

## MEMO TO RECORD

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Subj: Trip Report League of California Cities: Policy Committee on Housing, Community, and Economic Development, 30 March 2007.

Enclosure (1): Agenda

1. This report is submitted in accordance with the requirements of AB 1234.
2. I attended the subject meeting with approximately 50 other policy committee members in Ontario, Ca. on 30 March 2007. Enclosure (1) lists the topics discussed.
3. A housing sub-committee report regarding was discussed proposing a Homeless policy be adapted to guide the League. Further. To require newly created redevelopment zones to set aside 25% for affordable housing and 5% for homeless populations. This is popular among cities that have large scale homeless problems. The League does not have a current policy on homeless housing.
4. Several Items on the legislative agenda were discussed with some modifications to the wording suggested. Most notable were:
  - a. AB 1542 Mobile home Park Conversions: Current law requires park owners to file a report on the impact to residents during a conversion from rental to resident ownership. AB 1542 would eliminate that provision in order to eliminate a loophole within the reporting provision that allows property owners to convert the park to condominiums and get out of any local ordinance that sets local rental rates.
  - b. SB 303, Opposition to. Reasons for the Leagues opposition were addressed. The bill is flawed in its present form and needs more work. The effect of the bill in its present form would be to undercut local and regional efforts to steer housing development to infill areas and would trigger significant sprawl.
5. Eminent Domain Reform: The League has joined other partners in filing an eminent domain reform initiative with the Attorney General. **City officials are asked NOT to agendize or act on this matter in any way until further notice.** The new initiative will be called the "Homeowners and private Property Protection Act."
6. Climate Change Working Group: This group was approved by the Board of Directors in February to develop Guiding principals that the league can use in evaluating legislation to determine a League position. The working group consists of representatives from the Environmental Quality Policy Committee, the Transportation, Communications and Public Works Policy Committee as well as the Housing, Community and Economic Development Policy Committee. This was by far the most spirited discussion in our policy meeting. The draft wording specified many mandated items such as requiring new stronger building standards to reduce greenhouse gasses and to adopt local requirements

that are stricter than state standards such as requiring water or energy conservations upgrades at the time of property transfer.

Also, the wording would require cities to purchase alternative fuel or low emission vehicles if they could perform the job. The HCED policy committee on a close ballot, voted to scratch out the words “mandated and required” and substitute the words such as “recommended, suggested, encouraged and incentivized” throughout the draft document. As could be expected, the coastal cities were far more aggressive in pursuing mandates than most inland communities.