

UCC Board of Directors' Meeting Summary December 1, 2021

Alameda:	Yarelle Magallon, Devon Anderson, Madison Dwelley
Contra Costa:	Supervisor Karen Mitchoff (Alternate), Jim Gross
Fresno:	Supervisor Buddy Mendes, Paul Nerland
Los Angeles:	Fesia Davenport, Brian Stiger, Martha Guerrero
Orange:	Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, Peter DeMarco, Frank Kim, James Dinwiddle, Christian Abues, Cymantha Atkinson, Dylan Wright, La She Rodriguez, Brandy Miller, Edwin Borbon, Amy Jenkins, Nicole Wordelman
Riverside:	Supervisor Chuck Washington, Andrea Mares, Jeffrey Van Wagenen
Sacramento:	Natasha Drane
San Bernardino:	Amanda Meere, Maral Hernandez, Amy Jenkins, Nicole Wordelman, Edwin Borbon, Steve Wallauch
San Diego:	Caroline Smith (Alternate), Denise Garcia, Michael Vu, Denise Delgado, Mabi Castro, Nerea Urtasun, Matthew Parr, Erin Gilbert
San Francisco:	
San Joaquin:	Supervisor Tom Patti
San Mateo:	Supervisor Carole Groom, Connie Juarez-Diroll, Samantha Tucci, Devon Anderson, Madison Dwelley, Yarelle Magallon
Santa Clara:	Supervisor Susan Ellenberg, Supervisor Otto Lee, Angelica Ramos, Danielle Christian, Michael Rattigan
Ventura:	Supervisor Kelly Long, Sue Hughes, Matt Lavere, Mike Powers, Michele Guzman
Sponsors:	Citigroup – Chris Mukai, Guy Logan, Eric Rodriguez HdL – Bobby Young PARS – Mitch Barker
UCC:	Jean Hurst, Elizabeth Espinosa, Josh Gauger, Grace Ferguson

I. Call to Order

UCC Chair Supervisor Susan Ellenberg convened the meeting and called the members to order.



II. Roll Call of Counties

There were six supervisors, two alternates, and 13 counties represented at this meeting.

III. Approval of November 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Action Item – APPROVED

A motion was made to approve the November 3, 2021 minutes; below is the vote count:

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Ellenberg, Chair	Santa Clara	X			
Supervisor Mendes, Vice-Chair	Fresno	X			
Supervisor Carson	Alameda			X	
Supervisor Glover (Alternate)	Contra Costa	X			
Supervisor Kathryn Barger	Los Angeles			X	
Supervisor Bartlett	Orange	X			
Supervisor Perez	Riverside			X	
Supervisor Frost	Sacramento			X	
Supervisor Hagman	San Bernardino			X	
Supervisor Vargas (Alternate)	San Diego	X			
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Patti	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Groom	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Long	Ventura	X			
Vote Total		8		6	

IV. Association Matters

IV-A: Call for 2022 Vice-Chair Nominations

Staff provided an overview of the process used for UCC officer (Chair/Vice-Chair) nominations, pursuant to the association’s by-laws as amended by the Board in 2020. Chair Ellenberg opened nominations for UCC 2022 Vice-Chair and expressed support for sitting Vice-Chair Mendes to move to the Chair’s seat in 2022 as well as Supervisor Keith Carson of Alameda County to assume Vice-Chair duties. As specified in the by-laws, the Board will take official action on the Chair and Vice-Chair roles at its January 2022 meeting. Staff noted that any additional nominations from Board members could be submitted via email until *January 12, 2022* for consideration at the January meeting.

V. UCC Advocacy

V-A: Preliminary Review of Proposed 2022 UCC Advocacy Priorities– Action Item - APPROVED

Staff provided background on the process for developing the association’s annual advocacy priorities. In keeping with direction provided previously by the Board, advocacy priorities are intended to: (1) Reflect the most consequential, highest priority policy/budget matters of counties; (2) Project a unified urban county voice/perspective; and (3) Educate policy makers about the critical role counties play in serving vulnerable populations and preserving the safety net. Secondly, as is customary, the 2022 draft priorities presented to the Board are the result of

a brainstorming session with UCC Key staff (county legislative affairs staff, urban county lobbyists, and the UCC Advocacy Team) in November 2021. The Board considered, discussed, and offered suggested changes to the four proposed planks of the 2022 priority list:

- Taking Next Steps: Implementing Investments and Initiatives
- Building the State’s Critical Workforce
- Investing in the Next Generation
- Improving Safety and Accessibility of Public Meetings

Staff noted and will incorporate Board member feedback into the next draft of the priorities that will be presented to the Board in January. That version also will be amended, as necessary, to incorporate or reference any emergent policy matters in 2022, including the Governor’s proposed 2022-23 state budget. As for incorporating water as a 2022 priority, staff indicated that the Ad Hoc Water Policy Committee would be bringing a recommendation for principles and policy statements before the Board in January and that the matter should be revisited then.

A motion was made to approve the initial draft of the 2022 UCC Advocacy Priorities, recognizing that an updated version would be presented to the Board for final action in January. Below is the vote count:

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Ellenberg, Chair	Santa Clara	X			
Supervisor Mendes, Vice-Chair	Fresno	X			
Supervisor Carson	Alameda			X	
Supervisor Glover (Alternate)	Contra Costa	X			
Supervisor Kathryn Barger	Los Angeles			X	
Supervisor Bartlett	Orange	X			
Supervisor Perez	Riverside			X	
Supervisor Frost	Sacramento			X	
Supervisor Hagman	San Bernardino			X	
Supervisor Vargas (Alternate)	San Diego	X			
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Patti	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Groom	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Long	Ventura	X			
Vote Total		8		6	

V-B: 2022-23 State Budget Outlook – Information only

Staff provided an update on the state’s budget condition, focusing on information in the Legislative Analyst’s Office 2022-23 State Fiscal Outlook published in mid-November. The LAO estimates the state will have an estimated \$31 billion surplus in the budget year. The Governor

will release his spending plan and the ways in which he would prioritize expenditures on January 10, 2022.

VI. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

VII. Topics for Next Meeting

- Appointment of UCC 2022 Chair and Vice-Chair
- Final Review of Proposed 2022 Advocacy Priorities
- Report and recommendations from Ad Hoc Water Committee

VIII. Adjournment

The next UCC Board of Directors' meeting will be held ***on January 12th at 4:00PM***, via Zoom.