

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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MINUTES

1. Roll Call

OFFICERS

Lisa Bartlett | President
James Gore | 1st Vice President
Ed Valenzuela | 2nd Vice President
Virginia Bass | Immediate Past President

CSAC STAFF

Graham Knaus | Executive Director
Manuel Rivas, Jr. | Deputy Executive Director,
Operations & Member Services
Darby Kernan | Deputy Executive Director,
Legislative Services

ADVISORS

Bruce Goldstein, County Counsels Association,
Sonoma County
Carmel Angelo, California Association of County
Executives President, Mendocino County

Alameda	– Keith Carson	Orange	– Lisa Bartlett
Alpine	– Terry Woodrow	Placer	– Bonnie Gore
Amador	– Jeff Brown (alternate)	Plumas	– Lori Simpson
Butte	– Debra Lucero	Riverside	– Chuck Washington
Calaveras	– Merita Callaway	Sacramento	– <i>Absent</i>
Colusa	– Denise Carter	San Benito	– <i>Absent</i>
Contra Costa	– John Gioia	San Bernardino	– <i>Absent</i>
Del Norte	– Chris Howard	San Diego	– Greg Cox
El Dorado	– John Hidahl	San Francisco	– N/A
Fresno	– Buddy Mendes	San Joaquin	– Bob Elliott
Glenn	– Keith Corum	San Luis Obispo	– Bruce Gibson
Humboldt	– Estelle Fennell	San Mateo	– Carole Groom
Imperial	– <i>Absent</i>	Santa Barbara	– Das Williams
Inyo	– Jeff Griffiths	Santa Clara	– Susan Ellenberg
Kern	– Zack Scrivner	Santa Cruz	– <i>Absent</i>
Kings	– Craig Pedersen	Shasta	– Leonard Moty
Lake	– <i>Absent</i>	Sierra	– Lee Adams
Lassen	– <i>Absent</i>	Siskiyou	– Brandon Criss (alternate)
Los Angeles	– <i>Absent</i>	Solano	– Erin Hannigan
Madera	– <i>Absent</i>	Sonoma	– David Rabbitt
Marin	– Damon Connolly	Stanislaus	– Vito Chiesa
Mariposa	– Miles Menetrey	Sutter	– Dan Flores
Mendocino	– Carre Brown	Tehama	– Robert Williams
Merced	– Lee Lor	Trinity	– Judy Morris
Modoc	– Patricia Cullins	Tulare	– Amy Shuklian
Mono	– John Peters	Tuolumne	– Karl Rodefer
Monterey	– Luis Alejo	Ventura	– Kelly Long
Napa	– Diane Dillon	Yolo	– Jim Provenza
Nevada	– Ed Scofield	Yuba	– Gary Bradford

The Board of Directors observed a moment of silence for the loss of CSAC Institute Dean, Bill Chiat.

President Bartlett acknowledged the retirement of Board member and County Counsel, Bruce Goldstein.

2. Approval of Minutes from May 28, 2020

A motion to approve the minutes from May 28, 2020, was made by Supervisor Ellenberg; second by Supervisor Peters. Motion carried unanimously.

3. COVID-19 Pandemic Crisis Update / Discussion

Ana Matosantos, Cabinet Secretary for Governor Newsom and Dr. Mark Ghaly, Secretary for California Health & Human Services addressed the Board regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic. Dr. Ghaly emphasized that a slow and measured approach to reopening is important so that we don't have to move backward. The State's website has been updated to show that local county health officer guidance might be more restrictive than the State's. He was happy to report that they now have 26 guidances translated into 13 different languages. Cabinet Secretary Matosantos explained that the State is rolling out new PSA's to help people understand their rights as it relates to COVID sick time and how to reduce transmission rates. Dr. Ghaly expressed concern about gatherings during the upcoming Labor Day weekend and said that our best tools are masking and social distancing.

4. CSAC Finance Corporation Report

Supervisor Leonard Moty, Finance Corporation President, reported that the Finance Corporation is doing well with their current year budget. They are hosting their semi-annual meeting next week. Jim Manker, Director of Business Development, informed the Board that they are now back up to 35 Platinum Partners, including several new partners who were just added this year. One of those partners is OpenGov. Tim Melton, Vice President of Strategic Accounts for OpenGov, addressed the Board and explained the features and benefits of the services they offer. OpenGov provides cloud based ERP software for government. They currently serve 23 California counties.

5. Operations & Member Services Report

Manuel Rivas, Jr., Deputy Executive Director of Operations and Member Services, provided a brief update to the Board. The CSAC 2020 Annual Meeting in Los Angeles has been canceled and the Executive Committee approved moving it to a virtual format. The dates have also been changed to: Thursday, November 12th through Thursday, November 19th. Registration is opening tomorrow, Friday, September 4th. CSAC is in good financial standing and is currently working through a third party audit. Once complete, it will go to audit committee for review, then to the Executive Committee for approval. David Liebler, Director of Public Affairs and Member Services, presented on CSAC's communications efforts during the last 6 months of the pandemic. Media inquiries are up 200%. They are currently accepting challenge awards applications and the deadline for entries is September 11th, 2020.

