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# CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

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October 7, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

Submitted By: Mark J. Gluba, Deputy City Manager

**SUBJECT: REVIEW AND RECOMMENDED VOTING POSITIONS OF  
RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 2019 LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Approve the voting positions recommended on the proposed resolutions, and;
- 2) Instruct the voting delegate to cast votes on resolutions being considered at the 2019 League of California Cities Annual Conference accordingly.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Each year, a resolution packet is prepared for consideration during the League of California Cities Annual Conference. This year's Conference includes consideration of two resolutions. The first resolution for consideration calls upon the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to expand its Rule 20A Program for undergrounding overhead utilities to include projects in high fire hazard severity zones. The second resolution calls upon the State and federal governments of the U.S. and Mexico to address water quality issues resulting from transboundary flows from Mexico's Tijuana River into the United States. Staff is recommending that the City's voting delegate cast a vote in support of both resolutions.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** *None*

**PUBLIC NOTICING REQUIREMENTS:** *(Discussion of any noticing needing to be done for agenda item and also dates of noticing publications. Also include in this section how item was publicized to the community (i.e. RFP, Bid, notice in newspaper, etc.)*

**PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION:** At their Meeting on September 16, 2019, the Council appointed Vice-Mayor Preciado to serve as Pomona's voting delegate for the Annual Conference and designated Mayor Sandoval to serve as the voting alternate

**DISCUSSION:**

The following is a brief summary of the subject matter of the resolutions proposed for

consideration at this year's League of California Cities Conference:

### **RESOLUTION 1**

This Resolution as proposed by the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, with concurrence of the Cities of Hidden Hills, La Cañada Flintridge, Laguna Beach, Lakeport, Malibu, Moorpark, Nevada City, Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills Estates, Rolling Hills and Ventura, calls upon the CPUC to expand eligibility criteria for Rule 20A funding for undergrounding utilities, by adding projects in high fire and safety severity zones. In recent years, overhead power lines in similar areas either caused or contributed to the severity, destruction and/or loss of life from wildfires causing major negative impacts on the affected communities and fire resources across the State.

### **RESOLUTION 2**

This resolution calls for the State and federal governments of the US and Mexico to address the impacts of pollution flows into California waterways and the Pacific Ocean. International transboundary waters are a major source of sewage, trash, chemicals heavy metals and toxins into California and US waters. While the waterways in question within this resolution primarily affect the southernmost region of the State, clean water and other environmental issues associated with this problem are matters of broader regional and statewide concerns. As such, it is staff's position that this resolution warrants City of Pomona support.

Attachment: 2019 League of California Cities Annual Conference Resolution Packet

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