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Beverly Hills City Council Liaison Legislative Lobby Committee

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

April 28, 2021

3:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: April 28, 2021 / 3:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Councilmember Dr. Julian A. Gold M.D.; Councilmember John Mirisch; Deputy City Manager Gabriella Yap; Director of Community Development Ryan Gohlich; Interim Police Chief Dominick Rivetti; Assistant Chief of Police Marc Coopwood; Fire Chief Gregory Barton; Deputy Director of Rent Stabilization Helen Morales; City Attorney Lawrence Wiener; Policy & Management Analyst Cindy Owens; Andrew Antwih, Shaw/Yoder/Antwih/Schmelzer & Lange Inc.; Pricilla Quiroz, Shaw/Yoder/Antwih/Schmelzer & Lange Inc.; Tim Sullivan, Shaw/Yoder/Antwih/Schmelzer & Lange Inc.; Jamie Jones, David Turch and Associates; Web Viewer Mark Elliott; Web Viewer Steve Mayer; Executive Assistant Lisa Karson.

A. Oral Communications

1) Public Comment

Members of the public are given the opportunity to address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

Speakers:

Web Viewer Mark Elliot provided public comment on AB 854 and AB 1199.

Web Viewer Steve Mayer provided public comment on AB 1199.

B. Direction

1) H.R. 8 - Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2021

- The Liaisons recommended the City support H.R. 8 as it would utilize the current background checks process in the United States to ensure individuals prohibited from gun purchase or possession are not able to obtain firearms

2) H.R. 1280 - George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021

- The Liaisons recommended the City take a neutral position on H.R. 1280 pending further analysis of the bill, including information and details on demilitarizing police agencies.

3) H.R. 1446 - Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2021

- The Liaisons recommended the City support H.R. 1446 as it would revise background check requirements applicable to proposed firearm transfers from a federal firearms licensee (e.g., a licensed gun dealer) to an unlicensed person. Increases the amount of time, from three business days to a minimum of ten business days that a federal firearms licensee must wait to receive a completed background check prior to transferring a firearm to an unlicensed person.

4) Assembly Bill 71 (Rivas) - Homelessness Funding: Bring California Home Act

- This bill would conform state law to the federal Global Intangible Low-Taxed Income (GILTI) provisions and taxes repatriated income to finance the Bring California Home Fund.
- The Liaisons recommended the City support AB 71 if amended that small cities receive funding directly.

5) Assembly Bill 339 (Lee) - Local Government: Open and Public Meetings

- This bill would require all public meetings subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act to include an opportunity for members of the public to attend via a telephonic option and an internet-based service option. The bill would require all meetings to include an in-person public comment opportunity, except in specified circumstances during a declared state or local emergency. The bill would also require the legislative bodies of the local agency to provide interpretation services as requested, and have a system to process requests for interpretation services and publicize that system online.
- The Liaisons recommended the City oppose AB 339 unless amended to apply the provision of this bill to the state.

6) Assembly Bill 854 (Lee) - Residential Real Property: Withdrawal of Accommodations

- This bill would prohibit property owners who have owned rental accommodations for less than five years from using, or threatening to use, the Ellis Act to withdraw rental accommodations and places other limits on the use of the Ellis Act.
- The Liaisons requested the City remain neutral on this bill until more information is received on how this will impact family owned multi-family housing and what the definition is for these non-corporate owned multi-family properties.
- Additionally, the Liaisons requested an item be brought forward for the City Council to review regarding the provisions contained in this bill and whether or not the City should adopt an ordinance with similar provisions.

7) Assembly Bill 1053 (Gabriel) - City Selection Committees: County of Los Angeles: Quorum: Teleconferencing

- The Liaisons recommended the City support AB 1053 as the bill would reduce the quorum requirement to 1/3 of all member cities of the City Selection Committee in Los Angeles County for a meeting that was postponed to a subsequent time and place because a quorum was not present, as long as the agenda is limited to items that appeared on the immediately preceding agenda where a quorum was not established. Additionally, it will authorize the Committee to conduct meetings by teleconferencing and electronic means.