6. Ballot Initiatives

Proposition 16 - ACA 5 (Resolution Chapter 23), Weber. Government preferences (*rec: support*).

Geoff Neill provided a brief description of Proposition 16. Proposition 16, approved by the Legislature as ACA 5 (Weber), would repeal Section 31 of Article I of the California Constitution, which prohibits the State of California, including counties and other local agencies, from “discriminat[ing] against, or grant[ing] preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting.” The Executive Committee recommended a SUPPORT position

The following proponent spoke in support of Proposition 16:

- Rex Richardson, Councilmember, City of Long Beach and President, Southern California Association of Governments

Board voted 39/7 to SUPPORT Proposition 16.

Proposition 18 - ACA 4 (Resolution Chapter 30), Mullin. Elections: voting age (*rec: support*). Geoff Neill, CSAC Legislative Representative for Government, Finance and Administration, provided a brief description of Proposition 18. ACA 4 (Mullin) is a constitutional amendment that was passed by the Legislature before becoming Proposition 17. The measure would allow a 17-year-old who will be 18 by the time of the next general election to vote at any primary or special election that occurs before the next general election. The Executive Committee recommended a SUPPORT position.

The following proponent spoke in support of Proposition 18:

- Assembly Member Kevin Mullin, 22nd District, spoke in support of Proposition 18.

Board voted 28/17 not to Support Proposition 18.

Proposition 17 - ACA 6 (Resolution Chapter 24), McCarty. Elections: disqualification of electors (*rec: support*). Geoff Neill provided a brief description of Proposition 17. This measure is a constitutional amendment that was passed by the Legislature with a supermajority vote in both chambers, and then became Proposition 17. The measure would restore the right to vote to a person who is on parole. According to the [California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation](#), there are currently over 50,000 Californians on parole. The Executive Committee recommended a SUPPORT position.

The following proponents spoke in support of Proposition 17:

- Brett Shears, Yes on Proposition 17 Campaign, spoke in support of Proposition 17.
- Brittany Stonesifer, Yes on Prop 17 Campaign

Board voted 24/11 not to SUPPORT Proposition 17.

Proposition 19 - ACA 11 (Resolution Chapter 31), Mullin. The Home Protection for Seniors, Severely Disabled, Families, and Victims of Wildfire or Natural Disasters Act (*rec: oppose*). Geoff Neill, CSAC Legislative Representative for Government, Finance and Administration, provided a brief description of Proposition 17. The purpose of the Home Protection for Seniors, Severely Disabled, Families, and Victims of Wildfire or Natural Disaster Act is to increase home sales by, first, allowing most homeowners to keep their accumulated tax benefit when purchasing a new home and, second, restricting the property tax benefit currently given to inheritors of real property. Proposition 19 would also require the state to calculate the net benefit to the state's General Fund resulting from those changes, if any, and transfer a similar amount of funding mostly to local fire protection districts, with a portion of the remainder going to any local agencies that experience reduced revenue as a result of the measure's tax changes.

The fiscal effect for counties is highly uncertain, depending on how the law is interpreted and how it changes the behavior of property owners. On the high end, the Legislative Analyst's Office estimated that a similar measure might result in increased revenue in the tens of millions of dollars per year collectively for local agencies, but also tens of millions in new costs for county assessors. On the low end, the measure could reduce local agency revenues by tens of millions of dollars in addition to increased costs to assessors. The Executive Committee recommended an OPPOSE position.

The following proponents spoke in support of Proposition 19:

- Kristin Olsen, Supervisor, Stanislaus County

The following opponents spoke in opposition of Proposition 19:

- Susan Shelley, VP, Communications, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

Board voted 32/10 to OPPOSE Proposition 19.

7. CSAC Legislative Update – State & Federal Priorities

Darby Kernan, Deputy Executive Director of Legislative Affairs, provided a brief update on state priorities. She informed the Board that the CSAC advocacy team has scheduled a zoom to walk through end of session next Thursday. Joe Krahn from Paragon Government Relations, discussed the ongoing COVID-19 relief discussions at the Federal level. Congress has passed four relief bills and there has been talk of a fifth.

8. California Counties Foundation Report

Manuel Rivas, Jr. provided a brief update and explained that the Foundation team has moved all their programming from in-person to virtual. The Institute is planning to roll out 25 virtual classes this Fall and hopes to have several in-person classes in Spring 2021.

The meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Directors meeting will be on February 11th, 2021.