



JOINT MEETING OF
CONTRA COSTA MAYORS CONFERENCE &
CONTRA COSTA CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 1, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

Hosted by the City of Hercules

Business meeting & dinner both at: Franklin Canyon Golf Course, Highway 4, Hercules, CA.

Presentation: Update on the work of the Family Justice Center with a particular focus on the South County and West County centers presented by Susun Kim and Center staff.

Dinner follows business meeting: Buffet dinner at same location with a vegetarian option, no need to specify entree.

RSVP Deadline: Thursday, July 18, 2024.

Cancellation Deadline: Friday, July 19, 2024.

**DINNER RESERVATIONS MADE THROUGH
THE CITY OF HERCULES**

Dinner Reservations: Two dinners are prepaid for each City. **Please RSVP with the names and titles of all attendees.** Others interested in staying for dinner must RSVP, as noted below:

ACSaechao@herculesca.gov (preferred) or via phone (510) 799-8209.

Dinner Payment by check payable to City of Hercules may be presented at the door or mailed to: City of Hercules, Attn: Clarisse Saechao, 111 Civic Drive, Hercules, CA 94547.

Individuals will be billed for reservations made but not cancelled prior to the deadline.

Dinner Cost: \$70.00.

DIRECTIONS & PARKING

DIRECTIONS TO FRANKLIN CANYON GOLF COURSE, HIGHWAY 4 HERCULES, CA 94547

From I-80 East (West County):

Follow I-80 E.

Use the 2nd from the right lane to take exit 23 for CA-4 E toward Stockton

Keep Left, follow signs for CA -4 E / Stockton / Martinez

In 3 miles take the exit on the right

From Highway 4 (Central / East County):

Follow CA – 4 W.

Take exit 3 toward Franklin Canyon

Turn Left onto Franklin Canyon Rd/John Muir Pkwy

Merge onto CA-4 E / John Muir Pkwy (signs for Stockton)

In 0.7 miles take the exit on the right

PARKING AREA IS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ENTRANCE TO THE GOLF COURSE AS SOON AS YOU TURN OFF HIGHWAY 4.

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6:30 P.M. BUSINESS MEETING
AGENDA

Call Mayors Conference (Conference) to Order, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, & Roll Call.

1. **Program:** Update on the work of the Family Justice Center with a particular focus on the South County and West County centers presented by Susun Kim and Center staff.

2. **Approval of Minutes:** (attached) of the July 11, 2024 meetings.

Action: Move to approve July 11, 2024 Conference & City Selection Committee (CSC) minutes.

3. **Recess Conference and call CSC to order for items 4-6 below:**

4. **Appointment to the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC):**

There is one position open on the ALUC for a term ending May 4, 2028. There were no nominations by the deadline. The CSC can either accept nominations from the floor and make an appointment or carry the appointment over to the next meeting.

5. **Appointment to the Contra Costa Countywide Redevelopment Successor Agency Oversight Board (Oversight Board):** There is an alternate member position on the Oversight Board open for a term ending June 30 2026. There were no nominations by the deadline. The CSC can either accept nominations from the floor and make an appointment or carry the appointment over to the next meeting.

6. **Recess CSC Meeting & Call Mayors Conference back to order for balance of agenda.**

7. **Motion to authorize Chair of the Conference to send letters to Congressmen**

Mark DeSaulnier and John Garamendi thanking them for their efforts gain exoneration for the Port Chicago Fifty. (Attached.)

Action: Move to approve sending letters of thanks to Congressman DeSaulnier and Congressman Garamendi.

8. Conference Appointee Reports: This item is the time when city representatives to area-wide boards, commissions, and agencies may report on activities of the agency to which they are appointed.

9. **Chair Announcements:**

10. **Mayor Announcements:**

11. **State and Federal Legislative Update:**

12. **County Supervisor Announcements:**

13. **League of California Cities Update:** Samantha “Sam” Caygill, East Bay Division Public Affairs Manager.

14. **Public Comments:** *Members of the public are advised that public comments at this place should be confined to items not on the agenda and should be limited to **no more than 2 minutes in length**. Also, no more than one speaker from any organization should address the mayors on the same evening.*

15. **Welcome to Hercules by Mayor Dan Romero.**

16. **Adjourn Conference in Memory of Jane Bartke, former Mayor of El Cerrito and Chair of the Mayors Conference in 1995, who recently passed away at the age of 86. Next meeting is September 5, 2024 in Walnut Creek.**

Deadline for next agenda is 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 20, 2024.

