

**Meeting Date:** 9/10/2013

**Report Type:** Consent

**Report ID:** 2013-00642

**Title:** Approval of City Positions for the Annual Conference Resolutions of the League of California Cities

**Location:** Citywide

**Issue:** The Annual League of California Cities Conference includes an Annual Business Meeting (General Assembly) where resolutions may be considered for adoption.

**Recommendation:** Pass a Motion 1) approving the Law and Legislation Committee recommended City positions on 2013 League of California Cities Annual Conference Resolutions; and 2) directing the City's voting delegate to cast votes consistent with City's adopted positions.

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**Presenter:** None

**Department:** City Manager

**Division:** Executive Office

**Dept ID:** 02001011

**Attachments:**

1-Description/Analysis

2-Background

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### **City Attorney Review**

Approved as to Form

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### **Approvals/Acknowledgements**

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## Description/Analysis

**Issue Detail:** The League of California Cities Annual Conference will be held in Sacramento on September 18-20, 2013. The League Conference includes an Annual Business Meeting (General Assembly) where resolutions may be considered for adoption. Resolutions are adopted by the League to accomplish one or more of the following objectives:

- Focus public or media attention on an issue of major importance to cities.
- Establish a new direction for League policy by establishing general principles around which more detailed policies may be developed by policy committees and the Board of Directors.
- Consider important issues not adequately addressed by the policy committees and the Board of Directors.
- Amend the League bylaws which requires a 2/3 vote of the General Assembly.

Last week, the City Council authorized Vice Mayor Angelique Ashby to serve as the City's voting delegate and Council Member Kevin McCarty as the alternate voting delegate at the 2013 Annual Conference.

This report presents staff recommendations on the two resolutions that have been submitted for consideration.

**Policy Considerations:** Policy development is a vital and ongoing process within the League of California Cities. The principal means for deciding any policy on the important issues facing cities and the League is through the League's eight policy committees and the Board of Directors. The process allows for timely consideration of issues in a changing environment and assures city officials the opportunity to both initiate and influence policy decisions. The City participates in the consideration for the Annual Conference Resolutions via the designated voting delegate.

**Economic Impacts:** Not applicable

**Environmental Considerations:** Not applicable

**Sustainability:** Not applicable

**Commission/Committee Action:** Both the Law & Legislation Committee and the City Council have adopted the 2013 State Legislative Platform.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** Staff recommendations on the two proposed Annual Conference Resolutions are consistent with the City's adopted State Legislative Platform.

**Financial Considerations:** Not applicable

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** Not applicable

## BACKGROUND

Two resolutions have been submitted for consideration at the 2013 League Annual Conference.

**Resolution No. 1:** Call upon the Governor and the Legislature to work with the League of California Cities in providing adequate funding and to prioritize water bonds to assist local government in water conservation, ground water recharge and reuse of stormwater and urban runoff programs.

**Source:** Los Angeles County Division

**Staff Recommendation:** **SUPPORT** the resolution proposed by the Los Angeles County Division

**Rational For Recommendation:** The City of Sacramento supports a water bond that includes the above listed local government efforts in water conservation and reuse. Supporting this resolution does not conflict with the City's position on the water bond or other water policy under consideration in the Legislature. Further, the City supports the assertion that the League should engage in discussions on the 2014 (or 2016) State Water Bond to assist cities in funding and implementing the goals of the Clean Water Act and the State's Water objectives (the proposed Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) is the only notable exception but is not addressed in this resolution). This resolution does not support the 2014 bond issue, since the League and individual cities will need to make this decision at a later time upon review of the final language.

**Resolution No. 2:** Call upon the Governor and Legislature to enter into discussions with the League and the California Police Chief's Association representatives to identify and enact strategies that will ensure the success of public safety realignment from a local municipal law enforcement perspective.

**Source:** Public Safety Policy Committee

**Staff Recommendation:** **SUPPORT** the resolution proposed by the Public Safety Policy Committee

**Rational for Recommendation:** This resolution was brought to the Public Safety Policy Committee by individual members of that committee who are increasingly concerned about municipal public safety impacts resulting from county jail overcrowding, a problem that has intensified with realignment, resulting in certain categories of offenders doing no jail time or being sentenced to time served. This has created a climate in which some offenses received little or no jail time, accompanied by a growing body of anecdotal evidence that property crimes have correspondingly increased, with some, such as auto theft, being committed in serial fashion. Increased criminal activity has strained the resources of many local police departments already struggling to more closely coordinate information sharing with county probation offices to effectively monitor offenders on post-community release supervision.