

Town of Yucca Valley
TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

To: Honorable Mayor & Town Council
From: Curtis Yakimow, Town Manager

Date: September 1, 2020
Meeting Date: September 15, 2020

Subject: League of California Cities Annual Conference Voting Delegate Appointment and Resolution Review

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Town Council:

1. Designate Mayor Drozd as Voting Delegate, and Councilman Schooler as an alternate for the business meeting of the virtual 2020 League of California Cities Annual Conference.
2. Review the Annual Resolution to be voted upon by Town Designee (Mayor Drozd) at the virtual League of California Cities Annual Conference in October 2020 and direct the Mayor to vote in favor of the resolution.

Prior Review

None for this item.

Order of Procedure

Request Staff Report
Request Public Comment
Council Discussion/Questions of Staff
Motion/Second
Discussion on Motion
Call the Question

Discussion

The League of California Cities conducts an annual conference for enrichment, training, and networking of local government leaders. Also, the League conducts business meetings at the annual conference as a principle means for deciding policy on important issues facing California cities. Annual conference resolutions constitute an additional way to develop League policy. Due to Covid-19, this year the conference will be conducted virtually, with no in-person options.

The League of California Cities Annual Conference will be held virtually October 7-8, 2020. Each city is asked to formally designate a member as the voting delegate and up to two members as alternates. During the annual business meeting when the policies of the League of California Cities are adopted, the designee shall be authorized to cast votes on behalf of the Town. Only

persons so designated are allowed to vote. Traditionally, the Mayor casts the ballot, with another Council Member appointed as an alternate in the event the Mayor is unable to vote for any reason.

As a member city, the Town of Yucca Valley will have representation at the Annual Conference. The recommendation is to appoint Mayor Drozd (CM Schooler - alternate) as the voting delegate to represent the Town of Yucca Valley at the League's annual business meetings. It is appropriate for the Town Council to review the annual resolutions and provide local policy guidance to the voting delegate on whether to support, not support, or claim neutrality on the resolutions that may affect local issues.

For the League's 2020 Annual Business Meeting, there is one resolution being considered.

Resolution #1 - A Resolution of the General Assembly of the League of California Cities Calling for an Amendment of Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act of 1996 to Require Social Media Companies to Remove Materials Which Promote Criminal Activities.

According to the League's staff analysis, the summary of this resolution is as follows:

This resolution states that the League of California Cities should urge Congress to amend Section 230 of the federal Communications Decency Act of 1996 (CDA) to limit the immunity provided to online platforms where their forums enable criminal activity to be promoted. The Policy objectives proposed under this resolution, if enacted, would incentivize social media companies to establish and implement a reasonable program to identify and remove content that solicits criminal activity.

Further analysis is included as an attachment to this staff report. Council support for this resolution would be consistent with the Town Council's adopted Legislative Platform.

Alternatives

The Town Council could choose positions of support, opposition, or no position on the proposed resolution.

Fiscal Impact

None.

Attachments:

LOCC Annual Conference Resolution