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Supervisor Carole Groom

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**UCC Board of Directors' Meeting  
Summary  
June 6, 2019**

Alameda:	Supervisor Keith Carson, Amy Costa
Contra Costa:	Supervisor Federal Glover
Fresno:	Supervisor Buddy Mendes, Jeannie Figueroa
Los Angeles:	Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Brian Stiger, Donna Seitz, Martha Guerrero
Orange:	Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, Nicole Wordelman
Riverside:	
Sacramento:	Steve Cruz, Audrey Ratajczak, Monica Miller
San Bernardino:	Supervisor Susan Rutherford (Alternate), Josh Candelaria, Nicole Wordelman, Steve Wallauch
San Diego:	Geoff Patnoe (Alternate), Helen Robbins Meyer
San Francisco:	
San Joaquin:	Supervisor Bob Elliott
San Mateo:	Supervisor Carole Groom, Connie Juarez-Diroll, Steve Cruz, Audrey Ratajczak
Santa Clara:	Derrick Seaver (Alternate), Michael Rattigan
Ventura:	Supervisor Kelly Long, Sue Hughes
UCC:	Elizabeth Espinosa, Jean Hurst, Kelly Brooks, Grace Ferguson

**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 eight supervisors, two alternates and 12 counties represented at this meeting.

**III. Approval of Minutes from the April 24, 2019 UCC Board Meeting – APPROVED**

The April 24, 2019 minutes were approved and 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	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 Fletcher (Alternate)	San Diego	X			
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Elliott	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Ellenberg (Alternate)	Santa Clara	X			
<b>Vote Total</b>		<b>10</b>		<b>4</b>	

#### **IV. Update from LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas on Statewide Homelessness Task Force**

On May 21, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the appointment of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas to co-chair the newly formed Homeless and Supportive Housing Advisory Task Force, along with Mayor Darrell Steinberg. The Governor is recognizing the vital role counties play in addressing homelessness, as stated in his press release on the appointments: "Homelessness is a matter of statewide concern most efficiently and effectively addressed at the local level through deep regional collaboration." Supervisor Ridley-Thomas was on the conference call to discuss the task force, its objectives, and how UCC can support its efforts. His comments are summarized below:

Within the next few days, Supervisor Ridley-Thomas anticipated that the Governor's Office would be releasing names of other members of the Task Force. Los Angeles County is the epicenter of the state in homelessness, and Supervisor Ridley-Thomas is committed to do the work that needs to be done. Compassion and fiscal prudence are vital in this work.

Maintenance is costly and there are considerable associated public safety and ER issues. Simply stated, "We can do better." An Ad Hoc Committee Report was released on African Americans on Homelessness and it stated that 9% of LA's general population is African American, while 35% of the homeless population is African American. Homelessness is dynamic, hence the importance of performing yearly tracking to see what the trends are. Counties need to be in the conversations and appeal to the Governor in a prominent way. Counties need to be present and to also bring infrastructure into the fold. There will be three

hearings held throughout the state from the Task Force in Central Valley (July), Southern California (August) and Northern California (September). The dates have not been set yet.

Board Member Comments:

Supervisor Mendes from Fresno County noted that counties need to be elevated and that mandates and resources are different between cities and counties; we do not need to duplicate infrastructure but to promote efficiency and effectiveness. Supervisor Carson from Alameda County asked if UCC has made a case to the Governor on homelessness, specifically the \$250 million proposal for planning grants to help local jurisdictions work through the RHNA 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle. Staff responded yes, that UCC has been quite present and active on this proposal, by submitting letters to the Governor, and testifying in both the Senate and Assembly Budget Committees, as well as lobbying legislative staff. LA County Chief Legislative Representative Brian Stiger noted that they have also submitted a letter, and have met with the Governor’s office, and have lobbied the LA County Delegation. Supervisor Bartlett from Orange County noted they have also sent a letter advocating that the monies come directly to counties, versus to the Continuum of Care, in order to receive services faster. She also noted that they are working with CSAC to establish a task force to ensure counties have a voice and a seat at the table. Supervisor Ridley-Thomas noted that we have to elevate the counties’ role and make our services known. Supervisor Long from Ventura County noted that they have a continuum of care group and believes it’s important to work together advocating for counties. She suggested that UCC staff reach out to CSAC regarding their taskforce.

**V. Presentation of 2019-20 UCC Budget – Action Item – APPROVED**

**V-A. 2019-20 Budget Details**

Staff provided handouts of the UCC Proposed 2019-20 Budget and Key Budget Details. This budget represents a status quo budget, and any changes to the structure of the organization will necessitate additional review and amendment. The proposed budget is balanced with estimated revenues of \$539,000 and estimated expenditures of \$441,000.

The alternate from San Diego County, Geoff Patnoe, requested an update regarding the proposed financial audit discussed at the April Board of Directors meeting. Chair Groom indicated that the topic would be addressed under item V, UCC transition update.

