

BENICIA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

October 7, 2025
4:00 PM

250 East L Street, Council Chambers
Benicia, CA 94510

COURTESY ZOOM PARTICIPATION

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1. **CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER (4:00 P.M.)**

2. **CONVENE OPEN SESSION**

3. **ROLL CALL**

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

5. **REFERENCE TO THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC**

The fundamental rights of each member of the public can be found in the municipal code posted on the City's website and on a plaque that is posted at the entrance to this meeting per section 4.04.030 of the City of Benicia's Open Government Ordinance.

6. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

7. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS**

How to Submit Public Comments for this City Council meeting:

Besides appearing in person and offering public comments, members of the public may provide public comment via Zoom, or to the City Clerk by email at

lwolfe@ci.benicia.ca.us. Any comment submitted to the City Clerk should indicate to which item of the agenda the comment relates. Specific information follows:

- Comments received by 2:00 pm on the day of the meeting will be electronically forwarded to the City Council and posted on the City's website.

- Comments received after 2:00 pm, but before the start time of the meeting will be electronically forwarded to the City Council but will not be posted on the City's website.

8. **WRITTEN COMMENT**

9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

10. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

10.A **DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE 2025 LEAGUE OF**

CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Designate, by minute action, Council Member Kari Birdseye as voting delegate, there will be no alternate for the General Assembly of the Cal Cities Annual Conference to be held on Friday, October 10, 2025 at the Long Beach Convention Center.

[Staff Report - 2025 Cal Cities Voting Delegate](#)

[1. 2025 Voting Delegate packet](#)

11. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CLOSED SESSION

Public comments on the closed session items must be made in person, they will not be accepted via Zoom.

12. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

12.A CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (1 potential case)

13. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY

15. ADJOURNMENT (5:00 P.M.)

Public Participation

The City of Benicia welcomes your interest and involvement in the City's legislative process. Persons wishing to address the Council, Board, Commission or Committee (CBCC) are asked to voluntarily complete a speaker request form, available at the entrance of Council Chambers, and submit it to the meeting Secretary/City Clerk. Speakers, addressing the CBCC at the time the item is considered, are requested to restrict their comments to the item as it appears on the agenda and stay within the three-minute time limit. The Brown Act does not permit the CBCC to take action on items brought up during the Public Comment period.

As a courtesy, and technology permitting, members of the public may participate remotely. Please be advised that those participating in the meeting remotely via Zoom do so at their own risk. Meetings will not be cancelled due to technical difficulties. The meeting can also be observed on Cable T.V. Broadcast - Check with your cable provider for your local government broadcast channel, or livestream online at www.ci.benicia.ca.us/agendas.

Americans with Disabilities Acts

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Meeting Procedures

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge a decision of the CBCC in court, you may be limited to the issues raised during the meeting or in written correspondence delivered to the CBCC by the meeting. You may also be limited to a ninety (90) day statute of limitations when challenging certain administrative decisions, including any final decisions regarding planning or zoning.

The decision of the CBCC is final as of the date of its decision unless judicial review is initiated pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.5. Any such petition for judicial review is subject to the provisions of Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6

Public Records and Writings Received After Agenda Posting

A printed version of the agenda packet for this meeting is available at the Benicia Public Library during regular working hours. To the extent feasible, the agenda packet and any writing or documents related to an agenda item for this meeting provided to the CBCC, will be made available for public inspection on the City's web page at www.ci.benicia.ca.us under the heading "Agendas and Minutes." A complete recording of each meeting is available online at www.ci.benicia.ca.us/agendas.

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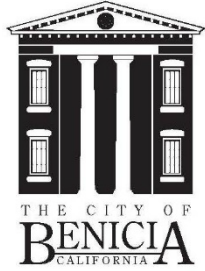
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**AGENDA ITEM
CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE – OCTOBER 7, 2025
CONSENT CALENDAR**

TO : City Council

FROM : City Manager

SUBJECT : **DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE 2025 LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPO GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City Council is being asked to select a voting delegate for the 2025 League of California Cities (Cal Cities) Annual Conference and Expo (Annual Conference) General Assembly on Friday, October 10, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION:

Designate, by minute action, Council Member Kari Birdseye as voting delegate, there will be no alternate for the General Assembly of the Cal Cities Annual Conference to be held on Friday, October 10, 2025 at the Long Beach Convention Center.

BUDGET INFORMATION:

This action by the City Council has no impact on the budget.

