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Meeting Date: 08/12/13		Item Number: <u>A-1</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 Two 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 (08/06/12)			
Department Approval: Martin R. Cole (08/06/13)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (08/05/13)	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by M. Noller) (08/06/13)		City Manager Approval: John M. Nachbar (08/06/13)	
<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 two resolutions to be considered by the League's General Assembly at the League of California Cities Annual Conference to be held in Sacramento from September 18 – 20, 2013 (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, several Councilmembers will be attending the Annual Conference. Councilmember O'Leary currently serves as Treasurer on the Board of Directors for the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities and is on the			

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League's Employee and Human Relations Committee. Councilmember Clarke serves on the League's Administrative Services Policy Committee.

This year, the General Assembly will consider two resolutions. Public Works and Police Department staff members have provided their input on these recommended positions. Additionally, 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>Water Bond Funds</i> – This Resolution calls 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.	This resolution is consistent with the City Council's adopted Legislative Advocacy Program goals: • Seek state and federal funds to support the assessment of water quality and the cleaning of Ballona Creek. • Support reasonable environmental regulations aimed at enhancing air and water quality, reducing stormwater pollution, and providing opportunities for corresponding funding mechanisms. • Support efforts to ensure that Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements, which represent the maximum amount of a pollutant that a water body can receive and still meet water quality standards, are achievable and cost-effective as well as efforts to provide the funding necessary to meet them. • Support legislation that protects municipalities from litigation if they are making good faith efforts to meet requirements. • Support measures that would promote the use of reclaimed water. Suggested Position: Support
<i>Public Safety Realignment</i> – This Resolution calls upon the Governor	This resolution is consistent with the City Council's adopted Legislative

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and Legislature to enter into discussion with the League and California Police Chiefs' Association representatives to identify and enact strategies that will ensure the success of public safety realignment from a local municipal law enforcement perspective.

Advocacy Program's statement on Supporting efforts to advance the Police Department's goals to enhance community safety through the deterrence/prevention of crime and the apprehension of offenders. Suggested Position: **Support**

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(s) sufficient discretion to react to a similar situation should it arise at the 2013 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,

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2. Take the positions regarding the two resolutions 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.