

UCC Board of Directors' Meeting Summary January 25, 2023

Alameda:	Supervisor Keith Carson, Laura Lloyd, Amy Shrago, Monica Miller, Erin Taylor
Contra Costa:	Lara DeLaney
Fresno:	Supervisor Buddy Mendes, Samantha Buck
Los Angeles:	Supervisor Karen Barger, Jason Maruca, Mark Isidro
Orange:	Supervisor Doug Chaffee, Peter DeMarco, Al Jabbar, Brandy Miller, Nicole Wordelman, Amy Jenkins
Riverside:	Supervisor Manuel Perez
Sacramento:	Supervisor Rich Desmond
San Bernardino:	Leia Fletes, Nicole Wordelman, Amy Jenkins
San Diego:	Supervisor Nora Vargas, Caroline Smith, Mabi Castro, Denise Becerra, Nerea Urtasan, Stephen Fallica, Matthew Parr, Erin Gilbert
San Francisco:	
San Joaquin:	Supervisor Tom Patti
San Mateo:	Connie Juarez-Diroll (Alternate), Yarelle Magallon
Santa Clara:	Supervisor Susan Ellenberg, Angelica Ramos
Ventura:	Supervisor Kelly Long
UCC Staff/Advocates:	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 10 supervisors, 1 alternate, and 13 counties represented at this meeting.

III. Approval of November 16, 2022, Meeting Minutes – Action Item – APPROVED

A motion was made to approve the November 16, 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 Barger	Los Angeles	X			
Supervisor Chaffee	Orange	X			
Supervisor Perez	Riverside	X			
Supervisor Desmond	Sacramento	X			
Supervisor Armendarez	San Bernardino			X	
Supervisor Vargas	San Diego	X			
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Patti	San Joaquin				X
Supervisor Canepa (Alternate)	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Ellenberg	Santa Clara	X			
Supervisor Long	Ventura	X			
Vote Total		10		3	1

IV. UCC Association Matters

IV-A: Introduction and Welcome of New Members

In early January, UCC member counties identified representatives to serve on the UCC Board of Directors in 2023. Supervisor Mendes welcomed several new and returning supervisors. New Board members include:

Orange County: Supervisor Doug Chaffee / **Sacramento County:** Rich Desmond / **San Bernardino County:** Jesse Armendarez / **San Joaquin County:** Tom Patti (previously served in 2021) / **San Mateo County:** David Canepa.

IV-B: 2023 Chair and Vice-Chair Election – Action Item -- APPROVED

Staff provided a brief overview on the process specified in the UCC by-laws regarding the annual election of the UCC Chair and Vice-Chair. During UCC's BOD meeting in November 2022, Supervisor Ellenberg from Santa Clara County nominated Supervisor Vargas from San Diego County to serve as the 2023 vice-chair. The nomination period for vice-chair was left open through January 25, but no other nominations were made.

A motion was made to (1) elevate Supervisor Carson, the association's 2022 Vice-Chair, to Chair and (2) to elect Supervisor Vargas as UCC's Vice-Chair. 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 Barger	Los Angeles	X			
Supervisor Chaffee	Orange	X			
Supervisor Perez	Riverside	X			

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Desmond	Sacramento	X			
Supervisor Armendarez	San Bernardino			X	
Supervisor Vargas	San Diego	X			
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Patti	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Canepa (Alternate)	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Ellenberg	Santa Clara	X			
Supervisor Long	Ventura	X			
Vote Total		11		3	

Following the officers' election, Supervisor Mendes turned the gavel over to Supervisor Carson, who began his term as UCC Chair. Supervisor Carson thanked Supervisor Mendes for his service as chair and indicated that he is looking forward to serving as chair as well as working in partnership with Vice-Chair Vargas.

IV-C: 2023 Meeting Dates – informational Only

Staff provided a draft schedule for the 2023 UCC Board of Directors' meeting dates. Once the dates are confirmed with the UCC Chair and Vice-Chair, staff will circulate to the Board, key county staff, and other stakeholders. As has been the association's recent practice, all Board meetings, outside of two (April and November) in-person meetings, will be held via Zoom.

