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## UCC Board of Directors' Meeting Summary January 22, 2020

Alameda:	Amy Shrago (Alternate)
Contra Costa:	Supervisor Federal Glover
Fresno:	Jeannie Figueroa
Los Angeles:	Brian Stiger
Orange:	Supervisor Lisa Bartlett
Riverside:	Supervisor Chuck Washington
Sacramento:	Supervisor Susan Peters
San Bernardino:	Supervisor Curt Hagman
San Diego:	Supervisor Greg Cox, Geoff Patnoe
San Francisco:	
San Joaquin:	Supervisor Tom Patti, Jolena Voorhis
San Mateo:	Supervisor Carole Groom, Connie Juarez-Diroll
Santa Clara:	Supervisor Susan Ellenberg, Danielle Christian
Ventura:	Supervisor Kelly Long, Sue Hughes, Michael Powers

**I. Call to Order**

UCC Chair Supervisor Carole Groom convened the meeting and called the members to order.

**II. Roll Call of Counties**

There were ten supervisors, one alternate and 13 counties represented at this meeting.

**III. Approval of Minutes from the December 4<sup>th</sup> UCC Board Meeting – APPROVED**

A motion was made to approve the December 4, 2019 minutes and below is the vote count:

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Groom, Chair	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Kelly Long, Vice-Chair	Ventura	X			
Supervisor Carson (Alternate)	Alameda	X			
Supervisor Glover	Contra Costa	X			
Supervisor Mendes	Fresno			X	

Supervisor Ridley-Thomas	Los Angeles			X	
Supervisor Bartlett	Orange	X			
Supervisor Washington	Riverside	X			
Supervisor Peters	Sacramento	X			
Supervisor Hagman	San Bernardino	X			
Supervisor Cox	San Diego	X			
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Patti	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Ellenberg	Santa Clara	X			
<b>Vote Total</b>		<b>11</b>		<b>3</b>	

#### IV. Business of the Association

##### IV-A: Appointment of 2020 Chair and Vice Chair – Action Item – APPROVED

Supervisor Carole Groom, who has served as the UCC Chair for two years running, has completed her term, paving the way for a new UCC Chair and Vice-Chair. The nominees for 2020 were Supervisor Kelly Long from Ventura County as the new UCC Chair, and Supervisor Susan Ellenberg from Santa Clara County as the new UCC Vice-Chair.

A motion was made to approve the Chair and Vice-Chair nominees for 2020 and approved. Below is the vote count:

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Groom, Chair	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Kelly Long, Vice-Chair	Ventura	X			
Supervisor Carson (Alternate)	Alameda	X			
Supervisor Glover	Contra Costa	X			
Supervisor Mendes	Fresno			X	
Supervisor Ridley-Thomas	Los Angeles			X	
Supervisor Bartlett	Orange	X			
Supervisor Washington	Riverside	X			
Supervisor Peters	Sacramento	X			
Supervisor Hagman	San Bernardino	X			
Supervisor Cox	San Diego	X			
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Patti	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Ellenberg	Santa Clara	X			
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Supervisor Long expressed her gratitude to Supervisor Groom for all of her hard work and commitment to UCC. Supervisor Ellenberg also expressed her gratitude to Supervisor Groom and noted that Supervisor Groom was the one who mentored and supported her through the UCC process. Supervisor Groom expressed that it has been an honor to serve as the Chair and she looks forward to continuing her work with UCC.

Upon the Chairmanship being turned over to Supervisor Long, she announced and welcomed two members joining the UCC Board in 2020: Supervisor Greg Cox from San Diego County, who is

rejoining UCC after having previously served on the Board for many years, and Supervisor Tom Patti from San Joaquin County.

**IV-B: Approval of 2020 Meeting Schedule – Action Item – HELD until confirmed with the Board**

Staff provided a memo of the proposed UCC Board of Directors’ meeting schedule for 2020. It was brought to the Board’s attention that the proposed Wednesday afternoon time slot may not work for everyone. To ensure that every effort is made to come to select a meeting time that is convenient for the maximum number of Board members, the action on approving the meeting schedule was held, and staff was instructed to work with Board offices staff to confirm the best dates and times.

