

**1/28/20 AGENDA, ITEM 7b - REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES NEW MAYORS & COUNCILMEMBERS ACADEMY IN SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA FROM JANUARY 22-24, 2020. SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMARY SUBMITTED BY COUNCILMEMBER MICHAEL DETOY TO THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020 AT 8:37 P.M.**

**League of California Cities 1/22/20-1/24/20**

Opening Session: City of Dysfunction Junction - How to Conduct an Effective and Respectful Meeting

- Various elected officials and staff performed a skit on how to conduct a council meeting the right and wrong ways. Facilitated by our City Attorney, Michael Jenkins, and his wife, Christi Hugin.

Effective Advocacy & Key City Issues

- League of California Cities' legislative team presented their priorities and issues that will serve our city's interests.

Your Legal Powers and Obligations

- Basic understanding of the legal authorities and restrictions under which cities and city officials operate, with a focus on the Brown Act

Financial Responsibilities, City Revenues

- Responsibilities as elected officials in exercising fiduciary accountability and transparency in open government. Discussed the importance of structurally balanced budget and the need for financial policies. Facilitated by Michael Coleman (League Fiscal Policy Advisor - [www.CaliforniaCityFinance.com](http://www.CaliforniaCityFinance.com)) and Christina Turner (City Manager - Morgan Hill).

Policy Role in Land Use Planning

- How planning has long term impacts can have on a community's environment, economic vitality and the physical health of its residents. Learned about general plans, zoning, and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Facilitated by Mark Teague (PlaceWorks) and Eric Nelson (Planning Commissioner - Dana Point).

Your League and How To Use It

- Introduction to the League of Cities Leadership and how to use the services they offer. Facilitated by Reva Feldman (City Manager - Malibu), John Dunbar (Mayor - Yountville) and Carolyn Coleman (Executive Director - League of California Cities).

Relationship between City Council and City Management

- How to have an effective relationship with your city manager, city attorney and staff, where everyone's values are respected and represented. Facilitated by Pat Martel (ICMA West Coast Regional Director - ICMA), John Dunbar (Mayor - Yountville) and Steven Rogers (Town Manager - Yountville).

## Communications and Civic Engagement

- “Do’s and Don’ts” of social media facilitated by Brandon Castillo (Partner - Bicker, Castillo & Fairbanks) and Traci Park (Partner - Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP)

## Census 2020 and the Possible Changes to Legislative District Lines After Redistricting Reform

- Wonderful presentation from Paul Mitchell (PDI) discussing changing demographics, voter registration and the impacts on elections.

## Understanding Public Service Ethics Laws and Principles (AB 1234)

- RWG Law - Nicholas Ghirelli and Roxanne Diaz presented training in specified ethics laws and principles. Specifically Political Reform Act, Government Code Section 1090, Public Records Requests and the Brown Act.

Joined Manhattan Beach Councilwoman Hildy Stern and met with our State Assemblymember, Al Muratsuchi. We had a great conversation about legislative priorities and the importance of local control in planning and land use. Also met and networked with other local Mayors/Councilmembers including David McGowan (Palos Verdes Estates), Gretchen Shepherd Romey (San Marino), Toney Lewis (Duarte), Michael Allawos (Glendora), Kelly Seyarto (Murrieta) and many others.

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