

# ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of July 8, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President González on July 8, 2026, at Workday, 6120 Stoneridge Mall Road, Pleasanton, 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      | Mayor Sherry Hu             |
| Emeryville  | Mayor Sukhdeep Kaur         |
| Fremont     | Mayor Raj Salwan            |
| Hayward     | Mayor Mark Salinas          |
| Livermore   | Mayor John Marchand         |
| Newark      | Mayor Michael Hannon        |
| 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 10, 2026, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Hannon to approve the June 10, 2026, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

## 3. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

## 4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Bradley Dunn, Government & Community Relations Representative with BART, indicated that BART won the Triple Crown Award from the Government Finance Officers Association, adopted a balanced budget, and that its ridership continues to be strong.

## 5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft provided an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, indicating that it is supporting the Connect Bay Area Act (SB63), and she discussed the importance of maintaining a strong public transit system.

President González provided an update on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, indicating it is still exploring changes to natural gas-powered appliances.

Mayor Ishii provided an update on the Alameda County Mayor's Conference Working Group on Homelessness, focused on working with Alameda County regarding the implementation of Measure W funds.

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

President González announced that the Nominating Committee had made its recommendations on the applications included in its July 8, 2026, meeting agenda and opened the floor for comments/nominations. Seeing no additional nominations, it was moved by Mayor and seconded by Mayor that the Alameda County Mayors' Conference make the following appointment:

- Appoint City of Newark resident Sabzar Kaur, 6140 Rockrose Drive, Newark, CA, to the Alameda County Advisory Commission on Aging for a four-year term beginning in July 2026 and ending in July 2030.

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

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

Major Salwan provided a report due to Samantha Brightmen's absence. He indicated that the proposed California Two-Thirds Vote Requirement for Special Taxes and Charter City Real Estate Transfer Tax Prohibition Initiative will not be on the November 3, 2026, ballot. In its place will be ACA-22, a state Assembly Constitutional Amendment that, in part, establishes a 2/3 threshold for communities to pass tax increases.

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

President González indicated his intention to convene the Executive/Legislative Committee to review ACA-22, an Assembly Constitutional Amendment. The Committee will do so at its September meeting.

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

No recommendations were presented for future agenda items or presenters.

#### **10. Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian  
Executive Director

#### **POST MEETING NOTES**

#### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Jack Balch introduced Pleasanton elected officials and staff, welcomed guests, and thanked staff for their work, including special thanks to Lisa Tarnow, Executive Assistant, for leading the event.

**Guest Speaker**

Caitlin Safradin, Workday Foundation Director, provided an overview of the Pleasanton Connects program and the Building Initiative Model.

Caitlin Safradin addressed questions from Mayors Marchand, Lee, Berkeley, Salinas, and Ezzy-Ashcraft,

Mayor Balch further discussed the City's Longest Table event and plans to improve it in the future.