V. UCC Advocacy

V-A: The Bob Report

Bob Giroux updated the Board on the newly constituted Legislature and changes in committee assignments, including various new committee chairs. Bob noted that given the considerable number of new members, it will take time for many offices to get settled in but reminded the Board that the UCC Advocacy Team is here to assist with communications and arranging for meetings. Staff also noted that they have begun a series of meet-and-greets with newly elected legislators representing urban jurisdictions.

V-B: 2023 UCC Advocacy Priorities – Action Item – APPROVED with future amendment.

UCC Advocacy Staff reviewed the draft 2023 UCC priorities that had been preliminarily presented to the Board in November 2022 based on input from in-county legislative/government relations staff and contract lobbyists from the 14 member counties. The four major planks of the proposed 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 revisited these priorities today to allow for any refinements necessitated by intervening events and/or proposals that appeared in the Governor's 2023-24 budget proposal.

Board members then engaged in conversation about elevating water and other aspects of infrastructure investments as an additional priority in 2023. Based on this feedback, staff will expand

the 2023 UCC priorities to include an additional infrastructure priority, which will include water along with other topics. The revised priorities document will be presented to the Board in March for review and approval.

A motion was made to approve the 2023 UCC Advocacy Priorities as drafted, with a commitment to consider the fifth priority at the next Board meeting. 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 Barger	Los Angeles	X			
Supervisor Chaffee	Orange	X			
Supervisor Perez	Riverside	X			
Supervisor Desmond	Sacramento	X			
Supervisor Armendarez	San Bernardino			X	
Supervisor Vargas	San Diego	X			
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Patti	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Canepa (Alternate)	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Ellenberg	Santa Clara	X			
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V-C: Review of 2023-24 January Budget Proposal

The UCC Advocacy Team offered a high-level overview of the Governor’s 2023-24 January Budget Proposal, including a review of the ways in which the Governor proposes to address declining revenues and an estimated budget gap of \$22.5 billion. Staff shared with the Board that the state’s fiscal condition has been impacted by the national economic picture, continued high inflation, multiple interest rate increases, and further stock market decline – the latter being especially impactful because of the progressive nature of the state’s income tax structure and reliance on high-income earners. Given signs indicating that the state’s fiscal outlook may decline further in the lead-up to the May Revision, the budget chairs are trying to temper expectations among members and stakeholders more broadly about constraints on new spending. Staff went into greater detail on several budget areas, including homelessness and HHAP funding, proposed resources for CARE Act Implementation, corrections issues, as well as managed care/behavioral health, workforce development and housing, land use and transportation matters.

VI. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

VII. Topics for Next Meeting

- Adoption/expansion of Final 2023 UCC Advocacy Priorities
- Major 2023 bill proposals of interest

- Report on UCC's Year-to-Date Budget

VIII. Supervisor Roundtable

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

- Alameda County is working on workforce development issues and continues to focus on addressing homelessness, including efforts to address disparities among those in need of resources and services.
- Fresno County reported that its homeless coordinator left the County to take a CAO position in another county. Employees being recruited away by other counties is a common occurrence. The County has managed well so far through the rainy season.
- Orange County reported success with a new gun buy-back program they launched in coordination with seven local police departments; another such event is being planned.
- Sacramento County noted that they continue to focus on addressing homelessness and providing services to those in the unincorporated areas, noting that nearly a third of the County's population lives in the County's jurisdiction. Given the County's proximity to the Capitol, much attention is paid to the County's service delivery.
- San Diego County reported on exciting initiatives at the local level, including health equity for women, children and seniors; childcare; homelessness; economic prosperity; and workforce development.
- San Joaquin County has put together an Ad Hoc Committee focused on homelessness, with efforts seeking to address identified gaps and provide services, supports, and shelter to those in need.
- San Mateo County is dealing with the recent Half Moon Bay mass shooting – and thanked everyone for their support – as well as dealing with the aftermath of recent storms.
- Santa Clara County offered their support in response to the mass shooting; the County is putting in place a Trauma Recovery Center following two shootings in recent years. Other areas of focus include housing with services, faster turnaround for tax credits, mental health, workforce, public health, childcare, and community challenges with economic security.

IX. Adjournment

The next UCC Board of Directors' meeting will be held on **March 8, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.**