

# Alameda County Mayors' Conference

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## BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

February 14, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Firebrand Cafe

[707 W. Tower Avenue, Alameda, CA](#)

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Approval of January 10, 2024, Meeting Minutes\*
- 3. Agenda Amendments
- 4. Public Comments and Other Announcements
  - a.) Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft, City Alameda - Welcome Matt Kreutz, Firebrand Owner
- 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
<b>A. Regional Board Appointments by the Alameda County Mayors' Conference:</b>					
Alameda County Transportation Commission's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee	D-3 Tam	Jeremy Johanson	Jeremy Johanson	3/1/2024	3/1/2026

\*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. Other Business Matters
- 8. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters\*
- 9. League of California Cities' Report, Legislative Updates, and Actions
  - a) Samantha Caygill, East Bay Regional Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities

- - Break for Food Service - -
- 10. Host City Mayors' Report
  - a) Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, City of Alameda
  - b) De-Pave Park, Amy Wooldridge, Assistant City Manager, City of Alameda, and Kevin Conger, Partner, CMG
- 11. Meeting Presentation
  - Presenter: Robert Rayburn, BART, Director
  - Presentation Topic: BART's Safe and Clean campaign to improve the rider experience post-COVID

12. Adjournment

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\*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.

## Executive Director's Report

### **Item 6 – Appointment to Regional Boards and Call for Applications**

Please see the Nominating Committee agenda packet for applications, information regarding these appointments, and the current listing of vacancies.

RECOMMENDATION – Meeting as the Alameda County Mayors' Conference and the Alameda County City Selection Committee, review the applications included with the Nominating Committee packet, consider the recommendations of the Nominating Committee, and if appropriate, approve the appointments to the regional agencies listed on this agenda.

### **Item 8 – Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters**

The following presenters are confirmed for future meetings:

- March 13, 2024 – Red Cross

## CALENDAR OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Meeting Date	Host City
February 14, 2024	Alameda
March 13, 2024	Albany
April 10, 2024	San Leandro
May 8, 2024	Oakland
June 12, 2024	Newark
July 10, 2024	Dublin
August	No Meeting

Meeting information is available at [www.alamedacountymayorsconference.org](http://www.alamedacountymayorsconference.org)

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## **Guest Speaker Bio**

Robert Raburn was first elected to the BART Board of Directors on November 2, 2010. For a decade prior to being elected, Raburn chaired Alameda County's Measure B Citizens Watchdog Committee to ensure the transportation tax funds were spent as promised to the voters. His ideas for Safe Routes to Transit are now a regional-wide program.

Prior to BART, his leadership built respect and influence for the nonprofit East Bay Bicycle Coalition between 1992 and 2010. From getting the bike path on the new East Span of the Bay Bridge, to replacing the "world's shortest freeway" near Lake Merritt in Oakland, Raburn's involvement has resulted in significant accomplishments. He also has contributed to transportation policy changes: regional transportation planning now fully considers all modes of travel (i.e., Routine Accommodation), and reform of CEQA Guidelines was adopted by the State on January 1, 2010.

As a grassroots activist, Raburn enjoys volunteering in Oakland's Fruitvale District near his home. In his spare time he likes to bicycle tour with his wife Pat.

# ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of January 10, 2024

President Arrequin called the meeting to order on January 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Gillig Bus offices at 451 Discovery Drive, Livermore, California.

## 1. Roll Call

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

City	Member Attendee
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arrequin
Emeryville	Mayor John Bauters
Fremont	Mayor Lily Mei
Hayward	Mayor Mark Salinas
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Michael Hannon
Oakland	Mayor Sheng Thao
Piedmont	Mayor Jennifer Cavanaugh
Pleasanton	Mayor Karla Brown
San Leandro	Mayor Juan Gonzalez
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

## 2. Approval of the December 14, 2023, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Arrequin to approve the December 14, 2023 meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

## 3. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

## 4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Stephen Baiter, Executive Director of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance, announced the East Bay Innovation Award event where the ten finalists will be announced.

## 5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

No reports were provided.

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

There were no appointments scheduled for this meeting.

## 7. Other Business Matters

There were no other business matters discussed.

## **8. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters**

No recommendations were made for future agenda items or speakers.

## **9. League of California Cities Reports, Legislative Updates and Actions**

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities (League), provided an update on pending state legislation and League activities. She indicated that the Governor's budget was introduced at a press conference this morning and that he indicated there is an estimated \$37B shortfall. Samatha Gaygill outlined the Governor's budget priorities, including homelessness, climate change, and public safety. Samatha Gaygill stated the Governor has created a select committee on retail theft and that it is working with the League. The next East Bay meeting will be on February 29, 2024, most likely in West Contra Costa County. League events are accessible through the website [calcities.org/events](http://calcities.org/events).

## **10. Host City Mayors' Report**

Mayor Marchand thanked all involved with coordinating the event, introduced city staff and city officials, and played a video outlining recent fusion energy breakthroughs at the Livermore Lab's National Ignition Facility, which has been described as one of the most significant accomplishments in history. He discussed the unique resources and activities that make Livermore unique, including its wineries, the world's largest laser, the national laboratories, an airport, Las Positas College, dedication to the arts and culture, and an emphasis on quality of life. Mayor Marchand outlined the city's significant retail and commercial base and the tech hub developed by Tri-Valley cities in cooperation with Livermore Lab. He also highlighted efforts to deal with homelessness and sexual abuse.

Mayor Marchand introduced Bill Fay, Gillig's vice president, who thanked the mayors for visiting Gillig and provided an outline of the company culture, manufacturing and parts operation, workforce, product line, dedication to climate change, and plans for the future.

## **11. Meeting Presentation**

President Arreguin introduced Dr. Ana Alvarez, Deputy General Manager of the East Bay Regional Park District, to discuss efforts to reach the state's 30 X 30 initiative goal. Dr. Alvarez outlined the worldwide emphasis on meeting 30 X 30 goals, which aim to preserve 30% of the world's nature, and efforts to meet the program's goals in California and the East Bay Regional Park District. She indicated that there have been over 5,000 meetings to adopt strategies and that a 24% retention has been identified, with six million acres left to achieve the goal. She offered to meet with mayors and staff to discuss strategies to meet program goals.

Questions and comments were made by Vice Mayor Testa,

## **12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian  
Executive Director