**Update:** Staff reached out to each supervisor’s scheduler, and after review and some adjustments, a consensus was agreed upon to the [attached](#) schedule, which also reflects a March meeting that was added to be responsive to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**\*\*Note, due to the recent COVID-19 pandemic, the CSAC Legislative Conference in Sacramento has been cancelled. Accordingly, the UCC Board meeting scheduled for May 27 likely will not take place in-person. Instead, we will convert it to a conference call or videoconference meeting. Please stay tuned for more details on the timing and format.**

**IV-C: Approval of UCC Financial Practices – Action Item – APPROVED**

Staff provided a memo on UCC Financial Policies. In December, the Board approved several new policies and practices consistent with recommendations from a comprehensive financial review completed in 2019. Staff noted that additional recommendations coming out of the financial review will require amendments to the UCC By-Laws, which they are working on and anticipate bringing draft changes of the bylaws to the Board at a later date for their consideration.

A motion was made to review and approve language related to a reserve policy and financial reports to the Board for incorporation into UCC’s internal practices. The motion was approved and below is the vote count:

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Groom, Chair	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Kelly Long, Vice-Chair	Ventura	X			
Supervisor Carson (Alternate)	Alameda	X			
Supervisor Glover	Contra Costa	X			
Supervisor Mendes	Fresno			X	
Supervisor Ridley-Thomas	Los Angeles			X	
Supervisor Bartlett	Orange	X			
Supervisor Washington	Riverside	X			
Supervisor Peters	Sacramento	X			
Supervisor Hagman	San Bernardino	X			
Supervisor Cox	San Diego	X			
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Patti	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Ellenberg	Santa Clara	X			
<b>Vote Total</b>		<b>11</b>		<b>3</b>	

#### IV-D: Update on UCC Budget – Informational Item

Staff provided a memo and an updated UCC 2020-21 Budget. It was determined that an updated budget was in order due to the board’s action in December to execute a contract with Hurst Brooks Espinosa (HBE), and Lang, Hansen O’Malley and Miller (LHOM). The key adjustments are listed in the bullets below:

- Reduced salary and benefits item to include only the salary and benefits associated with the Executive Assistant.
- A new line item to incorporate costs associated with the UCC management and advocacy contract for the year.
- Reduced costs associated with the UCC temporary employee, who left in November 2019 and will not be replaced.

#### IV-E: UCC Website Launch – Informational Item

Staff gave a brief update on the launch of the UCC website, noting that staff has been working with the website developer for more than six months and the website is nearly ready to deploy. They anticipate the website will go live late January. The website update has been part of the bigger effort to elevate the voice and presence of UCC. **Update:** As of this writing the UCC website was officially launched on February 14, 2020. Click [here](#) to browse through our new website.

#### IV-F: Lobbying Firm Participation in UCC Sponsorship Program – Action Item – APPROVED

Staff provided a memo and a brief presentation on the proposed expansion of the UCC Sponsorship Program. Recently, a Sacramento-based lobbying firm that represents two UCC member counties inquired about participation in the UCC Sponsorship Program, so it seemed appropriate to seek the Board’s approval. Staff noted that as of this writing, UCC has six sponsors, and their funds benefit and support UCC’s two annual in-person meetings. The benefit of this expansion is that it would represent new revenue opportunities that support the activities of UCC. Sponsors receive the following benefits:

- Recognition on UCC’s website and posting privileges.
- Opportunity to network with UCC Supervisors, county executives and high-level key staff.
- Signage during our Legislative and Annual Meetings.
- Invitation only to the UCC Dinner Receptions, which is a favorite event of the CSAC Conference.
- Inclusion on UCC mailing lists for newsletters and updates, agenda packets and other key announcements.

