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Beverly Hills City Council Liaison Legislative Lobby Committee

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

July 19, 2021
3:30 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
Date / Time: July 19, 2021 / 3:30 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Councilmember John Mirisch; Councilmember Julian Gold, M.D.; Deputy City Manager Gabriella Yap; Fire Chief Greg Barton; Assistant Police Chief Marc Coopwood; Assistant City Attorney Lolly Enriquez; Solid Waste Manager Colonel Burnley; Sustainability Program Manager Josette Descalzo; 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; Webviewer Mark Eliot; Ahuva Marinsky; 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: Mark Eliot would like the City to support AB 889 to bring greater transparency to tenants and to better regulate the State and local housing markets.

B. Direction

1) Therapeutic Fraud Prevention Act of 2021

- The Liaisons recommend the City support the Therapeutic Fraud Prevention Act of 2021.
2) **Assembly Bill 101 (Medina) - Pupil Instruction: High School Graduation Requirements: Ethnic Studies**

   - The Liaisons recommend the City oppose AB 101 with extreme prejudice.

3) **Assembly Bill 215 (Chiu) – Housing Element: Regional Housing Need: Relative Progress Determination**

   - The Liaisons recommend the City oppose AB 215 with extreme prejudice.

4) **Assembly Bill 818 (Bloom) – Solid Waste: Pre-moistened Nonwoven Disposable Wipes**

   - The Liaisons recommend the City support AB 818.

5) **Assembly Bill 889 (Gipson) – Business Entities: Landlords: Reporting Requirements**

   - The Liaisons recommend the City support AB 889.

6) **Assembly Bill 1126 (Bloom) – Commission on the State of Hate**

   - The Liaisons recommend the City support AB 1126.

7) **Senate Bill 262 (Hertzberg) - Bail**

   - The Liaisons recommend the City oppose SB 262.

8) **Senate Bill 341 (McGuire) – Telecommunications Service: Outages**

   - The Liaisons recommend the City support SB 341.

9) **Senate Bill 555 (McGuire) – Local Agencies: Transient Occupancy Taxes: Short-Term Rental: Facilitator: Collection**

   - The Liaisons recommend the City oppose SB 555.

10) **Senate Bill 619 (Laird) – Organic Waste: Reduction Regulations**

    - The Liaisons recommend the City support SB 619.
11) **State and Federal Legislative Updates**

- Andrew Antwih provided updates from the state government including:
  - The Legislature has adopted the major elements of the State budget.
    - The broadband proposal was adopted which prioritizes lower income communities for a line share of funding which will be administered by the CPUC.
    - The film tax credit was adopted to entice more on-site production in California and to lure productions away from other states with policies in place that are frowned upon.
    - SB 590, which allows those cities with terms of office expiring in March 2022 to continue to have those elected officials serve until the June 2022 election can be certified, was signed by Governor Newsom.

- Jamie Jones provided updates from the Federal Government including:
  - The bipartisan $1 trillion infrastructure plan, of which $579 billion is new money, will face a critical test this week when the Senate will hold a procedural vote designed to measure support for the initiative.
  - A proposal to offset infrastructure spending to raise $100 billion by empowering the IRS to aggressively pursue tax collection.
  - President Biden is proposing to raise corporate taxes and raise income taxes on people earning more than $400,000 to help pay for the infrastructure bill.
  - A deadline has been set to reach an agreement to pass a $3.5 trillion budget resolution addressing education, childcare, paid leave, and a climate change package through reconciliation in order to avoid a GOP filibuster.
  - Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act was introduced. This bill will increase federal resources to battle homelessness. It would also authorize $1 billion annually for five years to fund supportive housing models that provide comprehensive services and intensive case management. Services must address issues such as mental health, substance use disorders, disabling or chronic health conditions, educational and job training employment outcomes and life skills classes.
  - The Invest In America Act passed in the House of Representatives earlier this month and includes $5 million for the City of Beverly Hills for the North Portal Project. This is now headed to the Senate. The City of Beverly Hills submitted a $13.9 million U.S. Department of Transportation grant application for the North Portal Project. Senators Feinstein, Padilla and Lieu support the grant application for the City.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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