

**LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, November 16, 2000**

**Summary Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Scott Haggerty – Committee Chair/Alameda County Supervisor  
Maria Alegria – Pinole Councilmember  
Bill Carroll – Solano County Supervisor  
Mary Griffin, San Mateo County Supervisor  
Mary Lou Holt – Yountville Mayor  
Rose Jacobs Gibson – San Mateo County Supervisor  
Mary King – Alameda County Supervisor  
Carol Klatt – Daly City Vice Mayor  
Julia Miller, Sunnyvale Councilmember  
George Pettygrove, Fairfield Mayor  
Dick Spees – Oakland Councilmember  
Robert Wasserman – Fremont Councilmember  
Michael Yaki, San Francisco County Supervisor

*Also Present:*

Patricia Jones – ABAG  
Kathleen Cha – ABAG  
Ceil Scandone – ABAG/ Representative Bay Area Alliance for Sustainable Development/Tax and  
Fiscal Policy Work Group

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**1. Introductions**

Committee Chair, Supervisor Scott Haggerty, opened the meeting with introductions at 3:45 p.m. No public present.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for the September 21, 2000, meeting were approved (with abstentions from those not present at that meeting).

**3. Legislation Summary: Final Status of Pending Legislation**

The Committee examined final pieces legislation signed and vetoed since the last L&GO Meeting (9/21/00). As of the last meeting, the following had been signed into law (**chaptered**):

AB 2054 (Torlakson) – Balance of Jobs and Housing – Chaptered 9/24/00

AB 2140 (Keeley) – Regional Transportation Plans – Chaptered 9/28/00

AB 2300 (Florez) – Joint Powers Agreements: Marks-Roos Act Bonds – Chaptered 9/25/00

SB 402 (Burton) – Employer-Employee Relations – Chaptered 9/29/00

SB 2113 (Burton) – Redevelopment Plans: San Francisco Extension – Chaptered 9/24/00

**Vetoed:** SB 1629 (Sher) – Highways: Pedestrian & Bicycle Access

SB 1637 (Burton) – Property Tax Revenue Shifts: Limitation  
 SB 1642 (Figueroa) – Housing: Jobs

The Committee Chair again recommended to Committee members that prior to meetings they download the full text of bills, history of actions and analyses by going to the official California Legislative site at <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/index.html>.

#### 4. Priority Issues and Legislative Goals for 2001 Legislative Session

**Fiscal Stability and Tax Relief:** After much discussion about the less than satisfactory results of the State Budget allocations and tax relief legislation, the L&GO Committee recommended the following new strategies for achieving local government fiscal stability and tax relief:

- **Pursue coalition/legislative partnerships** with the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), the League of California Cities (LCC), and with broad based representational groups like the Bay Area Alliance for Sustainable Development.
  - Coalition Building to maximize legislative impact:** As part of this coalition building, a meeting with CSAC and LCC is proposed. An L&GO working group will join with the Bay Area Alliance Tax and Fiscal Policy Work Group to discuss current fiscal relief strategies, ERAF (Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund) proposals, and ways to partner and act in coalition to improve tax and fiscal policies. This will be the beginning of other meetings and outreach to potential stakeholders.
  
- **Public Outreach as part of legislative strategies:** It was agreed that one of the reasons for the lack of support for fiscal reform and fiscal tax relief for cities and counties in Sacramento was the public and media's lack of understanding about how cities and counties are financed and underfunded.
  - An L&GO work group is proposed which will work with the Tax and Fiscal Policy Work Group from the Bay Area Alliance to help develop a public awareness campaign that would reach out to all the stakeholders in this issue: business, schools, and community issue organizations. Funding is available for the initial effort.
  
- **Long Term Strategy:** A fiscal reform goal was proposed: create permanent financing stability within cities and counties by crafting a better funding mechanism that gives local government a secure funding base.
  - To start this process, it was recommended that the Committee draft a resolution outlining ways to involve the business community in creating this funding mechanism model. The Bay Area Alliance is also a potential partner in this effort.
  - More discussion and strategic planning will follow relating to this proposal and other strategies at subsequent meetings.

**5. Announcement:** An invitation was made about the Legislative Reception to be held on January 18 at the Chabot Space and Science Center, Oakland, 5:30-7:30 pm. This reception will follow the L&GO Meeting and Finance Meeting. Bay Area legislators will be invited to attend.

#### 6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

**Next Meeting: January 18 at 4 pm, Chabot Space and Science Center, 10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland. (Note new time and new site)**

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