



Staff Report

MOTION APPOINTING VOTING DELEGATE FOR LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

The League of California Cities requires that each city designate by Council action a representative and an alternate for the Annual Business Meeting held during the Annual Conference in Long Beach from September 24-27, 2008.

Background

In prior years, either a City Councilmember or the City Attorney has been delegated to represent the City of Belmont at the League of California Cities' Annual Meeting. As of this writing, no Councilmember is planning to attend (although it's not too late to sign up). City Attorney Zafferano will be attending, and it is recommended that he be designated the delegate. There is no alternate.

Discussion

In prior years, the League permitted the passing of the voting card to a non-designated individual. That practice has been discontinued, and only those delegates/alternates that have been approved by City Council action may participate. In addition, the voting delegate must be registered for the conference. The League notes that these procedures have changed in order to ensure the integrity of the voting process. It should be noted that the Belmont City Council has historically named its delegates and alternates by Council action, even before this requirement was put in place. (In the past, some cities have given authority to the mayor to name the voting delegate.)

As of the writing of this staff report, the resolutions to be considered at the conference had not yet been finalized. Should they become available in time for the meeting, staff will forward that information to Council in the event you wish to give direction to the City Attorney regarding those resolutions.

Fiscal Impact

No fiscal impact.

Public Contact

This item was posted on the agenda.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council make a motion to name City Attorney Zafferano as a delegate for the League's Annual conference. The City Clerk's Office will advise the League of California Cities. Should a Council member decide between now and the Council's first meeting in September to attend the Conference, Council can amend this action at its first September meeting. Taking this action now ensures that Belmont will have a vote at the conference.

Attachments

A. Designation of Voting Delegate correspondence from the League of California Cities.

Respectfully submitted,

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