

**City of Culver City, California
Agenda Item Report**

Meeting Date: 08/11/14		Item Number: <u>A-4</u>	
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: (1) Designation of the City's Voting Delegate and up to Two Alternate-Delegates; and (2) Taking of a Position on the Policy Resolution Submitted to the General Assembly, for the League of California Cities.			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☒	
Public Notification: (E-Mail) Agenda and Meetings – City Council (08/06/14)			
Department Approval: Martin R. Cole (08/04/14)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (08/05/14)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by M. Noller) (08/05/14)		City Manager Approval: John M. Nachbar (08/06/14)	

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council (1) designate a Council Member as the City's Delegate and up two other Council Members as the City's alternate delegate(s); and (2) take a position on the resolution to be considered by the League's General Assembly, at the League of California Cities Annual Conference to be held in Los Angeles from September 3-5, 2014 (Annual Conference).

BACKGROUND:

The City of Culver City is a member of the League of California Cities (League). Each year, the League holds an Annual Conference during which the General Assembly votes on various matters of policy, including any resolutions presented to the General Assembly in accordance with the League's by-laws.

To allow Culver City the ability to vote on those policy matters, the League's by-laws require the City Council to designate the Voting Delegate (and, if desired, up to two Voting Delegate–Alternates) to represent the City's interests during the General Assembly.

DISCUSSION:

This year, the Mayor and several Council Members will be attending the Annual Conference. As reported on its website, Vice Mayor O'Leary currently serves as Treasurer of the Board of Directors for the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities and is a Member of the League's Employee and Human Relations

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Committee. Council Member Clarke serves on the League's Administrative Services Policy Committee.

This year, the General Assembly will consider one resolution. The Police Department has provided its input on the recommended position. Additionally, based upon the City Council adopted legislative plan, staff recommends the City Council take the following position (the City Council may give general direction to SUPPORT, OPPOSE, or ABSTAIN):

Summary of Resolution	Comment and Suggested Position
<i>ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY IMPACTS OF ILLEGAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION</i> – This Resolution calls upon the Governor and the Legislature to work with its member cities to educate State and federal officials regarding emerging concerns from their communities and citizenry and to the challenges facing local governments related to the impacts of illegal marijuana cultivation. The Resolution requests the Governor and Legislature to work with the League to provide responsive solutions with adequate funding support	This resolution is consistent with the following City Council adopted Legislative Advocacy Program goals: • Support efforts to advance the Police Department's goals to enhance community safety through the deterrence/prevention of crime, the apprehension of offenders, and the education of the public in self-protective measures to minimize victimization. • Support legislation that protects and/or expands the City's authority and rights over its affairs. Suggested Position: Support

A few years ago, a resolution presented before the General Assembly was expected to be passed without much or any opposition (and the City Council had adopted a support position). However, based upon discussion at the General Assembly, the motion became the subject of significant conversation and debate amongst the delegates. To allow the Voting Delegate and Voting Delegate–Alternate sufficient discretion to react to a similar situation should it arise at the 2014 Conference (and vote in a fully informed manner consistent with the general direction of the City Council), the City Council is requested to allow for some leeway for the Council Member voting at the General Assembly.

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FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Neither designation of the Voting Delegate/Voting Delegate–Alternates nor taking a position on the resolution create a fiscal impact on the City. However, should state or federal legislation change in accordance with the intent of the resolution, the City may experience a fiscal impact, the degree of which is difficult to estimate at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Designation of Voting Delegates Information
2. Annual Conference Resolution Packet

MOTIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Designate Mayor/Council Member _____ as the Voting Delegate and Mayor/Council Member(s) _____ and _____ as Voting Delegate–Alternates; and,
2. Take a position regarding the resolution presented to the General Assembly for consideration as outlined in the staff report; and,
3. Authorize the Voting Delegate and Voting Delegate–Alternates to cast votes exercising reasonable discretion in the case circumstances at the General Assembly warrant a change in vote.