

UCC Board of Directors' Meeting Summary September 28, 2022

Alameda: Amy Shrago, Yarelí Magallon, Devon Anderson
 Contra Costa:
 Fresno: Supervisor Buddy Mendes, Samantha Buck
 Los Angeles: Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Marvin Deon
 Orange: Peter DeMarco (Alternate), Krystian Lahage, Brandy Miller, Nicole Wordelman
 Riverside: Supervisor Manuel Perez
 Sacramento: Supervisor Sue Frost
 San Bernardino: Supervisor Curt Hagman, Brad Jensen, Jeff Sorenson, Megan Kidwell, Nicole Wordelman, Amy Shrago
 San Diego: Caroline Smith (Alternate), Mabi Castro, Erin Gilbert
 San Francisco:
 San Joaquin: Supervisor Chuck Winn
 San Mateo: Supervisor Carole Groom, Connie Juarez-Diroll, Yarelí Magallon, Devon Anderson
 Santa Clara: Supervisor Susan Ellenberg
 Ventura: Sevet Johnson, Sue Hughes, Michele Guzman
 UCC Staff: Elizabeth Espinosa, Jean Hurst, Kelly Brooks-Lindsey, Josh Gauger, Bob Giroux, Kiana Valentine, Chris Lee, Grace Ferguson

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 8 supervisors, 2 alternates, and 12 counties represented at this meeting.

III. Approval of August 3, 2022, Meeting Minutes – Action Item – APPROVED

A motion was made to approve the August 3, 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			



Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Bartlett (Alternate)	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 Winn	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Groom	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Ellenberg	Santa Clara	X			
Supervisor Long	Ventura			X	
Vote Total		10		4	

IV. Association Matters

Staff provided a brief update about the upcoming in-person UCC Board of Directors' meeting and dinner reception being held on November 16 in conjunction with the CSAC Annual Meeting in Orange County. Staff noted that expected attendance for this conference is quite high, and they look forward to seeing all those who plan to attend.

Advocacy staff also advised the Board that CSAC has invited UCC to participate in a multi-disciplinary Homelessness Policy Solutions Group intended to map out a comprehensive plan to address homelessness. Staff will keep the board updated as this effort progresses.

V. UCC Advocacy

V-A: The Bob Report

Bob Giroux provided a high-level update on state legislative races and the latest polling on November ballot measures.

V-B: Recommended Action on November 2022 Ballot Measure – Action Item - APPROVED

Staff presented background and outlined a recommendation of support on Proposition 31, a referendum on SB 793 (Hill, 2020) that banned flavored tobacco. If successful, Proposition 31 would clear the way for SB 783's implementation; if it fails, the measure's provisions would not be enacted. Additionally, a handout was provided that detailed all seven measures that qualified for the November 2022 ballot; staff noted that the UCC Chair and Vice-Chair provided guidance on which of the ballot measures to refer to the Board for a position. Per UCC's By-Laws, for UCC to adopt an active position on a ballot measure, the voting threshold is 50% plus one of the full board membership (8 votes).

A motion was made to support Proposition 31 and approved. 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			

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Bartlett (Alternate)	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 Winn	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Groom	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Ellenberg	Santa Clara	X			
Supervisor Long	Ventura			X	
Vote Total		8		4	2

V-C: Legislative Update – Governor’s Signing/Veto Actions

For the Board’s review and reference, staff provided a report detailing 2022 legislation on which UCC engaged during this session. Additionally, staff went into greater depth on several high-profile bills including:

SB 1338 (Umberg and Eggman) – the Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Act, which creates a new civil court process to provide an individualized care plan for persons with specified mental health diagnoses. UCC actively engaged on the measure throughout the session and – in partnership with its sister county associations CSAC and RCRC – was able to secure important amendments to sanctions provisions, the implementation timeline, liability protections, and start-up funds. Work will continue over the fall regarding on-going resources necessary for successful long-term implementation. Four urban counties – Orange, Riverside, San Diego and San Francisco – are part of Cohort 1 that will begin implementation of their CARE Act programs on October 1, 2023.

UCC Position: Removal of Concerns

Additionally, staff reviewed the final provisions of as well as the considerable amendments achieved on four key 2022 housing bills, all of which were chaptered: AB 2011 (Wicks), SB 6 (Caballero), AB 2234 (R. Rivas), and SB 948 (Becker).

VI. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

VII. Topics for Next Meeting

- Report on UCC’s Year-To-Date Budget
- Proposed Contract Renewal for UCC Advocacy Team
- Call for 2023 Vice-Chair Nominations
- Adoption of 2023 Conflict of Interest Policy

VIII. Supervisor Roundtable

This agenda item presents an opportunity for Supervisors to discuss current issues of importance in their communities.

- Fresno County noted ongoing concerns about wildfire threats, Monkeypox outbreak and drought impacts.
- Orange County is looking forward to welcoming their colleagues CSAC's Annual Meeting in November. The County also acknowledged the support of several urban counties and UCC on SB 1342 (Bates), the County's sponsored bill that authorizes establishment of an aging multidisciplinary team. The Governor signed the measure into law.
- Sacramento County is continuing work on its Climate Action Plan and looking forward to its completion.
- San Diego County officially declared homelessness as a public health crisis. They are taking action administratively on the behavioral health side in preparing for implementation of the CARE Act as a Cohort 1 county.
- San Joaquin County reported on its recent trip to Washington, DC along with other Delta Counties and the San Joaquin Regional Policy Council. Conversations focused on water. The County is considering state legislation in 2023 to create a self-help tax for water and have been in conversations with Senator Eggman and Assembly Member Villapudua.
- San Mateo County shared that it recently purchased a 16-unit hotel as part of its continuing efforts to address homelessness. The hotel is now being renovated, with a goal of it being available for occupancy within the month.
- Santa Clara County is continuing its focus on mental health and substance use treatment, following its own declaration of a public health crisis. Currently, the County is reviewing its capital improvements across the continuum of care. On the COVID front, the County recently loosed certain restrictions on boosters.

IX. Adjournment

The next UCC Board of Directors' meeting will be held in person on **November 16, at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.**