



COUNCIL DIRECTION TO VOTING DELEGATE FOR LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES 2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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Background

- Policy development is a vital and ongoing process within the League of California Cities.
- Each member city has one Voting Delegate at the General Assembly, which will be held in Long Beach on September 12-14, 2018.
- This year, two resolutions have been introduced for consideration by the Annual Conference.

Proposed LOCC Resolution #1

A resolution of the League of California Cities calling upon the League to respond to the increasing vulnerabilities to local municipal authority, control and revenue options, and to explore the preparation of a ballot measure and/or constitutional amendment that would further strengthen local democracy and authority.

Analysis (LOCC Reso #1)

- This Resolution seeks to retain local flexibility to tailor policies to reflect the needs and circumstances of the local community.
- This proposal comes in the wake of the 2017-18 legislative cycle where the legislature introduced bills such as:
 - SB 649 (Hueso) Wireless Telecommunications Facilities
 - AB 252 (Ridley-Thomas) Local Government: taxation: prohibition: video streaming services
 - SB 827 (Wiener) Planning and Zoning: Transit-Rich Housing Bonus

Fiscal Impact (LOCC Reso #1)

There would be no projected fiscal impact to the City for the League to “assess” and “explore” the preparation of a ballot measure that would further protect local authority.

Proposed LOCC Resolution #2

A resolution of the League of California Cities declaring its commitment to support the repeal of preemption in California Food and Agriculture Code 11501.1 that prevents local governments from regulating pesticides.

Analysis (LOCC Reso #2)

- Use of pesticides is broadly regulated by state law, leaving city's unable to adequately address local concerns.
- The LOCC's ultimate goal is to allow cities to address their local concerns with the input of community members.

Fiscal Impact (LOCC Reso #2)

Since the resolution encourages, but does not mandate action by cities, costs would only be taken on voluntarily.

If the City chooses to further expand the use of alternate methods of pest control, those costs would need to be identified.

Recommendation

- It is recommended that the Council take a position of SUPPORT of on each of these resolutions.
- Resolution #1 – This resolution would encourage the LOCC to explore a ballot measure to give the state’s voters an opportunity to further strengthen local authority and preserve the role of local democracy to preserve local quality of life.
- Resolution #2 – This resolution would direct the League to take a position allowing broad local discretion over pesticide regulation in general.

QUESTIONS?