

Alameda County Mayors' Conference

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

September 10, 2025

6:30 p.m.

African American Museum and Library

[659 14th Street, Oakland, CA](#)

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of July 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes*
3. Agenda Amendments
4. Public Comments and Other Announcements
 - a) Opening Remarks from Veda Silva, Project Coordinator, African American Museum and Library
5. Member Reports on Regional Boards and Activities
6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications*

Board Name/ Appointment	District	Incumbent	Applicant(s)	Start	End
Alameda County Airport Land Use Commission	N/A	John Marchand	John Marchand	8/2025	8/2029
Alameda County Transportation Commission Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	D-4 (Miley)	Vacant	Kevin Seavers	8/2025	8/2027

*Applications submitted for appointment are included with the Nominating Committee agenda packet, which also includes a listing of current regional board vacancies.

7. League of California Cities' Report, Legislative Updates, and Actions
 - a) Carolyn Coleman, Executive Director and CEO, League of California Cities
8. Other Business Matters
 - a) Consideration to approve a letter (attached) supporting Assembly Bill 736 (Wicks), authorizing the Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026*
 - b) Discussion regarding Measure W
9. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters
 - October 8, 2025 – San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
 - November 12, 2025 – Alameda County Food Bank (Tentative)
 - December 10, 2025 - Alameda County District Attorney, Ursula Jones Dickson (Tentative)
10. Adjournment

*Denotes report included below or attached material. Regional board applications are included with the Nominating Committee agenda packet

Note: The Mayors' Conference or the Alameda County City Selection Committee may act on any subject posted on this agenda, including nominations from the floor for regional boards.

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Executive Director's Report

Item 6 – Appointment to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

Please see the Nominating Committee agenda packet for applications, information regarding these appointments, and the current listing of vacancies.

RECOMMENDATION – Meeting as the Alameda County Mayors' Conference and the Alameda County City Selection Committee, review the applications included with the Nominating Committee packet, consider the recommendations of the Nominating Committee, and if appropriate, approve the appointments to the regional agencies and Mayors Conference officers listed on this agenda.

Item 8 – Other Business Matters

- a) Consideration to approve a letter (attached) supporting Assembly Bill 736 (Wicks), authorizing the Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026.

RECOMMENDATION – Consider approval and transmittal of the attached letter to Assemblymember Wicks regarding the Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026.

- b) Alameda County Measure W Status and Update
This item has been added to facilitate discussion on the status of Measure W and take action as appropriate.

After Meeting Events/ Dinner

- a) **Host City Mayors' Report** – Barbara Lee, Mayor, City of Oakland
- b) **Guest Speaker** – Janani Ramachandra, Oakland City Councilmember and Vice Chair of the East Bay Wildfire Coalition of Governments
Speaker Topic: Summary and Update of the East Bay Wildfire Coalition of Governments

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Meeting Information

African American Museum and Library

[659 14th Street, Oakland, CA](#)

Parking

City Center West Garage

[1250 Martin Luther King Jr Way](#)

Oakland, CA

The garage entry gate is located on the MLK street side, closest to the Museum and Preservation Park.

A garage ambassador will be posted at the entrance of the garage, located on the MLK side gate. Parkers can inform them that they are attending the Alameda Mayors Conference for entry.

CALENDAR OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Meeting Date	Host City
September 10, 2025	Oakland
October 8, 2025	Newark
November 12, 2025	Dublin
December 10, 2025	Fremont
January 14, 2026	Berkeley
February 11, 2026	Union City

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ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of July 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Vice President González on July 9, 2025, at the Speedway af Bayfair, 15555 E 14th Street, San Leandro, California.

1. Roll Call

The following mayors, or their elected alternates, were present during the proceedings:

City	Member Attendee
Alameda	Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Berkeley	Mayor Adena Ishii
Dublin	Mayor Sherry Hu
Emeryville	Mayor David Moura
Fremont	Mayor Raj Salwan
Hayward	Mayor Pro-Tempora Julie Roche
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Councilmember Mathew Jorgens
Oakland	Mayor Barbara Lee
Piedmont	Mayor Betsy Smegel Andersen
Pleasanton	Mayor Jack Balch
San Leandro	Mayor Juan González
Union City	Mayor Gary Singh

2. Approval of the June 11, 2025, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Ishii to approve the June 11, 2025, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Agenda Amendments

Item 8 – Alameda County Mayors' Conference 2024 Financial Report was moved to a future meeting due to a lack of quorum for the Executive Committee.

