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Beverly Hills City Council Liaison Legislative Lobby Committee

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

January 25, 2021

10:00 AM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: January 25, 2021 / 10:00 AM

IN ATTENDANCE: Vice Mayor Bob Wunderlich; Councilmember John Mirisch; City Manager George Chavez; Assistant City Manager Nancy Hunt-Coffey; Deputy City Manager Gabriella Yap; City Attorney Lawrence Wiener; Policy & Management Analyst Cindy Owens; Andrew Antwih, Shaw/Yoder/Antwih/Schmelzer & Lange Inc.; Pricilla Quiroz, Shaw/Yoder/Antwih/Schmelzer & Lange Inc.; Jamie Jones, David Turch and Associates; Steve Meyer, Webviewer; 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: None

B. Direction

1) Legislative Platform

- The Committee recommended approval of staff suggested changes to the Legislative Platform and made some additional recommendations for inclusion in the proposed Legislative Platform.

2) **Senate Bill 6 (Caballero) - Local Planning: Housing: Commercial Zones**

- The Liaisons recommended the City oppose SB 6.

3) **Senate Bill 7 (Atkins) - Environmental quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act of 2021.R. 1446 - Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2021**

- The Liaisons recommended the City oppose SB 7.

4) **Senate Bill 8 (Skinner) - Density Bonus Law**

- The Liaisons recommended the City oppose SB 8.

5) **Senate Bill 9 - (Atkins) Housing Development: Approvals**

- The Liaisons recommended the City oppose SB 9.

6) **Senate Bill 10 - (Wiener) Planning and Zoning: Housing Development: Density**

- The Liaisons recommended the City oppose SB 10.

7) **Assembly Bill 15 - (Chiu) COVID-19 Relief: Tenancy: Tenant Stabilization Act of 2021**

- The Liaisons recommended the City support AB 15.

8) **Assembly Bill 16 - (Chiu) Tenancies: COVID-19 Tenant, Small Landlord, and Affordable Housing Provider Stabilization Act of 2021**

- The Liaisons recommended the City support AB 16.

9) **Affordable Housing Funding Program**

- The Liaisons recommended the City support the establishment of creating a regional affordable housing funding program

10) **Update on Actions taken to Correct Senate Bill 970 (Umberg)**

- The City's state lobbyist provided an update to the Committee on efforts to have a bill introduced to extend the terms of office for those elected to office that are set to expire in March 2022 until the June 2022 election can be certified and those elected, sworn into office. Without this change, the City may arguably be without a quorum from March 2022 to when those elected in June 2022 can be sworn into office.

11) **Letter to the League of California Cities Regarding Engagement with the State Legislature and Administration on Housing-Related Issues**

- The Liaisons support the request to send a letter to the League of California Cities.

12) Discussion of Hiring a Public Relations Firm to Help with Messaging Regarding Housing Legislation

- The Liaisons recommended the City consider hiring a public relations firm to develop messaging to State Legislature regarding legislation on housing and zoning for housing. The goal of the PR firm would be to better communicate information on why local control of zoning for housing is best left to individual jurisdictions and local elected officials to better understand the needs of their community.

13) State and Federal Legislative Updates

- Andrew Antwih provided updates from the state government including:
 - It is being reported via social media that Governor Newsom will be lifting the State stay-at-home order.
 - Legislators are expected to announce an agreement element of the Governor's proposed State budget calling for early action focusing on eviction moratoriums and eviction protections of tenants in multi-unit dwellings. Assistance for small landlords is also being discussed.
 - A proposal by the Governor is being presented to establish an Office of Accountability for compliance with affordable housing requirements. If approved, it would be located within the State Housing and Community Development Department as a single point of accountability where the State would work with local jurisdictions to assist in compliance.
 - The Governor has requested the Legislature approve a proposal regarding reopening of public schools. The Legislature is reviewing the logistics of reopening public schools with plans submitted by February 1 requiring campuses to have contingency plans approved at each county level to have in-person instruction on grade 8-12 campuses. Concerns have been raised by LAUSD and other large urban school districts.
- Jamie Jones provided updates from the Federal Government including:
 - The Georgia Senate run-off election resulted in both Democratic candidates Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff they were sworn into the Senate on January 20th changing control in the Senate to the Democrats.
 - Pro-Trump groups attacked the U.S. Capital on January 6 in an attempt to delay Congress certifying the Presidential Electoral College vote.
 - Since his inauguration, President Biden has signed more than two dozen executive orders overturning Trump policies.

14) Racial Inequities in Real Estate Appraisals

- The Liaisons reviewed and discussed this item.
- The Liaisons did not come to an agreement to support further study of this item.

ADJOURNMENT

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