

# Alameda County Mayors' Conference

## BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

February 9, 2022

6:30 p.m.

Teleconference Meeting/ Meeting Access:

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

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of January 12, 2021, Meeting Minutes\*
3. Reconfirmation 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
  - a) Recognition of Eric Levitt, City Manager, City of Alameda, for his dedication serving as the 2021 Chairperson for the Alameda County City Managers' Association.
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
Alameda County Transportation Commission Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee	D3-Brown	Jeremy Johansen	Jeremy Johansen	02/2022	02/2024

\*Applications submitted for appointment will always be included with the Nominating Committee Packet

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

**Presenters:**

  - Dr. Margot Kushel, MD, Professor of Medicine, Director of UCSF Center for Vulnerable Populations
  - Kelly Knight, PhD Professor and Vice Chair of Department of Humanities and Social Services at UCSF
  - Graham Pruss, PhD is a Post-Doctoral Scholar at UCSF Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative (BHHI)
  - Ned Resnikoff is the Policy Manager at the BHHI

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## Presentation Topics:

- 1) Homelessness Among Older Adults: Causes, Consequences, and Solutions (Kushel and Resnikoff)
- 2) The resident of oversized vehicles in Oakland: What would meet their needs. (Knight and Pruss)

## 10. Other Business Matters

- a) Discussion regarding Falck ambulance service provided in Alameda County and the scheduled Alameda County Board of Supervisors service review.

## 11. Request for Future Agenda Items

Scheduled tentative guest speakers include:

- b) March 9, 2022 - Sabrina Landreth, General Manager, East Bay Regional Park District. EBRPD update.
- c) April 13, 2022 - Scott Coffin, Chief Executive Officer, Alameda Alliance for Health to discuss the CalAIM program.

## 12. 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*
February 9, 2022	Virtual Meeting
March 9, 2022	Virtual Meeting
April 13, 2022	Virtual Meeting
May 11, 2022	Virtual Meeting

*\*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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## **Executive Director's Report**

### **Item 7 - Appointment to Regional Boards and Call for Applications**

The Nominating Committee is scheduled to review the applications received and make a recommendation on appointments. 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).

## **Presentation Summaries and Speaker's Bio:**

**Presentation No. 1** - Homelessness Among Older Adults: Causes, Consequences and Solutions. Dr. Kushel will present findings from the ongoing Health Outcomes of People Experiencing Homelessness in Older Middle age (HOPE HOME) study, a longitudinal study of homeless adults age 50 and over that has been ongoing in Oakland since 2013.

### **Presenters:**

**Margot Kushel, MD** is a Professor of Medicine at University of California San Francisco. She is the Division Chief and Director of the UCSF Center for Vulnerable Populations and Director of the UCSF Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative. She is a practicing general internist at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital. Margot's research focuses on the causes and consequences of homelessness and housing instability, with the goal of preventing and ending homelessness and ameliorating the effects of homelessness and housing instability on health. She speaks at a local, state and national level about issues of homelessness, and frequently provides testimony to legislative bodies. Twitter: @mkushel

**Ned Resnikoff, MPP** is the Policy Manager at the BHHI. Mr. Resnikoff is a former journalist who received his Masters in Public Policy from UC Berkeley. He was an analyst in the California Legislative Affairs Office prior to joining UCSF BHHI as their policy manager. Twitter: @resnikoff

**Presentation No. 2** - The Residents of Oversized Vehicles in Oakland: What would meet their needs. Researchers at the Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative conducted qualitative research with residents of oversized vehicles to determine who are residents of oversized vehicles; what are their housing preferences and barriers; and what services do they use and need.

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## **Presenters:**

**Kelly Knight**, PhD Professor and Vice Chair of Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at UCSF and Faculty Director of Qualitative Research at UCSF BHHI. Dr. Knight received her PhD in anthropology from UCSF. Dr. Knight studies homelessness and substance use. She is the author *Addicted. Pregnant. Poor* and the Principal investigator of several NIH studies of pain and opioid use and misuse in marginalized populations. She is a co-investigator on the HOPE HOME Study of older homeless adults and was the co-Principal Investigator of the Family Assisted Housing Study, which examined older homeless adults relationships and housing with family members. Dr. Knight was the Senior Investigator on the Residents of Oversized Vehicles in Oakland study. Twitter @kellyrayknight

**Graham Pruss**, PhD is a Post-Doctoral Scholar at UCSF BHHI. He is an ethnoarcheologist, who earned his PhD at the University of Washington. Dr. Pruss mixes participatory, qualitative, and quantitative methods to better inform policy makers and convey complex research to non-academic audiences. Graham was inspired to focus on the habitation of vehicles in public space by extensive travel with his family in vehicles during his childhood and close relationships with long-term vehicle residents throughout his life. He brings diverse perspectives to research on housing adaptation and instability, as a former social service outreach specialist for vehicle residents (2013-2015) and previous recipient of social welfare programs as a homeless youth and teen parent in the 1990s. Twitter: @GrahamPruss

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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.

