

TO: Thomas Frutchey, City Manager
FROM: Kristen Buxkemper, Deputy City Clerk
SUBJECT: League of Cities – Designation of Voting Delegates
DATE: September 6, 2016

NEEDS: For the City Council to designate voting delegates and alternates for the 2016 League of Cities Annual Conference.

FACTS:

1. The League’s Annual Conference is scheduled for October 5-7, 2016 in Long Beach. At this meeting, the League membership considers and takes action on resolutions that establish League policy.
2. In order to vote at the Annual Business Meeting, the City Council must designate a voting delegate.
3. Two alternate voting delegates may also be appointed, who may vote in the event that the designated voting delegate is unable to serve in that capacity.
4. There is only one resolution to be voted on in the General Assembly meeting at the conference (see Attachment 1), related to transportation safety. The full resolution can be accessed below:

<http://www.cacities.org/Resources-Documents/Policy-Advocacy-Section/Policy-Development/Annual-Conference-Resolutions/2016-Annual-Conference-Resolution-Packet>
5. Passage of the resolution commits the League of California Cities to:
 - 1) Support Vision Zero, Toward Zero Deaths, and other programs policies, or initiatives that prioritize transportation safety;
 - 2) Encourage cities throughout California to join in these traffic safety initiatives to pursue the elimination of death and severe injury crashes on our roadways; and
 - 3) Encourage the State to consider adopting transportation safety as a top priority for transportation projects and policy formulation.It would encourage but not require the City to adopt *Vision Zero, Toward Zero Deaths*.

ANALYSIS &
CONCLUSION:

Consistent with League bylaws, a city's voting delegate and up to two alternates must be designated by the City Council.

The goal of reducing traffic-related deaths to zero is something we should all strive for. The resolution is consistent with the City's circulation goals and complete streets philosophy. For our City to make a sustained impact in this area, upgrading our street design (to create, for example, separated bike lanes), reducing speed limits, expanding enforcement and education, and other measures, would be impossibly expensive and would create significant backlash among citizens.

Thus, the City agrees with the overall intent, but does not agree with all of the measures that would be necessary (e.g., significantly reduced speed limits) and does not have the funds necessary to fully implement. As a result, the City should proceed carefully, by ensuring the City's delegate understands the nuances of this issue and has the ability to vote, based on information shared and dialogue at the General Assembly in October.

POLICY

REFERENCE: League of California Cities Bylaws.

FISCAL

IMPACT: No fiscal impact is anticipated with establishing a voting delegate. The City Council has an annual travel & education budget of approximately \$11,000, which should be adequate to meet the needs for the year, including attendance by the City's designated representative at the League Annual Conference in October.

OPTIONS: Approve Resolution 16-XXX:

- a) Designate Councilmember Fred Strong as Voting Delegate and either the Mayor or another Councilmember as Alternate (in case Councilmember Strong is unable to attend the General Assembly meeting, to be held by the League of California Cities at the 2016 Annual Conference); and
- b) Authorize the City's Voting Delegate to consider all information provided in advance and at the General Assembly, and to vote in that manner he believes is in the best interests of the City and the state as a whole; or
- c) Amend, modify, or reject the above options.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-XXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
DESIGNATING A DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE 2016 LEAGUE OF
CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso de Robles is a member of good standing of the League of California Cities; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the City will be attending the 2016 League Annual Conference in Long Beach, CA, on October 5-7, 2016; and

WHEREAS, each member city has a right to cast one vote on matters pertaining to League policy at the Conference; and

WHEREAS, consistent with League bylaws, a city's voting delegate and alternate must be designated by City Council action; and these individuals are identified in the Voting Delegate Form provided to the League Credential Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does designate Councilmember Strong as delegate and Councilmember/Mayor _____ as alternate to the 2016 League of California Cities Annual Conference.

APPROVED this 6th day of September, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Steven W. Martin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristen L. Buxkemper, Deputy City Clerk