

City of Sunnyvale
League of California Cities Resolutions Voting Guide

Based on Council action on RTC 13-213 *Discussion and Possible Action to Take City Positions on Proposed League of California Cities 2013 Annual Resolutions* (September 10, 2013).

Resolution #/Subject	City Position
1. Water Bond Funds	Support
2. Public Safety Realignment	Support

Resolution #1 Water Bond Funds – SUPPORT

This resolution seeks to call upon the Governor and the Legislature to work with the League of California Cities in providing adequate funding and to prioritize water bonds to assist local governments in water conservation, ground water recharge and reuse of stormwater and urban runoff programs.

Concurrence Requirement:

New this year, any resolutions submitted to the General Assembly must be concurred in by five cities or by city officials from at least five or more cities. Those submitting resolutions were asked to provide written documentation of concurrence. Concurrence for this proposed resolution was received from: cities of Alhambra; Cerritos; Claremont; Glendora; Lakewood; La Mirada; La Verne; Norwalk; Signal Hill; and Mary Ann Lutz, Mayor, city of Monrovia. A letter of support was also received from the California Contract Cities Association.

Related City Policy: **General Plan, Chapter 7, Environmental Management:**

Goal EM-1: Adequate Water Supplies: Acquire and manage water supplies so that existing and future reasonable demands for water, as projected in the 20-year forecast, are reliably met.

Goal EM-2: Water Conservation – Promote more efficient use of the City’s water resources to reduce the demands placed on the City’s water supplies.

Goal EM-3: Reliable and Safe Water Distribution – Proactively maintain the water distribution system infrastructure to ensure the reliable and safe delivery of water under normal and emergency conditions to both current and future customers.

Goal EM-4: Adequate Water Quality – Ensure that all water meets stated and federal standards for aesthetics, quality and health.

Goal EM-10: Reduced Runoff and Pollutant Discharge – Minimize the quantity of runoff and discharge of pollutants to the maximum extent practicable by integrating surface runoff controls into new development and redevelopment land use decisions.

Department of Environmental Services (ESD) Analysis: The goal of the water bonds, to provide funding for infrastructure needs and for increased expenditures needed to comply with the City’s National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, is a good one.

Like many municipalities, Sunnyvale has an aging water infrastructure, badly in need of updating and/or replacement. In addition, the City's goal of expanding its recycled water system is one that may benefit greatly from increased state funding.

Additionally, the City has incurred increased expenditures from the implementation of, and compliance with, the NPDES discharge permit. As the City attempts to meet trash load reduction requirements for its stormwater, new ways of conveyance and new tools for removing trash and debris at the source must be implemented.

As with any such program, the City will have to continue to be vigilant as funds are distributed to ensure that the Sunnyvale, and the region at large, receives its fair share of funding.

Recommended Position: **SUPPORT**

Resolution #2 Public Safety Realignment – SUPPORT

Concurrence Requirement

Concurrence for this proposed resolution was received from the following cities: Arroyo Grande; Covina; Fontana; Glendora; Monrovia; Ontario; Pismo Beach; and Santa Barbara.

Related City Policy: **General Plan, Chapter 6, Safety and Noise:**

Goal SN-3 Safe and Secure City: Ensure a safe and secure environment for people and property in the community by providing effective public safety response and prevention and education services

- *Policy SN-3.2:* Control conduct recognized as threatening to life and property
- *Policy SN-3.3:* Provide investigative services directed toward successful prosecution and conviction of criminal offenders.

Department of Public Safety (DPS) Analysis: This resolution specifically calls out the need for ongoing local law enforcement funding related to Realignment, as well as modification of the criteria for which offenders are eligible for post-release community supervision, i.e. a non-violent, non-serious, non-sex offender criteria that focuses on total criminal history rather than merely the last recorded offense.

In the City of Sunnyvale, in the months following the implementation of AB 109, property crimes rose an average of 26%. Most notably, the crimes of commercial burglary and residential burglary increased 42% and 40%, respectively. Auto thefts rose 34% and auto burglaries increased by 26%. These statistics are based on a rolling 12-month average starting with October 2011. With the exception of commercial burglaries (which have leveled off), these increases, utilizing the same rolling 12-month average, have remained steady. These increases obviously have a significant impact on the community.

Not only does this increase in crime have an impact on the calls for service for Patrol-based officers, it also increases the caseload of Investigations. Both of these things have an impact on the community in so far as Patrol-based officers have less proactive policing time, and Detectives have less time to devote to each assigned case.

Recommended Position: **SUPPORT**