A motion was made to consider and approve the proposed expanded outreach and marketing to lobbying firms for participation in UCC’s Sponsorship Program. Below is the vote count:

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Groom, Chair	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Kelly Long, Vice-Chair	Ventura	X			
Supervisor Carson (Alternate)	Alameda	X			
Supervisor Glover	Contra Costa	X			
Supervisor Mendes	Fresno			X	
Supervisor Ridley-Thomas	Los Angeles			X	
Supervisor Bartlett	Orange	X			

Supervisor Washington	Riverside	X			
Supervisor Peters	Sacramento	X			
Supervisor Hagman	San Bernardino	X			
Supervisor Cox	San Diego	X			
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Patti	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Ellenberg	Santa Clara	X			
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## V. Legislative and Budget Advocacy

### V-A: Introduction of UCC Advocacy Team and Insights into 2020 Legislative Year – Informational Item

As mentioned in the UCC Budget section, in December the Board took action to execute a contract with Hurst Brooks Espinosa (HBE), and Lang, Hansen O’Malley and Miller (LHOM). Bob Giroux with LHOM joined staff during the conference call and introduced himself to the Board. Bob noted that he joined LHOM 12 years ago and has spent 12 years in each house of the California State Legislature, totaling 24 years of experience in various roles in the Capitol. Subsequently, he joined LHOM where he has served as a partner for more than 15 years providing advocacy services and strategic advice to a variety of public and private sector clients. He is very familiar with urban county issues and has worked with a number of urban counties. He is looking forward to working with the Board on UCC issues.

### V-B: Review of Recommendations of Governor’s Council of Regional Homeless Advisors

Staff provided a memo and materials on the Governor’s Council of Regional Homeless Advisors. The Governor’s Council recently issued its initial set of recommendations. Supervisor Ridley-Thomas from Los Angeles County was planning to join the call to discuss the Council’s deliberations and expected next step however, due to unexpected circumstances, he was unable to join the call, and Jean Hurst presented on the Council’s key recommendations below:

- **Adopt a Comprehensive Crisis Response Strategy.**
- **Create and Enforceable, Results-Based Accountability Mandate to End Homelessness.**  
The Council stated that there is no mandate to ensure people can live indoors, no legal accountability for failing to do so, no enforceable housing production standard, and no legal accountability for failing to do so, no enforceable housing production standard, and no requirement to consolidate and coordinate funding streams across jurisdictions. The Council proposes that such a mandate be enforceable through a public right of action that requires the state and local governments to create the capacity to shelter those who are unsheltered. The Council recommended that the Legislature place such a measure on the ballot for 2020. They would have until the end of June to get this on the ballot.
- **Create a Single Point of Authority for Homelessness in State Government**  
The Governor appointed Jason Elliott of his office as the point person on housing and homelessness. The Council also outlined strategic investments such as using the federal waiver process to ensure solutions to assist in addressing homelessness as a component of the Medi-Cal Program; encourage Medi-Cal Managed Care providers to develop an initiative

to invest on targeting the homeless population; establish an ongoing annual allocation of state flexible housing funds, which would be matched by eligible cities and counties in partnership with the private sector. The Council’s recommendations were accompanied by a table outlining the Comprehensive Crisis Response Strategy.

There are a lot of things to be sorted out in this process and staff asked that Supervisors engage in this proposal, as there is a very short timeframe before this goes to the ballot. MHSA could be linked in this proposal, which complicates the discussions. Staff has been engaged in conversations with CSAC, RCRC, and CBHDA. Supervisor Long from Ventura County noted that Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas from Los Angeles County has been working very hard on this, and that UCC has a voice at the table.

Supervisor Washington from Riverside County expressed concerns about making the legislation mandatory and taking legal actions to cities and counties. He noted that until we have a definitive way to catalog the homeless and everyone is doing their fair share, this could put more of a burden on one jurisdiction over another if there isn’t a way to track the homeless in each county. His county is also looking for some form of redevelopment, as they cannot force builders to build at a loss. This needs to be profitable to the builders. Staff replied that other people share these concerns and certainly do not want to see people suing each other. One of the challenges is funding. There are a lot of things to work out and are interested in hearing feedback from the urban counties. June 25<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to get this onto the ballot.

A representative for Contra Costa and San Diego Counties mentioned the associated legal questions on the right to action and how drafting a proposal is very important. The County Counsels could be helpful in reviewing it.

