

**City of Culver City, California
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Meeting Date: 08/13/12		Item Number: <u>A-3</u>	
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM: (1) Designation of the City's Voting Delegate and up to Two Alternate-Delegates and (2) Taking of Positions on the Five Policy Resolutions 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 (08/09/12)			
Department Approval: Martin R. Cole (08/08/12)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (08/08/12)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by N. Kimball) (08/08/12)		City Manager Approval: John M. Nachbar (08/09/12)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council (1) designate a Councilmember as the City's Delegate and up two other Councilmembers as the City's alternate delegate(s) and (2) take positions on the five resolutions to be considered by the League's General Assembly at the League of California Cities Annual Conference to be held in San Diego from September 5 – 7, 2012 (Annual Conference). <u>BACKGROUND:</u> 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. <u>DISCUSSION:</u> This year, Councilmembers Clarke, O'Leary and Sahli-Wells will be attending the Annual Conference. Councilmember O'Leary currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities and the Legislative Committee. Councilmember O'Leary also serves as the Vice Chair on			

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the League's Employee and Human Relations Committee along with Human Resources Director Serena Wright as a Department Appointee. Assistant Chief Scott Bixby serves on the League's Public Safety Policy Committee as a Department Appointee.

This year, the General Assembly will consider five resolutions. Based upon the City Council adopted legislative plan, staff recommends the City Council take the following positions (the City Council may give general direction to SUPPORT, OPPOSE, or ABSTAIN):

Summary of Resolution	Comment and Suggested Position
<i>Fines and Forfeitures</i> – Urges the League to clarify the authority for cities to audit the distribution of court imposed fines, fees, penalty assessments and administrative costs for criminal and traffic violations.	This resolution is consistent with the City Council adopted Legislative Advocacy Program's regarding the actions that divert revenues from cities. Suggested Position: Support
<i>Internet Crimes Against Children</i> – To increase public awareness of internet crimes against children. To request the League advocate for legislation that recreates tougher laws and more funding for Internet Crimes Against Children Task Forces.	This resolution is consistent with the City Council adopted Legislative Advocacy Program's statement on supporting the enhancement of services provided to children and supporting additional funding for City services. Suggested Position: Support
<i>Desert Protection Act</i> – Encourages California Cities to oppose the California Desert Protection Act of 2011.	This matter relates to geographic areas beyond Culver City's jurisdiction. Suggested Position: Abstain
<i>Global Warming</i> – Among other actions, this resolution encourages California Cities to adopt resolutions suspending the implementation of some, if not all, of the regulations promulgated under the California Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32) until several issues are addressed.	This resolution is consistent with two different Legislative Advocacy Program Statements, which potentially create a conflict on a singular position the City Council may decide to take. The City's program opposes unfunded mandates, but it also supports legislation to improve air quality. Suggested Position: Abstain
<i>Emergency Management Mission for California Cities</i> – Creates a clear statement of support for emergency	This resolution is consistent with the City Council adopted Legislative Advocacy Program's statement to

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preparedness in the League's existing policy and guiding principles.	enhance local capabilities to mitigate, prepare, respond, and recover from small to large scale incidents and emergencies. Suggested Position: Support
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In recent years, 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 2012 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 Councilmember voting at the General Assembly.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Neither designation of the Voting Delegate/Voting Delegate–Alternates nor taking positions on the various resolutions create a fiscal impact on the City. However, should state or federal legislation change in accordance with the intent of some or all of the resolutions, 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 Councilmember _____ as the Voting Delegate and Councilmembers _____ and _____ as Voting Delegate–Alternates; and,
2. Take the positions regarding the five resolutions presented to the General Assembly for consideration as outlined in the staff report; and,

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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.