

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: NICOLE TRUPIANO, CITY MANAGER FELLOW

SUBJECT: COUNCIL DIRECTION TO VOTING DELEGATE FOR LEAGUE
OF CALIFORNIA CITIES 2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
REGARDING COUNCIL POSITION ON THE RESOLUTIONS
COMING BEFORE THE LEAGUE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

AGENDA ACTION: MOTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Manager's Office that the Council, by motion, consider taking a position on each individual resolution to provide direction to its Voting Delegate for the meeting of the League General Assembly.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Policy development is a vital and ongoing process within the League of California Cities (LOCC) for determining legislative and program strategies for important issues facing cities throughout California. Policies are submitted for consideration by the General Assembly at the Annual Conference to be voted on by delegates from the cities. Each member city has one Voting Delegate at the General Assembly, which will be held in Long Beach on September 12-14, 2018.

BACKGROUND

There are two separate issues that have been submitted by resolution to the General Resolutions Committee for recommendation and voting at the General Assembly. These are (1) Preparation of a ballot measure and/or constitutional amendment that would further strengthen local democracy and authority and (2) Supporting the repeal of preemption in California food and agriculture code 11501.1 that prevents local governments from regulating pesticides.

Resolutions submitted to the General Assembly must be concurred in by five cities or by city officials from at least five or more cities. These letters are included in the packet.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

N/A

ANALYSIS

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

This resolution seeks to assess the vulnerabilities to local authority, control and revenue and explore the preparation of a ballot measure and or constitutional amendment that would give the state's voters an opportunity to further strengthen local authority and preserve the role of local democracy.

This resolution asserts that there have been an increasing number of measures introduced within the Legislature aimed at undermining the authority, control and revenue options for local governments and their residents, such as SB 649 which would have allowed the use of "small cell" wireless antennas and related equipment without a local discretionary permit in all zoning districts.

This resolution would provide the state's voters an opportunity to further strengthen local authority and maintain the role of local democracy to best preserve their local quality of life while still leaving the appropriate issues at the county, regional or state legislature depending on the topic.

It is recommended that the Council take a position of SUPPORT of this 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.**

Anticoagulant rodenticides are documented hazards to wildlife and have other negative environmental impacts. With many other nonpoisonous rodent control methods available it is not necessary to preempt cities from regulating pesticides.

Repealing the preemption in Cal. Food and Agric. Code 11501.1 would provide cities with the authority to regulate the use of pesticides in their own jurisdictions based on their own individual and local needs.

It is recommended that the Council take a position of SUPPORT of this resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of these actions does not have a fiscal impact on the General Fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

N/A

NOTIFICATION

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment – LOCC 2018 Annual Conference Resolutions Packet

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