



Council Meeting: May 15, 2012

SUBJECT: Ratification of Mayor's Intergovernmental Appointment to U.S. Conference of Mayors' Standing Committees

BACKGROUND

In January or February of each year the City Council appoints members to a variety of intergovernmental agencies to represent the City's interests and to influence policies and regulations of other agencies. Appointments are also made by other agencies subject to Council ratification. Appointments made throughout the year are also ratified by Council. This report is to request ratification of Mayor Spitaleri's appointment by the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) to two standing committees: Jobs, Education, and the Workforce; and International Affairs.

EXISTING POLICY

Council Policy Goal 7.3C Participate in intergovernmental activities, including national, state and regional groups, as a means to represent the City's interest, influence policy and legislation, and enhance awareness.

Council Policy 7.3.12, City Council Appointments to Intergovernmental Agencies, City Council Subcommittees and Council or Mayor-Created Advisory Task Forces

Council Policy 7.3.13, Support for Councilmembers; Staff-Council Communications

DISCUSSION

Mayor Spitaleri has requested reinstatement of Sunnyvale's annual U.S. Conference of Mayors membership. Therefore, membership dues will be included in the City Manager's proposed FY2012/13 budget for review by Council. Acknowledging that dues payment is pending Council budget review and approval, USCM has appointed Mayor Spitaleri to two USCM Standing Committees: Jobs, Education, and the Workforce; and International Affairs. Should Council not approve the USCM membership dues in the FY12/13 budget, these appointments would likely be rescinded by USCM.

U.S. Conference of Mayors

The U.S. Conference of Mayors is the official nonpartisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more that works to promote the development of

effective national urban/suburban policy; strengthen federal-city relationships; ensure that federal policy meets urban needs; provide mayors with leadership and management tools; and create a forum in which mayors can share ideas and information. More information on USCM can be found at www.usmayors.org.

There is no staff support for this assignment.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, at the Sunnyvale Senior Center, Community Center and Department of Public Safety; and by making the agenda and report available at the Sunnyvale Public Library, the Office of the City Clerk and on the City's Web site.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Ratify the appointment of Mayor Spitaleri to two U.S. Conference of Mayors Standing Committees: Jobs, Education, and the Workforce; and International Affairs.
2. Other action as directed by Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends Alternative 1.) Ratify the appointment of Mayor Spitaleri to two U.S. Conference of Mayors Standing Committees: Jobs, Education, and the Workforce; and International Affairs.

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