The Board voted and approved the UCC Proposed Budget for 2019-20 unanimously and 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	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 Fletcher (Alternate)	San Diego	X			
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Elliott	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Ellenberg (Alternate)	Santa Clara	X			
<b>Vote Total</b>		<b>9</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>

**V-B. Proposed contract extension for Hurst Brooks Espinosa (HBE), LLC**

On February 11, 2019, UCC retained Hurst Brooks Espinosa (HBE) to provide state legislative services for a four-month period (through June 11, 2019, with an option to extend for 30-day increments). Over the past several months, HBE has collaborated with urban counties and other county associations to advance UCC’s legislative and budget priorities, advocated UCC’s priorities in the Capitol, provided staff support for UCC Board of Directors’ meetings, and developed a list of recommendations regarding next steps for the UCC Board of Directors’ consideration. Since then the Board has provided direction to move forward on a number of items related to modernizing UCC’s operational practices, improve UCC’s brand marketing, and work with the Ad Hoc Committee to refine UCC’s goals and objectives, as well as assist with the recruitment of a new Executive Director.

Staff made the following recommendations:

- HBE contract extension until October 31, 2019 (through the end of the 2019 legislative session).
- The scope of work be amended to reflect the additional task the Board directed HBE to move forward on during the April workshop.
- HBE fees to increase from \$10,500 to \$12,000 per month in recognition of the expanded scope of work.

The Board voted and approved unanimously HBE’s contract extension as amended and 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	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 Fletcher (Alternate)	San Diego	X			
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Elliott	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Ellenberg (Alternate)	Santa Clara	X			
<b>Vote Total</b>		<b>9</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>

**VI. Update on UCC Transition**

Audit Update - Staff presented to the Board on the audit update noting that the UCC by-laws requires an annual audit; however, staff understands that an audit has not been prepared for many years and, after conferring with UCC’s financial advisor and other accountants, staff noted that an audit is not required according to state and federal law. With that information, and the fact that UCC’s accounting is very transparent, it was recommended that UCC instead contract for a 10-year financial review that will also include recommendations for modernizing UCC’s financial practices and by-law updates as seen fit. Staff will be working with the Ad Hoc Committee to schedule a meeting for presentation and further discussion.

Branding Update – Staff presented to the Board that they reached out to Bicker, Castillo and Fairbanks (BCF), a public affairs firm, and spoke with Brandon Castillo regarding UCC’s branding needs. He is willing to assist UCC in this endeavor and staff anticipates a branding proposal will be presented to the Ad Hoc Committee when a meeting is scheduled.

**VII. State Budget Update**

Staff noted that the Budget Conference Committee has convened and thus far has done one run through of the budget book, with minimal action. Homelessness seems to be a source of ongoing discussion, though it is not before the Conference Committee. There is debate about how the funding should be distributed among cities, counties, and COCs, and a number of items are at an impasse. The Conference Committee is set to close out by Friday, but it may be Saturday, as negotiations are not going as smoothly as hoped. The budget deal is rumored to include agreements on outstanding issues such as; the Managed Care Organization (MCO Tax), extending Medi-Cal to undocumented adults, and funding to address affordability with Covered California and imposition of an individual mandate penalty.

The housing component is going well with the \$500 million proposal for infrastructure grants, however, the 911 fee, which requires a 2/3 vote, is having difficulty reaching enough votes. Staff anticipates seeing trailer bills into late June. Staff encouraged the Board to reach out to

the Legislature since at this point, legislative leaders are in closed door meetings and discussions.

### **VIII. Legislative Update**

Staff provided a memo and handout on the list of bills that UCC is actively engaged in. One bill that was highlighted was SB 144 (Mitchell), which would eliminate a variety of criminal justice fees elimination. Although amendments were taken in the Senate, the bill would still impose considerable and permanent revenue loss to. UCC is participating in an active county coalition that is opposing the fiscal aspects of the measure, while recognizing that the policy basis for the measure – to eliminate financial burdens that often act as a barrier to reentry – is worth close analysis. Staff is working hard to develop a better sense of individual county and statewide impacts and informed the Board that they may ask for their assistance if the bill continues to move through the Legislature. Supervisor Long highlighted Ventura County’s concern relating to the fiscal impacts and the County’s efforts to advocate for a backfill. Supervisor Mendes from Fresno County asked if counties are mandated to provide these services, and staff’s response was that in many instances the fees date back decades (pre-mandate laws) or that they could be connected to a program that is optional, so the state is likely not obligated under the law to provide for reimbursement associated with revenue loss.

### **IX. Proposals for Next Month’s Meeting Agenda**

1. State Budget Update
2. Update on Homeless Task Force
3. Legislative Update

### **X. Public Comment**

There were no public comments made.

### **XI. Adjournment**

Our next meeting will be held on **June 24 at 4:00PM** via conference call.