8) Assembly Bill 1199 (Gipson) - Homes for Families and Corporate Monopoly Transparency Excise Tax: Qualified Property: Reporting Requirements

- Would require a qualified entity that owns qualified property to report annually to the Secretary of State specified information regarding the qualified property owned by the qualified entity. The bill would require the Secretary of State to create a searchable database, updated annually, on the Secretary of State's internet website, with the information provided by the qualified entity.
- The Liaisons recommended the City revisit AB 1199 requested the City monitor this bill and bring it back for direction should it begin to move forward..

9) Assembly Bill 1258 (Nguyen) - Housing Element: Regional Housing Need Plan: Judicial Review

- The Liaisons recommended the City support AB 1258 as it would subject the Department of Housing and Community Development's final written determination of a region's housing needs to judicial review in an action brought by the council of governments. The bill would also subject the final regional housing need plan adopted by the council of governments or the department.

10) Senate Bill 5 (Atkins) - Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2022

- Would enact the Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2022, which, if adopted, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$6,500,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law. Proceeds from the sale of these bonds

would be used to fund affordable rental housing and homeownership programs. The bill would state the intent of the Legislature to determine the allocation of those funds to specific programs. This bill would provide for submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 8, 2022, statewide general election in accordance with specified law.

- The bill is currently not moving as the state has a large projected budget surplus of one-time money and has CARES act funding. The Committee requested the City monitor this bill.

11) Senate Bill 344 (Hertzberg) - California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program: Grants: Homeless Shelters: Pets and Veterinary Services

- The Liaisons recommended the City support SB 344 as it would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop and administer a program to award grants to qualified homeless shelters, as described, for the provision of shelter, food, and basic veterinary services for pets owned by people experiencing homelessness. The bill would authorize the department to use up to 5 percent of the funds appropriated in the annual Budget Act for those purposes for its costs in administering the program.

12) Senate Bill 477 (Wiener) - General Plan: Annual Report

- The Liaisons recommended the City oppose SB 477 as it would require cities and counties to submit additional detailed information on housing development projects in annual progress reports (APRs) submitted to the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), as specified. The bill would also authorize HCD to assess the accuracy of information submitted as part of the APR and require local planning agencies to correct any inaccurate information.

13) Senate Bill 556 (Dodd) - Street Light Poles, Traffic Signal Poles: Small Wireless Facilities Attachments

- The Liaisons recommended the City oppose SB 556 as it would prohibit a local government or local publicly owned electric utility from unreasonably denying the leasing or licensing of its street light poles or traffic signal poles to communications service providers for the purpose of placing small wireless facilities on those poles. The bill would require that street light poles and traffic signal poles be made available for the placement of small wireless facilities under fair, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory fees, subject to specified requirements, consistent with a specified decision of the Federal Communications Commission.

14) State and Federal Legislative Updates

- Andrew Antwih provided updates from the state government including:
 - The Legislative calendar is facing a deadline of next Friday; the budget timeline is occurring simultaneously as the Governor is revising his State revenue estimates; up to \$25 billion has been made available from the American Rescue Plan over multiple fiscal years.
 - The Governor made a declaration of a drought in Mendocino and Sonoma Counties serving as a warning sign to indicate the danger of wildfires this summer.

- The Secretary of State has certified and projected that there are sufficient signatures for a recall election for Governor Newsom; election date has not been set.
- The loss of a Congressional seat in California based on the 2020 Census count has downstream impacts depending on where in the State the seat is lost; the Reapportionment Commission will make final decisions for the State.
- Senator Ben Allen has secured legislative approval for SB 590.
- Jamie Jones provided updates from the Federal Government including:
 - The Biden administration has announced it will propose a ban on menthol cigarettes and other flavors on mass produced cigarettes and cigars.
 - President Biden will be speaking before a joint session of Congress on 4/28 unveiling the second phase of the two-part Economic Recovery Plan.
 - California will be losing political representation based on results of the 2020 Census count.

ADJOURNMENT

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