

UCC Board of Directors' Meeting Summary November 16, 2022

Alameda:	Supervisor Keith Carson, Susan Muranishi, Devon Anderson, Monica Miller
Contra Costa:	Geoff Neill, Michelle Rubalcava
Fresno:	Supervisor Buddy Mendes
Los Angeles:	Supervisor Karen Barger, Supervisor Holly Mitchell, Marvin Deon, Mark Isidro
Orange:	Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, Peter DeMarco, LaShe Rodriguez, Yasie Goebel, Jessica Witt, Julie Bechtol, Christian Abueg, Krystian Lahage, Edwin Borbon, Brandy Miller, Nicole Wordelman, Amy Jenkins
Riverside:	Supervisor Manuel Perez
Sacramento:	Elisia DeBord, David Villanueva
San Bernardino:	Leia Fletes, Nicole Wordelman, Amy Shrago, Edwin Borbon
San Diego:	Supervisor Nora Vargas, Helen Robbins-Meyer, Denise Becerra, Nerea Urtasun, Matthew Parr, Michelle Rubalcava, Geoff Neil, Jonathan Clay
San Francisco:	
San Joaquin:	Supervisor Chuck Winn
San Mateo:	Connie Juarez-Diroll (Alternate), Yarelle Magallon, Devon Anderson
Santa Clara:	Supervisor Susan Ellenberg, Danielle Christian, Elaine Trinh
Ventura:	Supervisor Kelly Long, Sevet Johnson, Sue Hughes, Michele Guzman
UCC Staff/Advocacy:	Elizabeth Espinosa, Jean Hurst, Kelly Brooks-Lindsey, Josh Gauger, Bob Giroux, Kiana Valentine, Chris Lee, Grace Ferguson
UCC Sponsors:	Citi, Falcon, HdL Companies, Kaiser Permanente, Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS), Raymond James and Associates

I. Call to Order

UCC Chair Supervisor Buddy Mendes convened the meeting and called the members to order.

II. Roll Call of Counties

There were 9 supervisors, 1 alternate, and 13 counties represented at this meeting.

III. Approval of September 28, 2022, Meeting Minutes – Action Item – APPROVED

A motion was made to approve the September 28, 2022, minutes; below is the vote count:



Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Mendes, Chair	Fresno	X			
Supervisor Carson, Vice-Chair	Alameda	X			
Supervisor Glover	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	San Diego	X			
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Winn	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Groom (Alternate)	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Ellenberg	Santa Clara	X			
Supervisor Long	Ventura	X			
Vote Total		10		4	

IV. UCC Association Matters

IV-A: Report on UCCs Year-to-Date Budget

Staff provided a report on UCC’s year-to-date budget for the first four months of the fiscal year, which included details on current revenues, expenditures, and trust fund balance.

IV-B: Proposed Contract Renewal for UCC Advocacy Team – Action Item – APPROVED

Staff provided a brief background on the UCC Advocacy Team, including the expiration of the current agreement as of December 31, 2022. In preparation for the upcoming legislative session, staff discussed options with the UCC Chair and Vice Chair; a recommendation was made to extend the advocacy contract as follows:

Recommended Action: The UCC Board Chair and Vice-Chair recommended approval of a one-year contract extension for Hurst Brooks Espinosa, LLC and Lang, Hansen, Giroux and Kidane to provide legislative advocacy and association management services for the Urban Counties of California. Terms of such an agreement would be consistent with the existing contract.

Additionally, it was noted that UCC Board may wish to consider this matter at its April in-person meeting to determine whether to put the contract out to bid, extend or renegotiate the existing agreement, or take other steps to ensure UCC advocacy and association management services continue beyond 2023.

A motion was made to approve the contract renewal for UCC Advocacy Team; below is the vote count:

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Mendes, Chair	Fresno	X			

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Carson, Vice-Chair	Alameda	X			
Supervisor Glover	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	San Diego	X			
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Winn	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Groom (Alternate)	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Ellenberg	Santa Clara	X			
Supervisor Long	Ventura	X			
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IV-C: Call for 2023 Vice-Chair Nominations

For the Board’s reference, staff provided an overview of the annual process for the election of the UCC Chair and Vice-Chair, as specified in the association’s by-laws as revised in 2020. In accordance with these procedures, Chair Mendes announced that the 2023 vice-chair nominations were and will remain open through the Board’s January 2023 meeting; nominations for the office of vice-chair are sought from member counties in the southern region. A nomination was made from the floor by Supervisor Susan Ellenberg for Supervisor Nora Vargas to assume the 2023 vice-chair duties. Any other nominations may be made in writing to Grace Ferguson, Association Administrator, by noon on January 25, 2023. Staff will present any nominations received and the Board will vote on the chair and vice-chair positions at the January meeting.

IV-D: Adoption of 2023 Conflict of Interest Policy – Action Item - APPROVED

In accordance with the UCC By-Laws, the Board of Directors reviewed the association’s standard Conflict of Interest Policy.

A motion was made to adopt the 2023 UCC Conflict of Interest Policy; below is the vote count:

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Mendes, Chair	Fresno	X			
Supervisor Carson, Vice-Chair	Alameda	X			
Supervisor Glover	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	San Diego	X			

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Winn	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Groom (Alternate)	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Ellenberg	Santa Clara	X			
Supervisor Long	Ventura	X			
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V. UCC Advocacy

V-A: The Bob Report

Bob provided a report on the November 2022 election results and offered observations about the incoming class of 2023 legislators. He reminded the Board that the one-day organizational session during which members will elect leadership, adopt the rules of their respective houses, and open the special session on oil company profits will be held on the first Monday in December. Members will return to Sacramento to kick off the 2023-24 legislative session in earnest on Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

V-B: Preliminary 2023 UCC Priorities – Action Item - APPROVED

UCC Advocacy staff presented the draft 2023 UCC priorities, which were developed with the input and recommendations of key staff from the 14 member counties. The four major planks of the proposed and interrelated urban county priorities focus on: (1) leading implementation of investments and initiative, (2) building the state’s critical workforce, (3) investing in the next generation; and (4) sustaining critical local services in the face of economic uncertainty. Staff also reminded the Board that they will be asked to revisit and formally approve the 2023 priorities at the January meeting, which will allow for any refinements necessitated by intervening events and/or proposals that appear in the Governor’s 2023-24 budget proposal to be released on January 10.

A motion was made to approve the initial draft of UCC’s 2023 advocacy priorities; below is the vote count:

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Mendes, Chair	Fresno	X			
Supervisor Carson, Vice-Chair	Alameda	X			
Supervisor Glover	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	San Diego	X			
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Winn	San Joaquin	X			
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VI. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

VII. Topics for Next Meeting

- Election of 2023 UCC Chair and Vice-Chair
- 2023 Meeting Dates
- Adoption of Final 2023 UCC Advocacy Priorities
- Review of Governor’s 2023-24 Proposed State Budget

VIII. Supervisor Roundtable

Given the truncated timeframe of the November meeting, the Board opted to skip the supervisor roundtable.

IX. Adjournment

The next UCC Board of Directors’ meeting will be held on **January 25, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.**