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Stephen Baiter, Executive Director of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance, provided an update, including details about special events featuring the Oakland Roots and Oakland Ballers. He also discussed the East Bay Global Forum, scheduled for September 11, 2025.

Lindsay Barenz, President of the Oakland Roots Sports Club, discussed efforts to establish a training facility for the United States National Soccer team in preparation for the 2031 World Cup.

Robert Rayburn, Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Director, provided an update that included matters related to its budget, future financial shortfall, installation of new fare gates, crime reduction, and increased ridership.

Lena Tam, a member of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, indicated that the board is willing to meet collectively with mayors and city managers to discuss Measure W. She also indicated that Alameda County is conducting workshops on the matter.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft provided an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) activity on the proposed Connect Bay Area Act (SB 63), a regional transportation measure for all five Bay Area Counties.

Mayor Ishii reported on the Alameda County Homelessness Working Group, indicating it is working on revisions to its letter to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors concerning the management of Measure W funding.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

There were no regional board appointments scheduled for the meeting

7. League of California Cities Reports, Legislative Updates, and Actions

Samantha Brightman (Caygill), Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities (League), provided an update on statewide legislative matters concerning the League of California Cities.

8. Other Business Matters

The Alameda County Mayors' Conference 2024 Financial Report was moved to a future meeting due to a lack of quorum for the Executive Committee

9. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters

Mr. Bocian indicated that City of Oakland Councilmember Janani Ramachandran will present on the East Bay Wildfire Coalition, and a representative from First Five will present at the November 12, 2025, meeting. David Moura, Emeryville, suggested the Mayors' Conference contact Waymo regarding its plans to expand to the East Bay.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director

Immediate Past President
JOHN MARCHAND
Mayor of Livermore

President
MARK SALINAS
Mayor of Hayward

Vice President
JUAN GONZÁLEZ
Mayor of San Leandro

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Albany
Robin López

The Honorable Buffy Wicks
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 8140
Sacramento, CA 95814

Berkeley
Adena Ishii

Dublin
Sherry Hu

**RE: Assembly Bill 736 (Wicks): Housing Bond: 2026 Ballot Measure
Support from the Mayors in Alameda County**

Emeryville
David Moura

Dear Assemblymember Wicks,

Fremont
Raj Salwan

On behalf of the cities in Alameda County, we would like to express our support of AB 736 which authorizes the Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026 and places a \$10 billion housing bond on the ballot to fund production of affordable housing and supportive housing.

Hayward
Mark Salinas

Livermore
John Marchand

According to the 2022 Statewide Housing Plan, to meet California's unmet housing needs, the state needs an additional 2.5 million housing units, including 1.2 million for lower-income households. Decades of underbuilding have led to a lack of housing overall, particularly housing that is affordable to lower-income households. The state needs an additional 180,000 new units of housing a year to keep up with demand – including about 80,000 units of housing affordable to lower-income households. By contrast, production in the past decade has been under 100,000 units per year – including less than 20,000 units of affordable housing per year.

Newark
Michael Hannon

Oakland
Barbara Lee

Piedmont
Betsy Andersen

Furthermore, the state's homelessness crisis is driven by the lack of affordable rental housing for lower income people. According to the California Housing Partnership's (CHP's) Housing Need Dashboard, in the current market, over 2 million extremely low-income and very low-income renter households are competing for roughly 750,000 available and affordable rental units in the state. Over three-quarters of the state's extremely low-income households and over half of the state's very low-income households are severely rent burdened, paying more than 50% of their income toward rent each month.

Pleasanton
Jack Balch

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Executive Director
Steven Bocian

One request would be to stop exclusively using the current Opportunity Maps as the sole indicator for affirmatively furthering fair housing. The use of these maps effectively excludes the entirety of Alameda County, most rural towns and small

Following the meeting's conclusion, Vice President González, provided a host city report detailing the City of San Leandro's focus on improving services and quality of life in the City. He discussed the City's culture of volunteerism and neighborhood vitality. He also discussed the City's efforts to reopen a new branch library, establish farmers' markets, improve police services, and reduce crime.

The guest speaker was Howard Chang, Chief Operating Officer for AVA Community Energy, who provided an overview of its services, power sources, service options, and the impact of the recently approved Federal Budget Reconciliation Bill H.R. 1.

cities, most urban neighborhoods of color, and nearly all rapidly changing neighborhoods experiencing displacement.

Thank you for your leadership on this important policy topic and we are pleased to support your legislation.

Sincerely,

Mayor Mark Salinas
President, Alameda County Mayors' Conference

c. Alameda County Mayors