BACKGROUND:

The 2025 Annual Conference will be held October 8-10, 2025 at the Long Beach Convention Center. An important part of the Annual Conference is the General Assembly which takes place on Friday, October 10, 2025. Every year, the League of California Cities convenes a member-driven General Assembly at the Cal Cities Annual Conference. The Cal Cities Annual Conference resolution process is one way that city officials can directly participate in the development of Cal Cities policy. At this meeting, Cal Cities membership considers, and acts, on resolutions that establish Cal Cities policy. To cast a vote during the General Assembly, Council must designate a voting delegate and up to two alternate voting delegates, one of whom may vote if the designated voting delegate is unable to serve in that capacity. Staff recommends that Council approve, by minute action, Council Member Kari Birdseye to be the City of Benicia's voting delegate at the Annual Business Meeting during General Assembly. Please see the Voting Delegate Packet for more information (Attachment 1).

NEXT STEPS:

Submit the voting delegate submission form via the Cal Cities online submission portal at <https://my.calcities.org/Voting-Delegate-Submissions> on October 8, 2025.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS:

Council could choose not to select a delegate to vote at the 2025 League of California Cities Annual Business Meeting.

CEQA Analysis	Designating voting delegates to the League of California Cities Conference is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act under Guidelines Section 15378 (b)(5) because organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment do not constitute a project.
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ATTACHMENT:

1. 2025 Voting Delegate Packet

For more information contact: Mario Giuliani, City Manager

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Council Action Advised by September 24, 2025

DATE: Wednesday, July 16, 2025

TO: Mayors, Council Members, City Clerks, and City Managers

RE: DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES
League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo, Oct. 8-10, 2025
Long Beach Convention Center

Every year, the League of California Cities convenes a member-driven General Assembly at the [Cal Cities Annual Conference and Expo](#). The General Assembly is an important opportunity where city officials can directly participate in the development of Cal Cities policy.

Taking place on Oct. 10, the General Assembly is comprised of voting delegates appointed by each member city; every city has one voting delegate. Your appointed voting delegate plays an important role during the General Assembly by representing your city and voting on resolutions.

To cast a vote during the General Assembly, your city must designate a voting delegate and up to two alternate voting delegates, one of whom may vote if the designated voting delegate is unable to serve in that capacity. Voting delegates may either be an elected or appointed official.

Action by Council Required. Consistent with Cal Cities bylaws, a city's voting delegate and up to two alternates must be designated by the city council. Please note that designating the voting delegate and alternates **must** be done by city council action and cannot be accomplished by individual action of the mayor or city manager alone.

Following council action, please submit your city's delegates through [the online submission portal](#) by Wed., Sept. 24. When completing the Voting Delegate submission form, you will be asked to attest that council action was taken. You will need to be signed in to your My Cal Cities account when submitting the form.

Submitting your voting delegate form by the deadline will allow us time to establish voting delegate/alternate records prior to the conference and provide pre-conference communications with voting delegates.

Conference Registration Required. The voting delegate and alternates must be registered to attend the conference. They need not register for the entire conference; they may register for Friday only. Conference registration is open on the [Cal Cities](#) website.



For a city to cast a vote, one voter must be present at the General Assembly and in possession of the voting delegate card and voting tool. Voting delegates and alternates need to pick up their conference badges before signing in and picking up the voting delegate card at the voting delegate desk. This will enable them to receive the special sticker on their name badges that will admit the voting delegate into the voting area during the General Assembly.

Please view Cal Cities' [event and meeting policy](#) in advance of the conference.

Transferring Voting Card to Non-Designated Individuals Not Allowed. The voting delegate card may be transferred freely between the voting delegate and alternates, but *only* between the voting delegate and alternates. If the voting delegate and alternates find themselves unable to attend the General Assembly, they may *not* transfer the voting card to another city official.

Seating Protocol during General Assembly. At the General Assembly, individuals with a voting card will sit in a designated area. Admission to the voting area will be limited to the individual in possession of the voting card and with a special sticker on their name badge identifying them as a voting delegate.

The voting delegate desk, located in the conference registration area of the Long Beach Convention Center in Long Beach, will be open at the following times: Wednesday, Oct. 8, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 9, 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. On Friday, Oct. 10, the voting delegate desk will be open at the General Assembly, starting at 7:30 a.m., but will be closed during roll calls and voting.

The voting procedures that will be used at the conference are attached to this memo. Please share these procedures and this memo with your council and especially with the individuals that your council designates as your city's voting delegate and alternates.

