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UCC Board of Directors' Meeting Summary October 28, 2020

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| Alameda: | Supervisor Keith Carson, Monica Miller |
| Contra Costa: | Supervisor Karen Mitchoff (Alternate), Lara DeLaney |
| Fresno: | Supervisor Buddy Mendes, Jeannie Figueroa, Sonia DeLaRosa |
| Los Angeles: | Brian Stiger |
| Orange: | Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, Nicole Wordelman |
| Riverside: | Supervisor Chuck Washington |
| Sacramento: | Supervisor Sue Frost, Steve Cruz, Audrey Ratajczak |
| San Bernardino: | Supervisor Curt Hagman, Josh Candelaria, Nicole Wordelman |
| San Diego: | Supervisor Greg Cox |
| San Francisco: | |
| San Joaquin: | Supervisor Tom Patti, Jolena Voorhis |
| San Mateo: | Connie Juarez-Diroll (Alternate), Steve Cruz, Audrey Ratajczak |
| Santa Clara: | Supervisor Susan Ellenberg, Michael Rattigan |
| Ventura: | Supervisor Kelly Long, Sue Hughes |

I. Call to Order

UCC Chair Supervisor Kelly Long convened the meeting and called the members to order.

II. Roll Call of Counties

There were 10 supervisors, 2 alternates and 13 counties represented at this meeting.

III. Approval of August 5th Meeting Minutes – Action Item – APPROVED

A motion was made to approve the August 5th minutes and below is the vote count:

| Member | County | Yes | No | Absent | Not Voting |
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| Supervisor Long, Chair | Ventura | X | | | |
| Supervisor Ellenberg, Vice-Chair | Santa Clara | X | | | |
| Supervisor Carson | Alameda | X | | | |
| Supervisor Glover (Alternate) | Contra Costa | X | | | |
| Supervisor Mendes | Fresno | X | | | |
| Supervisor Ridley-Thomas | Los Angeles | | | X | |
| Supervisor Bartlett | Orange | X | | | |

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| Supervisor Washington | Riverside | X | | | |
| Supervisor Frost | Sacramento | | | | X |
| Supervisor Hagman | San Bernardino | X | | | |
| Supervisor Cox | San Diego | X | | | |
| Vacant | San Francisco | | | X | |
| Supervisor Patti | San Joaquin | X | | | |
| Supervisor Groom (Alternate) | San Mateo | X | | | |
| Vote Total | | 11 | | 2 | 1 |

IV. Association Matters

IV-A: UCC Budget Update

Jean Hurst with HBE provided an update of the UCC Budget-to-Actual for the first quarter of the fiscal year. She noted several changes in the budget due to COVID:

- Due COVID a number of budget items have been reduced.
- Given there was no in-person meeting (which is held in conjunction with the CSAC Conference), UCC waived corporate sponsor fees for 2020-21.
- Due to the pressing nature of business this year, the facilitation of the Finance Committee (that was approved by the Board) was held over, however will advance in the coming months.

Jean also noted that although UCC has an extended contract for office space with CSAC through June 2021, we are actively seeking a lower-cost option for rental space.

IV-B: 2020-21 UCC By-Laws Update – Action Item - APPROVED

Elizabeth Espinosa with HBE provided a brief background of the association change made in February of last year, and the Board’s recommendation to evaluate and improve internal practices. She noted that HBE identified and organized several updates and improvements of the organization, and one of those items were the UCC By-Laws. The By-Laws update focuses on three factors:

- Specific action taken up by the Board
- Organizational changes that have taken place
- Align By-Laws with the practice of the organization

There were technical and stylistic changes made, which were provided in the handout via red-line; and there were substantive changes made which focused on the election of the chair and vice chair. Supervisor Bartlett from Orange county recommended updating San Joaquin to a northern county and Fresno to a southern county, which would make alternating between northern and southern counties even when selecting a UCC Chair.

A motion was made to approve the By-Laws as modified, and approved unanimously. Below is the vote count:

| Member | County | Yes | No | Absent | Not Voting |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-----|----|--------|------------|
| Supervisor Long, Chair | Ventura | X | | | |
| Supervisor Ellenberg, Vice-Chair | Santa Clara | X | | | |
| Supervisor Carson | Alameda | X | | | |
| Supervisor Glover (Alternate) | Contra Costa | X | | | |
| Supervisor Mendes | Fresno | X | | | |
| Supervisor Ridley-Thomas | Los Angeles | | | X | |
| Supervisor Bartlett | Orange | X | | | |
| Supervisor Washington | Riverside | X | | | |

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| Supervisor Frost | Sacramento | X | | | |
| Supervisor Hagman | San Bernardino | X | | | |
| Supervisor Cox | San Diego | X | | | |
| Vacant | San Francisco | | | X | |
| Supervisor Patti | San Joaquin | X | | | |
| Supervisor Groom (Alternate) | San Mateo | X | | | |
| Vote Total | | 12 | | 2 | |

V. UCC Advocacy

V-A – The Bob Report

Bob Giroux with LHOM provided an update on the 2020 California General Election; as well as election slide deck with district-by-district race details (congressional and state legislative) and an update on the current status of the Ballot measures.

