



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**  
455 N. Rexford Drive  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room A

**Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Legislative / Lobby Committee**

**SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

Tuesday, March 15, 2018  
2:00 PM

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Date / Time: March 15, 2018 / 2:01 PM

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Vice Mayor Julian Gold, Councilmember John Mirisch, City Manager Mahdi Aluzri, City Attorney Lolly Enriquez, Senior Management Analyst Cindy Owens, and AJ Wilmer (public). On the phone was Jamie Jones (Federal Lobbyist – David Turch & Associates), Andrew Antwih (State Lobbyist – Shaw/Yoder/Antwih, Inc.), and Melissa Immel (State Lobbyist – Shaw/Yoder/Antwih, Inc.)

**1) Public Comment**

Speakers: None

**2) Government Owned Broadband**

- Presentation by Dr. Gold.
- Information was provided on federal legislation introduced to protect a local jurisdictions ability to provide broadband (HR 4814 and S. 742 ).
- The Liaisons recommended sending letters of support for H.R. 4817 and S. 742 to both the House of Representatives and U.S. Senate. Liaisons requested that a sample letter be circulated to the Westside Cities Council of Government, California League of Cities, Independent Cities Association and California Contract Cities Association.

**3) Tax Fairness, Transparency and Accountability Act of 2018**

- Presentation by Cindy Owens
- The Liaisons recommended taking a position of opposition to this Act. Item to be scheduled for an upcoming City Council meeting.

**4) Proposition 68 – California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018**

- Presentation by Cindy Owens
- The Liaisons expressed concern about the \$4 billion bond becoming a \$6.53 billion bond once \$2.53 billion in interest is included.
- The Liaisons also expressed concerned with how the repayment of the bond would affect the state's other general fund obligations and programs.

- The Liaisons recommended taking a position of opposition to Proposition 68. Item to be scheduled for an upcoming City Council meeting.

**5) Proposition 69 – Motor Vehicle Fees and Taxes: Restrictions on Expenditures: Appropriations Limit**

- Presentation by Cindy Owens
- The Liaisons recommended taking a position of support for Proposition 69. Item to be scheduled for an upcoming City Council meeting.

**6) Ballot Initiative – Voter Approval for Increases in Gas and Car Tax**

- Presentation by Cindy Owens
- The Liaisons expressed concerns that the increased gas tax is a regressive tax that will create an undue burden on taxpayers, especially those in lower income brackets. Additionally, they deemed the tax to be overreaching by the Governor and Legislature.
- The Liaisons recommended taking a position of support to repeal the increase of the Legislature approved gas and car tax. Item to be scheduled for an upcoming City Council meeting

**7) Review Markup of Legislative Platform**

- Presentation by Cindy Owens
- The Liaisons requested modifications to the platform.
- The Liaisons split on whether or not to include the repeal of Costa Hawkins and Ellis Act in the Platform. They ultimately recommended more general language on supporting and pursuing the repeal of state laws that affect local control
- Liaisons recommend that staff incorporate their other changes and bring to a future City Council meeting.

**8) Federal and State Updates**

- Updates provided by Jamie Jones and Andrew Antwih

**ADJOURNMENT**

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