San Leandro	Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

## 2. Approval of the September 8, 2021, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Russo Cutter seconded by Mayor Dutra Vernaci to approve the September 8, 2021, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote with Mayor Brown absent (arrived after the minutes).

## 3. Agenda Amendments

The agenda was amended to include Item 9b concerning consideration to adopt resolution 2.21.

## 4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

a) Mayor Schaaf provided a draft letter outlining support for the Oakland Athletics' Howard Terminal Ballpark project and requested the mayors to consider its adoption. She used a PowerPoint presentation to outline significant aspects of the project, including jobs creation, offsite improvements, housing affordability, zero net emissions, and the increased assessed value of the site. She also discussed the financing aspects of the project and stated that no General Obligation bonds would be issued and that there was no risk to the City of Oakland's General Fund

Mayor Schaff addressed comments and questions from mayors Gray King, Russo Cutter, Woerner, and Halliday,

b) Casey Farmer, Director of Community Engagement, Alameda County, provided information regarding the current Alameda County Board of Supervisor's redistricting project and the status of the federal census. She indicated that a new State law requires greater redistricting transparency, including outreach and public meetings and that the new maps are expected to be in use for the 2022 election. She also detailed the criteria for drawing the new district boundaries.

#### **5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees**

Mayor Arreguin indicated that the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board is scheduled to take action on *Plan Bay Area 2050* at its October 21, 2021, meeting and that he would like to have its staff make a presentation on the Plan and its implementation at a future meeting date. He also provided an update on the Regional Housing Needs Allocation process and indicated that recent polling indicates a lack of adequate support to pursue a regional housing funding measure.

Mayor Hernandez informed members of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance's upcoming Innovation Awards event.

Mayor Dutra Vernaci provided an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

Mayor Halliday congratulated Mayor Arreguin for his recent ABAG appointment and informed members that the East Bay Economic Development Alliance has developed the *East Bay Forward* plan and encouraged members to review and comment on the document.

Mayor Russo Cutter provided an update on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

#### **6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications**

No appointments were scheduled for this meeting. Steven Bocian informed members that the current list of vacancies has been updated to include the East Bay Community Energy Community Advisory Committee and that appointments will be considered at the November 10, 2021, meeting.

#### **7. League of California City Reports, Legislative Updates and Actions**

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities (League), provided an update on legislative action, including SB 556, which was vetoed by the Governor, SB156, which will expand broadband services, and AB 14 and SB 4. related to communications was also passed and signed by Governor Newsom. She indicated that Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft will be the new President of the League's East Bay division, that

CALPERS will be conducting a webinar, and that the League is also holding an education forum later this month.

## **8. Meeting Presentation**

Jenifer Adrio, Regional Chief Executive Officer, American Red Cross, Northern California Coastal Region, provided an overview of services provided in Alameda County, including the relocation of its offices from Oakland to Davis Street in the City of San Leandro. She provided a PowerPoint with information indicating that \$0.91 of every dollar received goes to services, that COVID-19 hindered some services, such as installing smoke alarms. She also detailed its services related to residential home fires and its Sickle Cell initiative.

Mayor Russo Cutter commented on the agency's services.

## **9. Other Business Matter**

a) The mayors discussed various programs concerning the COVID-19 vaccination process. Mayor Woerner indicated that he recently coordinated programs and actions with Alameda County. As a result, it may not be necessary to address the County on its vaccination processes at this time. However, should COVID-19 expand during the winter months, additional coordination between cities and Alameda County may be necessary. Mayors Halliday, Brown, and Hernandez commented on their city's hybrid city council meetings.

b) Members considered the adoption of Mayors' Conference Resolution 2.12. Following discussion, it was moved by Mayor and seconded by Mayor that the Alameda County Mayors' Conference adopt Resolution 2.12, a resolution of the Alameda County Mayors' Conference and the Alameda County City Selection Committee adopting findings regarding social distancing and public health arising from the COVID-19 pandemic which warrant the continuation of virtual public meeting. It was moved by Mayor Nagy seconded by Mayor Brown to adopt Resolution 2.21. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote with Mayor Arreguin absent.

## **10. Request for Future Agenda Items**

Steven Bocian indicated that he would poll mayors regarding interest and availability to attend a tour of the Howard Terminal site, which is being considered by the Oakland Athletics as the site for its Ballpark project.

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian  
Executive Director