



CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT OF CONFERENCE/MEETING ATTENDANCE

Name: Barbara Pierce Vendor No.:

Department: City Council Voucher No.:

Responsible Standing Committee: _____

Conference or meeting: Conference Report from Barbara Pierce: League of California Cities Housing and Community Development Policy Committee Meeting, March 30, 2007 Ontario, CA

Summary of conference or meeting:

This one-day meeting organized by the League of California Cities brought together City Council representatives from throughout the state to learn about, discuss and then provide feedback via recommendations to the League Board regarding specific topic areas and proposed legislation. Serving on this committee provides advance knowledge of legislation that can impact our community and the ability to work with other jurisdictions to have early input to legislators.

Reports from subcommittees were given on the topics of homeless housing and climate change.

Of specific concern regarding Homeless Housing is Senate Bill 2 (Cedillo), which urges 3 changes to land use planning for local jurisdictions in relation to homeless and special needs housing. It would require local agencies to: identify and zone "by right" adequate sites; limit local discretion to deny or condition special needs facilities or emergency shelters that serve seven or more persons; and to designate zones where special needs facilities and transitional housing are permitted by right or with a conditional use permit. Lively discussion occurred and the group then created recommendations for the League to work with the author to change this bill.

Climate Change Working Group is composed of 2 members from each of the committees for Housing and Community Development, Transportation, Community and Public Works and Environmental Quality. The group explored the policies from other municipal associations and cities, existing league policy, anticipated legislative, regulatory and other proposal impacting cities and proposed League policies and guiding principles. They developed a series of recommendations and policy statements. These were discussed and then voted upon in each of the committees and will be forwarded to the League Board for discussion and approval with an eventual vote at the annual League meeting. Included in the representative packet was a report

from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) regarding the science and implications of climate change. The IPCC was established in 1988 by the World Meteorological Organization and the United Nations Environmental Program. Their role is to assess on a comprehensive, objective, open and transparent basis the scientific, technical and socio-economic information relevant to understanding the scientific basis of risk of human-induced climate change, its potential impacts and option for adaptation and mitigation. I have attached a brief attachment with additional website locations should additional information be desired.

Bond Implementation Principles were discussed in committees at our January meeting and the League Board voted on February 10, 2007 to include principles to “ensure fair and effective implementation of the 2006 infrastructure bonds, consistent with the needs of California cities.” Briefly the Guiding principles included: establishing scheduling and criteria for release of funds, leveraging state investments were possible by seeking to attract additional private and public funds, clear identification of desired policy outcomes and selected criteria for investment, efficient coordination of funding pots desired – where feasible but not conditional, use of allocation criteria that support board policies advanced by leagues smart growth principles – not climate or reduce ability of small cities to compete however, keep with intent of voters with oversight and accountability, incentives not mandates.



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Conference or meeting: Congress of New Urbanism - Philadelphia, PA
May 15, 2007 – May 20, 2007

Summary of conference or meeting:

The City of Redwood City was receiving an award from the Congress for Courthouse Square and the Retail Cinema Project. I accepted the award for the City.

The Conference focused on professional development understand “Smart Growth”, how to build livable communities; overcoming issues with traffic and pedestrian conflicts. The Congress included professionals in the fields of design, planning, elected officials, landscape design, traffic engineers, and developers.

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