



COH Policy Committee

June 24th from 2:00 – 4:00pm

Meeting Recording:

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Policy Committee Members: Jo Bruno, Lynn Peralta, Lindy Lavender, Margaret Schiltz, Deanne Pearn, Doug Leich, Lavonna Martin/Erica McWhorter (H3 designee)

Staff- Jaime Jenett

Present Attendees: Doug Leich, Lynn Peralta, Margaret Schiltz, Lindy Lavender, Jo Bruno

Other: Bertha Lopez, Lucille Paquette, City of Walnut Creek, Clean Water Program,

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AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTERS	DESCRIPTION
Welcome & Roll Call	- Doug Leich	Introduction of committee members and members of the public.
Doug welcomed all policy committee members and facilitated introductions.		
Public Comment	- All	Opportunity for members of the public to provide comment on items not listed on the agenda.
No public comment		
Minutes (ACTION ITEM)	- Doug Leich	REVIEW and APPROVE minutes from the 4.15.21, 4.23.21 and 5.27.21 Policy Committee meetings.
Motion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State of Motion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To approve minutes from the 4.15.21, 4.23.21 and 5.27.21 Policy Committee meetings. Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No discussion. Procedural Record <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion made by: Margaret Schlitz Seconded by: Jo Bruno AYES: Doug Leich, Margaret Schlitz, Jo Bruno, Lindy Lavender NOES: None ABSTAINS: None ABSENT: Lynn Peralta 		

Motion approved.**State Legislation**

- All

Discuss identified bills at the state legislature to educate committee members and public attendees on bills and county positions. Bills for discussion include Homelessness Bills, other bills committee members identify and the Governor's 2021-22 budget.

AB71

This bill did not make it through Assembly. Still in play for next year (2 year bill). Request that we keep an eye on this for future to make sure Supervisors still support this in Jan of next year. BOS voted to support this year.

- Doug: Quarterly Report that was sent to BOS, paragraph says: state bills such as AB71, AB816 and AB1220 are a few bills the CoC is tracking.
- Doug: who decided on this paragraph and highlighting these 3 bills? Only very loosely familiar.
- Jaime: Cassie Hourlland made that decision

AB816

Doug provided some information about AB816 and reviewed fact sheet for AB816.

- Been amended since Fact Sheet was made. Current info:
https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB816.
- Now says homelessness plan, housing trust fund and housing projects- was amended to include housing trust fund. Talking about here because it would affect homelessness.
- Doug trusts Housing CA for policy information. This bill is the only bill that remains on Housing CA sponsored legislation list. Not sure if should recommend to COH that BOS support it.
- Lindy: a lot of funds in state budget for housing/homeless services and has questions about accountability. Wants to know from H3 if this is helpful or if it would take time away from current priorities to develop plan just to show to state. This would create Officer of Inspector General. Would H3 find that positive and productive or just create administrative burdens? It directs federal funds to projects serving homeless. Knowing affordable housing is so hard to do anyway, does this add more regulation?
- Jo: Interested in land trusts and it's something REAL cohort talked about. Is there any space to look at a land trust through an equity lens?
- Lindy: bill is referencing a housing trust that already exists at federal level and would allow state to access funds from it. Might be creating specifications re how the funds could be used to target people experiencing homelessness. Hesitant because wants to make sure we're using affordable housing funds as flexibly as possible.
- Margaret: Highlighted potential civic penalty on jurisdictions who deliberately move a person out of their jurisdiction to artificially lower the number of people experiencing homelessness in their community. Looks like it's designed to create teeth to make local jurisdictions take responsibility.
- Doug: Opposition is mostly cities and about loss of local control.
- Lindy: We can bring it back after get more info from H3 re: how much of this we're already doing.
- Doug: we don't need to take action on this right now. All agreed.
- H3 to bring back their perspective at July meeting

AB1220

Doug presented information on AB1220.

- Would rename agency to CA Interagency Council on Homelessness and redefines the makeup of the agency.
- Removes ability of Governor to make political appointees and directors of state departments to send their reps and instead names specific roles/departments. Lindy: a like it attempts to get department heads to collaborate and participate.
- Would want to know more about the impact of this change.
- Housing CA has list of bills they support and bills oppose, but this isn't on their radar.

MOTION

Bring this to full COH for discussion.

Motion: Lindy

Second: Lynn

Discussion:

- Lynn provided info re BCSH and supports Lindy's thought that this is designed to pull other agency heads into dealing with homelessness. CDSS does hold some housing and homeless programs. Lynn doesn't see any issues with watching this one.
- Doug: Links on agenda for this meeting need to be updated. Also, looked at list of priority bills for BOS and AB1220 is not on that list. If we bring this to the BOS, would be a new addition to that list.
- Lynn: Attends legislative committee and sees that this one did not come from CAO. Defers to H3 on this. This is really about funding streams (NPLH, HHAP, HEAP).
- Doug: This passed Assembly in Early June. Passed Senate Committee on Judiciary. Now gone to Senate Housing Committee.
- Assemble more bill pros/cons

VOTE

Ayes: Doug, Jo, Margaret, Lindy, Lynn

- Doug will ask Jaime to get current opinions on this bill from Lavonna and Erica. Doug will do more research too

OTHER

- On page 2 of agenda, long list of bills originally assembled by Cassie. AB816 should be in Moved Forward section.
- Doug not prepared to talk about any of the other bills. Asked if anyone else knows anything that should be discussed for other bills.
- Lindy thinks some of the items on the list should come back to Council. By next meeting, look at list and decide which ones should be shared with Council.
- Jaime offered to update Policy Committee on legislation adopted by other cities.
- Lindy: At COH Aug meeting, can we do an "on the horizon" presentation of 4-5 policy/legislative items at local, state or federal level that have passed or are pending that we should pay attention to.
- At the July Policy Committee, we will identify what are the big 5+ things on the horizon. Possible items:
 - o SB 57
 - o SB1017 (Right to restroom)
 - o Other cities ordinances (Richmond Safe Park)
 - o Specific portions of one time funding.
 - o Legislators budget recommending about \$1b of ongoing funding- flexible funding for homelessness that isn't in governor's budget. Provides less \$ for Homekey, but has \$1b flexible

State Budget

Supposed to pass budget by end of June. Doug: status report provided to Supervisors Leg committee:

http://64.166.146.245/agenda_publish.cfm?id=&mt=ALL&get_month=6&get_year=2021&dsp=agm&seq=46052&rev=0&ag=1859&ln=93254&nseq=46063&nrev=0&pseq=46051&prev=0#

- Doug: Do we need to do anything about this budget? Could ask staff to create an agenda item re state budget for July 1 meeting.
- Lindy
- Lindy: suggest August COH meeting because will have Trailer bills by then. Group agreed
- Lindy: \$15m in one time funding for Alameda Wellness Campus. Do we know how they got this and could we do something like this? Jaime to ask Lavonna and Erica

More detailed report in August

Lynn: Kathy Gallagher: lots of money coming through EHSD. 3x increase in funding since 2018 and question is can we spend all the money? For HomeSafe, Housing Support program and HDAP. Rent relief program. Maybe highlight this in presentation.

Lucile: interested in possible state restroom bill as they're focused on clean water.

Federal Policy		Discuss federal policy items to educate committee members and public attendees. Items for discussion include the American Rescue plan and the HUD 100-day summary.
Measure X	All	Update on Next Steps
Adjourn	Doug Leich	Close meeting