Once again, thank you for submitting your voting delegate and alternates by Wednesday, Sept. 24. If you have questions, please contact Zach Seals at zseals@calcities.org.

Attachments:

- General Assembly Voting Guidelines
- Information Sheet: Cal Cities Resolutions and the General Assembly

General Assembly Voting Guidelines

1. **One City One Vote.** Each member city has a right to cast one vote on matters pertaining to Cal Cities policy.
2. **Designating a City Voting Representative.** Prior to the Cal Cities Annual Conference and Expo, each city council may designate a voting delegate and up to two alternates; these individuals are identified on the voting delegate form provided to the Cal Cities Credentials Committee.
3. **Registering with the Credentials Committee.** The voting delegate, or alternates, may pick up the city's voting card at the voting delegate desk in the conference registration area. Voting delegates and alternates must sign in at the voting delegate desk. Here they will receive a special sticker on their name badge and thus be admitted to the voting area at the General Assembly.
4. **Signing Initiated Resolution Petitions.** Only those individuals who are voting delegates (or alternates), and who have picked up their city's voting card by providing a signature to the credentials committee at the voting delegate desk, may sign petitions to initiate a resolution.
5. **Voting.** To cast the city's vote, a city official must have in their possession the city's voting card and voting tool; and be registered with the credentials committee. The voting card may be transferred freely between the voting delegate and alternates but may not be transferred to another city official who is neither a voting delegate nor alternate.
6. **Voting Area at General Assembly.** At the General Assembly, individuals with a voting card will sit in a designated area. Admission to the voting area will be limited to the individual in possession of the voting card and with a special sticker on their name badge identifying them as a voting delegate.
7. **Resolving Disputes.** In case of dispute, the credentials committee will determine the validity of signatures on petitioned resolutions and the right of a city official to vote at the General Assembly.

How it works: Cal Cities Resolutions and the General Assembly

Developing League of California Cities policy is a dynamic process that engages a wide range of members to ensure Cal Cities represents cities with one voice. These policies directly guide Cal Cities' advocacy to promote local decision-making, and lobby against statewide policies that erode local control.

The resolutions process and General Assembly is one way that city officials can directly participate in the development of Cal Cities policy. If a resolution is approved at the General Assembly, it becomes official Cal Cities policy. Here's how resolutions and the General Assembly work.

Prior to the Annual Conference and Expo

General Resolutions



Sixty days before the Annual Conference and Expo, Cal Cities members may submit policy proposals on issues of importance

to cities. The resolution must have the concurrence of at least five additional member cities or individual members.

Policy Committees



The Cal Cities President assigns general resolutions to policy committees where members

review, debate, and recommend positions for each policy proposal. Recommendations are forwarded to the Resolutions Committee.

During the Annual Conference and Expo

Petitioned Resolutions



The petitioned resolution is an alternate method to introduce policy proposals during

the annual conference. The petition must be signed by voting delegates from 10% of member cities, and submitted to the Cal Cities President at least 24 hours before the beginning of the General Assembly.

Resolutions Committee



The Resolutions Committee considers all resolutions. General Resolutions approved¹ by either a policy committee

or the Resolutions Committee are next considered by the General Assembly. General resolutions not approved, or referred for further study by both a policy committee and the Resolutions Committee do not go to the General Assembly. All Petitioned Resolutions are considered by the General Assembly, unless disqualified.²

General Assembly



During the General Assembly, voting delegates debate and consider general and petitioned resolutions forwarded by the Resolutions Committee. Potential Cal Cities bylaws amendments are also considered at this meeting.

Who's who

Cal Cities policy development is a member-informed process, grounded in the voices and experiences of city officials throughout the state.

The **Resolutions Committee** includes representatives from each Cal Cities diversity caucus, regional division, municipal department, and policy committee, as well as individuals appointed by the Cal Cities president.

Voting delegates are appointed by each member city; every city has one voting delegate.

The **General Assembly** is a meeting of the collective body of all voting delegates—one from every member city.

Seven **policy committees** meet throughout the year to review and recommend positions to take on bills and regulatory proposals. Policy committees include members from each Cal Cities diversity caucus, regional division, and municipal department, as well as individuals appointed by the Cal Cities president.

¹ The Resolution Committee can amend a general resolution prior to sending it to the General Assembly.

² Petitioned Resolutions may be disqualified by the Resolutions Committee according to Cal Cities Bylaws Article VI. Sec. 5(f).