

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JOSHUA DAMRON, CITY MANAGER FELLOW
SUBJECT: COUNCIL DIRECTION TO VOTING DELEGATE FOR LEAGUE
OF CALIFORNIA CITIES 2017 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 Sacramento on September 13-15, 2017.

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) Implementing Strategies to Reduce Negative Impacts of Recent Changes to Criminal Laws and (2) Local Control for Emergency Medical Response.

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. **A resolution of the League of California Cities calling upon the Governor and Legislature to enter into discussion with League and other public safety stakeholders to identify and implement strategies that will reduce the unintended negative impacts of existing criminal law.**

This Resolution seeks to address increases in crime in the wake of AB 109 (2011), relating to criminal justice realignment, Proposition 47 (2014), which reclassified a host of felony offenses as misdemeanors, and Proposition 57 (2016), which revised the rules of parole for what are designated “non-violent” offenders under the California Penal Code, but in fact comprise a number of criminal acts that are violent in nature, or may be committed to facilitate a violent outcome (for example, discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle).

This Resolution would direct LOCC staff to seek legislation expanding the term “violent felony” as defined in the California Penal Code; to tighten the criteria for the release of non-violent, non-serious, non-sex offender inmates; to mandate consideration of an inmate’s entire criminal history as part of the deliberations involving whether to grant an individual parole; and to consider creation of a task force that would be charged with issuing a report recommending further changes in law, and supported by documentation collected by local agencies and other key stakeholders.

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

2. **A resolution of the League of California Cities supporting legislation amending Government Code Section 38611 to clarify the definition of local control providing broad statutory authority for local officials to determine emergency service levels and direct emergency medical response within their jurisdictions.**

Cities have invested significant resources in building up and maintaining an independent Emergency Management System (EMS) capability, this resolution seeks to amend Government Code Section 38611 to ensure that jurisdictions will be able to deploy their EMS as intended for their community’s needs.

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

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this action 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 2017 Annual Conference Resolutions Packet

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