

# Alameda County Mayors' Conference

## BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

May 13, 2026

6:30 p.m.

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[2710 W Winton Ave., Hayward, CA](#)

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of April 8, 2026, Meeting Minutes\*
3. Agenda Amendments
4. Public Comments and Other Announcements
5. Member Reports on Regional Boards and Activities
  - a) Alameda County Mayors' Working Group on Homelessness
6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

| Board Name/ Appointment                                    | District | Incumbent      | Applicant(s)   | Start     | End       |
|--|----------|----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Alameda County Mayors Conference, Office of President      | N/A      | Mayor Salinas  | Mayor González | 5/14/2026 | 5/12/1017 |
| Alameda County Mayors Conference, Office of Vice President | N/A      | Mayor González | Mayor Salwan   | 5/14/2026 | 5/12/2027 |

\*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) Samantha Brightman, East Bay Regional Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities
8. Other Business Matters
9. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters
  - June 10, 2026 – City of Piedmont Sidekick program
  - July 8, 2026 – SPUR, Connect Bay Area, or Steve Hathaway, "Mayors Across America: Portraits Outside of the Office"
  - September 9, 2027, Alameda County Area Agency on Aging
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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## After Meeting Dinner Events

### a) Host City Mayors' Report

Mayor Mark Salinas, City of Hayward

### b) Guest Speaker Meeting Presentation

Presenter: William Riggs, Ph.D and Henriette Cornet, PH, D., professors at the University of San Francisco

Presentation Topic: Autonomous vehicles

### Guest Speakers Bio

William (Billy) Riggs, Ph.D., AICP, LEED AP, is a professor at the University of San Francisco School of Management and the Director of the Autonomous Vehicles and the City Initiative. He has worked in venture capital and management consulting and has been an advisor to multiple companies and start-ups in technology, engineering, smart mobility, and urban development.

Henriette Cornet, Ph.D., is the founder and CEO of Urban Innovate and a professor at the University of San Francisco, where she co-directs the Autonomous Vehicles and the City Initiative. She holds a Ph.D. in Engineering and Environmental Sciences from the Technical University of Munich.

### Attachments

April 8, 2026, Meeting Minutes

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## Executive Director's Report

### Item 6 – Appointment to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

Please refer to the Nominating Committee agenda packet for applications, information regarding these appointments, and the current list 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.

### CALENDAR OF FUTURE MEETINGS

| Meeting Date      | Host City     |
|-------------------|---------------|
| May 13, 2026      | Hayward       |
| June 10, 2026     | Piedmont      |
| July 8, 2026      | Pleasanton    |
| August            | Annual Recess |
| September 9, 2026 | Livermore     |

*Meeting information is available at [www.alamedacountymayorsconference.org](http://www.alamedacountymayorsconference.org)*

# ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of April 8, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Salinas on April 8, 2026, at Hong Kong East Ocean Seafood Restaurant, 3199 Powell Street, Emeryville, California.

## 1. Roll Call

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

| City        | Member Attendee             |
|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Alameda     | Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft |
| Albany      | Mayor Peggy McQuaid         |
| Berkeley    | Mayor Adena Ishii           |
| Dublin      | Vice Mayor Jean Josey       |
| Emeryville  | Mayor Sukhdeep Kaur         |
| Fremont     | Mayor Raj Salwan            |
| Hayward     | Mayor Mark Salinas          |
| Livermore   | Mayor John Marchand         |
| Newark      | Mayor Michael Hannon        |
| Oakland     | Mayor Barbara Lee           |
| Pleasanton  | Councilmember Matt Gaidos   |
| San Leandro | Mayor Juan González         |
| Union City  | Mayor Gary Singh            |

## 2. Approval of the March 11, 2026, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Hannon to approve the March 11, 2026, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

## 3. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

## 4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

BART Director Victor Flores indicated that February 2026 had the highest ridership since the pandemic. He indicated that some of the ridership increase was due to the Super Bowl. He also discussed BART's plans to lease its parking lots for private use and its TOD development plans.

Stephen Baiter, Executive Director of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance, indicated that the annual East Bay Innovation Awards event was a success and announced that the 2026 Economic Outlook event is scheduled for May 14, 2026, and the Gourmex event is scheduled for May 21, 2026, at Jack London Square.

Mayor Ishii provided an update on the Alameda County Mayor's Conference Working Group on Homelessness update, indicating that tonight's guest was Margaret Kushel, MD, Director of the Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative at the University of California, San Francisco. She also mentioned the *Beyond the Bridge* documentary and that the group decided against a field trip for now

#### **5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees**

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft provided an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, indicating that they are working to resolve issues with the Clipper Bay 2 card. Some Committee members recently went to Sacramento to lobby for transportation and housing funding and programs. She also discussed the Bay Wheels bike share pilot program.

Mayor Juan González provided an update on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, indicating that the agency is focused on simplifying its permitting processes and enforcement of existing regulations.

#### **6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications**

President Salinas announced that the Nominating Committee had made its recommendations on the applications included in its April 8, 2026, meeting agenda and opened the floor for comments/nominations. Seeing no additional nominations, it was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Salwan that the Alameda County Mayors' Conference City Selection Committee and the Alameda County City Selection Committee accept the Nominating Committee's recommendations to appoint Mayor Juan González to the Association of Bay Area Governments Executive Board for a term beginning in April 8, 2026, and ending in June 1, 2028 and Alfred Exner to the Alameda County Transportation Commission's Independent Watchdog Committee for a term of two years beginning in April 2026 and Ending in April 2028.

The motion was approved unanimously by a roll-call vote and was so ordered.

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

Samantha Brightman, East Bay Regional Public Affairs Manager for the League of California Cities (League), noted that state legislatures just returned from their spring break and that the governor is expecting to release a revised budget shortly. She discussed AB 1941, SB 758, and AB 1588. She reminded members of upcoming League events.

#### **8. Other Business Matters**

President Salinas reminded members that applications for the Alameda County Mayors' Conference office of President and Vice President are due no later than April 30, 2026.

#### **9. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters**

No requests were made

#### **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian  
Executive Director

## POST MEETING NOTES

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Sukhdeep Kaur of the City of Emeryville thanked the Hong Kong East Ocean Seafood Restaurant for hosting the event, introduced City of Emeryville City council members at the meeting, introduced key staff, and thanked them for their support and work. Mayor Kaur noted that the restaurant is located on city property and has been a lessee since 1989. Mayor Kaur also discussed the city's new housing developments, including the Nellie Hannon Gateway, which includes 90 units of affordable housing. Mayor Kaur introduced and recognized Nellie Hannon for her many years of service to Emeryville. Mayor Kaur also provided information on the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Artist's Cooperative and invited Scott Donahue, one of its co-founders, to provide background on the project. The Mayor also discussed the importance of the arts in the City of Emeryville.

### **Guest Speaker**

Jeff Beal, Clinical Director of Crisis Services at Bonita House in Berkeley, provided an overview of Bonita House and discussed the Alameda County Community Assessment and Tracking Program. He also outlined the importance and successes of the services provided and discussed the agency's overall funding.