V-B: 2020 Advocacy Year in Review

Elizabeth Espinosa with HBE provided a brief overview on the process of how HBE and LHGA were selected by the Board to provide association management and advocacy. Over the course of the year the two firms along with UCC staff have worked together to build a strategic partnership and have created close partnerships with sister counties. HBE came into this contract with significant political and policy expertise that has helped UCC to be at the negotiation table on critical issues with the Department of Finance (DOF), legislative Budget chairs and staff and Administration officials. UCC has also benefited from partnering with Joe Lang and Bob Giroux with LHGA, as they have helped us to think about policy and political matters from a different point of view. Their team through strategic legislative and budget negotiations yielded important influences and wins and have secured seats at several critical negotiating tables on high-priority urban county issues. The UCC voice has also been lifted in the Capitol due to the new partnership with both firms. Elizabeth provided a memo detailing the achievements and accomplishments over the past year and noted that the Board will be asked to consider a contract extension at the December Board meeting. She also noted that the Board Chair and Vice Chair suggested providing the Board with an evaluation survey of the advocacy team, which staff will send to the Board to provide feedback.

Kelly Brooks with HBE updated the Board on health policy issues highlighting the remarkable joint partnership on getting the backfill for revenue decline from 2011 Realignment. She noted there has been a long history in this area, so this was a very heavy lift and truly remarkable that the Budget Act provided \$750 million plus an additional \$250 million to counties for Realigned programs that serve vulnerable populations. Because of the special roll that counties play, we had support from a legislator, and the partnership with Joe Lang and Bob Giroux helped tremendously.

Kiana Valentine who is a part of the UCC Advocacy team provided a memo on Housing and Land Use. She noted there were over 150 housing measures that local government had interest in, and many moved through the legislative process despite COVID-19. Ultimately UCC engaged in nearly 30 of those measures. Six of those measures were signed, which UCC had either a concerns or oppose position; however, all of the concerns had been resolved before being signed. Local zoning was also amended. Staff also engaged in a number of homelessness bills.

Board members engaged in dialog with staff on homelessness concerns inquiring if there is a percentage goal of homeless that will be moved into permanent housing and if there is a deadline to

reach that goal. Staff responded that counties are setting goals to reduce the homeless population by 90%, and at this time there is no specific deadline set but are working with Senator Chiu and sponsors on a bill that will help find practical ways to achieve this goal. Treatment programs and lack there of concerns were also raised. Staff noted that they have a sense that the State will not give additional funding beyond the current funding services we already have, however there may be opportunities with improving the MediCal System (CalAIM), to make some additional provisions.

Supervisor Washington acknowledged the incredible list of things staff has been working on and achievements throughout the year. He also noted he had the honor to sit on CSAC's Kitchen Cabinet Committee and it is moving forward, although there are still significant challenges to get people to where they are going. Jean noted that CSAC appointed a working group to work on the Governor's re-opening structure to construct a health equity matrix that would be more helpful to counties that what was proposed by the Administration and UCC is working collaboratively with CSAC and groups to help with solutions. She also noted being open to creating something more urban specific and happy to facilitate that conversation.

VI. Supervisor Roundtable

Staff has provided this agenda item for Supervisors to discuss current issues of impact and/or importance in their communities.

Contra Costa – They are in the process of selecting a new county Administrator. David Twa will be leaving the county after many years of service. The sales tax measure for the county has gone farther than expected.

San Bernardino – There is a lot of frustration not being able to open up businesses, and not sure how much longer they can keep going like this. Would love to have more dialog with the state as partners. Currently advocating for regionalization, but haven't had a lot of responses and considering litigation. Working with southern California counties on getting some high tech solutions for connectivity, and working with Starlink.

San Diego – They have been on the cusp going from red zone to purple zone but have been able to hang on primarily due to robust COVID testing. Citizens are getting restless.

San Joaquin – The county has gone from purple zone to red zone. There has been a lot of outreach, a lot of testing and using the CARES funding for it. They have asked for an administrative review on how many hours are being used for COVID and would like some of the monies that are brought into their administration to be used in the private sector. Looking at opening up a shelter that will house 1,000 people.

Santa Clara – Their Board has asked for a county-sponsored or based loan program to assist businesses in need. They are partnering with a financial institution to see if there are any constraints of state laws and could counties act as guarantor's for these loans.

Ventura – Supervisor Powers sits on the CSAC Kitchen Cabinet Committee and asked HBE and LHGA how do we effectively move forward with this endeavor.

Staff's response was to create a mechanism to collect concerns and solutions and that this might be best by talking through these issues with our Urban Executives and together come up with key priorities that would be valuable going to the Administration with. Supervisor Long asked staff to follow up with the Board on this endeavor.

VII. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

VII. Topics for Next Meeting

- a. Chair and Vice Chair Nominations
- b. Follow up on Kitchen Cabinet Committee
- c. Proposed Contract Extension
- d. Proposed 2021 Advocacy Priorities

IX. Adjournment

Our next UCC Board of Directors' meeting will be held on ***Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.*** via Zoom call.