You can access the meeting remotely here:

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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 que 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, you may 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 email 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.

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# ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of January 12, 2022

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 Preston Jordan
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Dublin	Mayor Melissa Hernandez
Emeryville	Mayor John Bauters
Fremont	Mayor Lily Mei
Hayward	Mayor Barbara Halliday
Livermore	Mayor Bob Woerner
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 December 8, 2021, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Dutra Vernaci seconded by Mayor Halliday to approve the December 8, 2021, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote. (Mayors Jordan, Schaaf, and Gray King absent for vote)

## 3. Reconfirmation of Alameda County Mayors Conference Resolution 3.21 Adopting Findings for the Continuation of Virtual Meetings

It was moved by Mayor Cutter seconded by Mayor Mei to approve Resolution 3.21 adopting findings to continue virtual meetings. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote. ( Mayors Jordan, Schaaf, and Gray King absent for vote)

## 4. Agenda Amendments

No agenda amendments

## 5. Public Comments and Other Announcements

No public comments

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

Mayor Arreguin updated members on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) 2023 to 2031 Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) and its Plan Bay Area 2050 indicating that the RHNA numbers are now final and cities are beginning their housing elements. He also indicated that ABAG endorsed the Bay Adapt platform.

Mayor Halliday said the Alameda Countywide Oversight Board is scheduled to meet virtually on January 29, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Cutter indicated that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District has adopted a rule that factors social justice for the first time.

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

No appointments were scheduled for this meeting. President Ezzy Ashcraft informed members of the current vacancy table included in the agenda packet.

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

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities (League), reported that the legislature is in session and that the Governor has released his budget, which includes funding for housing, infrastructure, drought resistance, other important city matters.

## **9. Meeting Presentation**

Jessica Fain, Planning Director, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), provided a PowerPoint on the result of the Bay Adapt Regional Strategy for a Rising Bay Area, an initiative to protect people and the natural and built environment from rising sea levels. Zachary Wasserman, current BCDC chair, provided opening comments, and Larry Goldzad, BCDC Executive Director, provided commentary and answered member questions. Jessica indicated that the regional strategy includes five categories, nine actions, and 21 tasks for one strategy. Implementing the strategy will require many changes, including a coordinated and collective effort from all governmental agencies. She also provided information regarding the process used to develop the report, the agencies that were part of the outreach process, an overview of Bay Adapt participants, and potential impacts of rising sea levels. She requested members consider an endorsement of the Bay Adapt Regional Strategy for a Rising Bay.

BCDC staff answered questions and comments from Mayors Halliday, Cutter, Arreguin, Gray King, Schaaf, Bauters, Jordan, and Hernandez.

## **10. Other Business Matter**

- a) Consideration of a request to adopt a letter or resolution of support for the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission Bay Adapt study.

It was moved by Mayor Cutter and seconded by Mayor Halliday authorize the transmittal of the letter of support to the BCDC included in the agenda packet with an amendment to the final paragraph as follows:

The Alameda County Mayors' Conference supports the Bay Adapt Joint Platform and look forward to working with BCDC and all of Bay Adapt's stakeholders to ensure that the entire Bay Area thrives in the face of rising sea levels.

The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

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

Mayor Dutra Vernici expressed an interest in a presentation regarding the proposed formation of a Joint Powers Agency for vegetation management and wildfire prevention in the East Bay hills.

Mayor Bauters expressed an interest in dialogue and presentation on the benefits and establishment of a regional trauma recovery center in Alameda County. Mayor Bauters will contact Steven Bocian with contact information.

Mayor Arreguin expressed an interest in a presentation on the mental health crisis occurring with the homeless and those involved in street activities. Mayor Schaaf indicated that receiving information about the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (caAIM) program would benefit this discussion. Regarding this matter, Steven Bocian will contact Scott Coffin, Chief Executive Officer with Alameda Alliance for Health. Dr. Mark Gahly or Dr. Erica Pan are also potential options for this discussion.

Mayor Halliday indicated an interest in a presentation regarding the national opioid settlement and available funding and uses for cities.

#### **12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian  
Executive Director

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# **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:**