



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH CITY COUNCIL MEETING – COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Council Member McKeon

DATE: March 19, 2024

SUBJECT: Withdrawal from the League of California Cities

ISSUE STATEMENT

The League of California Cities has repeatedly failed in its mission to advocate for cities, and instead advocates for more and higher taxes and Sacramento's agenda over our own. They fought hard against the gas tax repeal and they have now supported Proposition 1, knowing that the by-right sober living home requirements in residential neighborhoods will now be supercharged by a multi-billion dollar bond measure. They are also fighting aggressively against the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act pushed by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, calling it deceptive and worse. We cannot be sending our taxpayer dollars to support an organization that would knowingly harm our cities like Proposition 1 has done and further remove our Local Control.

Our neighbor, the City of Newport Beach, voted last week on March 12, 2024, to not renew their membership in the League of California Cities, and Huntington Beach should follow suit and join our neighbors in sending a message to the League of California Cities that we will no longer support their efforts that damage our community and remove our local control.

The City of Huntington Beach membership to the League of California Cities was paid on January 25, 2024.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Request the City Manager to direct staff to negotiate with the League of California Cities for the reimbursement of 2024 dues and withdraw membership for 2024.

Environmental Status:

This action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

Strategic Plan Goal:

Non Applicable - Administrative Item

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