

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS
LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION
COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, November 19, 2015
Summary Minutes**

Committee Members Present:

Chair, Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Alameda County

Vice Chair, Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland

Mayor Bill Harrison, City of Fremont

Supervisor Mark Luce, County of Napa, ABAG Immediate Past President

Councilmember Julie Pierce, ABAG President, City of Clayton

Supervisor, David Rabbitt, ABAG Vice President, Sonoma County

Staff:

Ezra Rapport – ABAG Executive Director

Brad Paul – ABAG Deputy Executive Director

Halimah Anderson – ABAG Communications Officer

Pedro Galvao, ABAG Regional Planner

Alejandra Barrio, ABAG Intern

Public:

Steve Hicken, Division Director of Economic Development Services, Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County

Ken Bukowski/Filming

1. Call To Order

2. Approval of Minutes

The September 17, 2015 minutes were approved as written. (6-0)

3. ABX1 24 (Levine and Ting): Bay Area Transportation Commission

ABX1 24 was briefly discussed and reviewed.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty made a motion for the Committee to oppose ABX1 24. The motion was seconded by Supervisor David Rabbitt, ABAG Vice President. The Committee voted unanimously to oppose ABX1 24. (6-0)

4. Halimah Anderson, Communications Officer

An overview on AB 2 (Alejo) Community Revitalization was presented. The legislation was chaptered into law and allows cities to develop Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities to use property taxes for planning and financing for infrastructure, economic development, and housing to revitalize disadvantaged communities. It is similar to redevelopment, but revenue for schools cannot be used.

5. Alejandra Barrio, ABAG Intern, and Pedro Galvao, ABAG Regional Planner

Ezra introduced Alejandra Barrio and Steve Hickens to the Committee. A report on Unaccompanied Minors with information about organizations that provide services to Unaccompanied Minors was presented by Alejandra.

Councilmember Desley Brooks stated that more substantive and detailed information is needed on Unaccompanied Minors and whether there is a growing number entering the Bay Area or if the number is declining. Brooks noted that we have local children that have trauma and need services and that Unaccompanied Minors currently use the same services that others use when they need care. She also asked if there is a surge in the number of Unaccompanied Minors entering the Bay Area and will there be a continued surge.

Others asked that some of the recommendations in the Unaccompanied Minors report be restructured in clearer ways that highlight what local government are already doing.

The Committee noted that more information is needed from the Unaccompanied Minors report before it could be labeled an official ABAG document.

More work will be done on the Unaccompanied Minors report and it will be brought back to the Committee for their review.

6. An L&GO Committee Overview on 2015 Legislation was presented.

7. Drafting L&GO Legislative Priorities for 2016

The Committee reviewed draft legislative priorities for 2016. The committee voted to add resiliency as an item for the 2016 session priorities and to approve the priorities currently listed. (6-0)

8. 2016 Legislative Workshop and Reception

The 2016 Legislative Workshop and Reception will be held in Sacramento on February 10th. An invitation and draft agenda will be sent to the committee in early January.

9. Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the L&GO Committee will be on January 21, 2016.