Supervisor Greg Cox from San Diego County also noted concerns about the potential for attorneys to look for problems and sue local governments regarding the homeless situation. Supervisor Kelly Long noted that MHSA reforms could improve access to mental health and substance abuse services. Supervisor Tom Patti from San Joaquin County also expressed concerns about lawsuits. He noted that in his county 60-80% of the homeless have substance abuse and mental health issues and treatment is needed, as they have zero treatment facilities. In San Joaquin County, there is a need for emergency shelters and transitional housing. Supervisor Washington wants to see how we can get there with the funding we do have.

A motion was made and approved for the Advocacy Team to keep UCC up to date and to advocate for urban county interests associated with various proposals to address homelessness. Below is the vote count:

<b>Member</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Not Voting</b>
Supervisor Groom, Chair	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Kelly Long, Vice-Chair	Ventura	X			

Supervisor Carson (Alternate)	Alameda	X			
Supervisor Glover	Contra Costa	X			
Supervisor Mendes	Fresno			X	
Supervisor Ridley-Thomas	Los Angeles			X	
Supervisor Bartlett	Orange	X			
Supervisor Washington	Riverside	X			
Supervisor Peters	Sacramento	X			
Supervisor Hagman	San Bernardino	X			
Supervisor Cox	San Diego	X			
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Patti	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Ellenberg	Santa Clara	X			
<b>Vote Total</b>		<b>11</b>		<b>3</b>	

A second motion was made and approved to create a UCC Subcommittee on Homelessness to focus and further explore the homeless issue. Below is the vote count:

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Groom, Chair	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Kelly Long, Vice-Chair	Ventura	X			
Supervisor Carson (Alternate)	Alameda	X			
Supervisor Glover	Contra Costa	X			
Supervisor Mendes	Fresno			X	
Supervisor Ridley-Thomas	Los Angeles			X	
Supervisor Bartlett	Orange	X			
Supervisor Washington	Riverside	X			
Supervisor Peters	Sacramento	X			
Supervisor Hagman	San Bernardino	X			
Supervisor Cox	San Diego	X			
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Patti	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Ellenberg	Santa Clara	X			
<b>Vote Total</b>		<b>11</b>		<b>3</b>	

**V-C: Consideration of Revised 2020 UCC Priorities – Action Item – APPROVED**

Staff provided a memo and handout of the revisions made to the UCC Priorities for 2020. There are four policy planks for 2020. These priorities reflect UCC’s primary priorities, but not in exclusion of other matters. The four policy planks are listed below:

- Homelessness
- Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)
- Medi-Cal Healthier California for All
- Promoting a Healthy Start

A motion was made to approve the revised 2020 UCC Priorities and approved. Below is the vote count:

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Groom, Chair	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Kelly Long, Vice-Chair	Ventura	X			
Supervisor Carson (Alternate)	Alameda	X			
Supervisor Glover	Contra Costa	X			
Supervisor Mendes	Fresno			X	
Supervisor Ridley-Thomas	Los Angeles			X	
Supervisor Bartlett	Orange	X			
Supervisor Washington	Riverside	X			
Supervisor Peters	Sacramento	X			
Supervisor Hagman	San Bernardino	X			
Supervisor Cox	San Diego	X			
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Patti	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Ellenberg	Santa Clara	X			
<b>Vote Total</b>		<b>11</b>		<b>3</b>	

**V-D: Update on 2020-21 State Budget – Informational item**

Staff provided a handout of UCC’s Summary of the Governor’s Proposed 2020-21 Budget, and noted they were happy to answer any questions the Board may have on the report. It was noted that the Legislature is just getting started with its 2020 legislative and budget processes. Draft Trailer Bill Language will begin to be released in early February, and more information will follow.

**VI. Public Comment**

No public comments were made.

**VII. Topics for Next Meeting**

- COVID-19

**VIII. Adjournment**

Due to COVID-19, the CSAC Legislative Conference in Sacramento has been cancelled. Accordingly, the UCC Board meeting scheduled for **May 27** will not take place in-person. Instead, we will convert it to a conference call or a video conference meeting. More details will be available once a decision is made.