Brown Act Reminder: The Contra Costa Mayors Conference/City Selection Committee has a policy of complying with the letter and spirit of open meeting laws. Generally, off-agenda items may be taken up only if:

1. Two-thirds of Conference voting members find a need for immediate action exists and the need to take action came to the attention of the Conference after the agenda was prepared (Note: If fewer than two-thirds of Conference members are present, taking up an off-agenda item requires a unanimous vote); or

2. A majority of the Conference finds an emergency (for example: work stoppage or disaster) exists.

A majority of any city council may not, consistent with the Brown Act, discuss specific substantive issues among themselves at Conference meetings. Any such discussion is subject to the Brown Act and must occur in a City Council meeting that complies with Brown Act requirements.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

2024

September 5, Walnut Creek

October 3, Richmond – note trade with Orinda.

November 14, Concord – (One week late because of 2024 city elections)

December 5, San Pablo

2025

January 9, Oakley (One week late because of holidays)

February 6, Moraga

March 6, Lafayette

April 3, Clayton

May 1, Pleasant Hill

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MINUTES OF THE
CONTRA COSTA MAYORS CONFERENCE
AND CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Thursday, July 11, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.

Hosted by the City of Orinda

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Haskew called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF CITY DELEGATES:

Antioch: Absent

Brentwood: Mayor Joel Bryant

Clayton: Mayor Jim Diaz

Concord: Mayor Edi Bursan

Town of Danville: Mayor Karen Stepper

El Cerrito: Mayor Tessa Rudnick

Hercules: Council Member Alex Walker-Griffin
Lafayette: Mayor Gina Dawson
Martinez: Mayor Brianne Zorn
Moraga: Mayor Teresa Onoda
Oakley: Vice Mayor Shannon Shaw
Orinda: Mayor Darlene Gee
Pinole: Mayor Maureen Toms
Pittsburg: Absent
Pleasant Hill: Vice Mayor Susan Noack
Richmond: Council Member Soheila Bana
San Pablo: Council Member Rita Xavier
San Ramon: Mayor Dave Hudson
Walnut Creek: Mayor Loella Haskew

Presiding: Conference Chair: Loella Haskew.

The above delegates comprised a quorum for the meetings.

1. **Program:** Contra Costa Fire District Fire Marshall Chris Bachmen described Wildfire Prevention & Measure X Mitigation Activities in Contra Costa County.

2. **Approval of Minutes:** of the June 6, 2024, Conference and City Selection Committee (CSC) meetings.

Action: Motion to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2024 Conference and CSC meetings passed. Voting aye were delegates from Brentwood, Clayton, Concord, Danville, El Cerrito, Hercules, Lafayette, Martinez, Moraga, Oakley, Orinda, Pinole, Pleasant Hill, Richmond, San Pablo, San Ramon, and Walnut Creek. Antioch and Pittsburg were absent.

3. **Mayors Conference was recessed and CSC was called to order for items 4 – 6.**

4. **Appointment to the Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC):** Terms of the past incumbents ended May 4, 2024

There were no written nominations prior to the deadline. Concord Council Member Laura Hoffmeister volunteered for appointment to one of the open positions.

Action: Motion to appoint Council Member Hoffmeister to a term ending May 4, 2028 on the ALUC passed unanimously. Voting aye were delegates from Brentwood, Clayton, Concord, Danville, El Cerrito, Hercules, Lafayette, Martinez, Moraga, Oakley, Orinda, Pinole, Pleasant Hill, Richmond, San Pablo, San Ramon, and Walnut Creek. Antioch and Pittsburg were absent.

Appointment of a second member was carried over to the August meeting.

5. **Appointments to the Contra Costa Countywide Redevelopment Successor Agency Oversight Board (Oversight Board):** Terms of the past incumbents expired June 30, 2024.

There were no written nominations prior to the deadline. Concord Council Member Laura Hoffmeister volunteered for appointment to the open member position.

Action: Motion to appoint Council Member Hoffmeister to a term as a member of the Oversight Board ending June 30, 2026 passed unanimously. Voting aye were delegates from Brentwood, Clayton, Concord, Danville, El Cerrito, Hercules, Lafayette, Martinez, Moraga, Oakley, Orinda, Pinole, Pleasant Hill, Richmond, San Pablo, San Ramon, and Walnut Creek. Antioch and Pittsburg were absent.

Appointment of an Alternate Member was carried over to the August meeting.

6. CSC Meeting recessed & Mayors Conference was called back to order for balance of agenda.

7. Conference Appointee Reports: Sue Noack noted that the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority approved the 2024 housing bond. She also noted that the Transit bond measure was pulled from consideration in the State Senate. A special select committee has been appointed to study the implications for the “fiscal cliff.” Sue is a member. Newell Arnerich noted that CCTA is hosting a speakers series and that a new autonomous shuttle is operating in Rossmoor. Carlyn Obringer noted that the parks District has a new “Shady Hikes” map available for hot weather and that a gap in the Bay Trail was recently closed in Martinez. Soheila Bana noted that refinery workers have recently been surveyed regarding their readiness to report hazardous conditions at refineries. Kevin Wilk noted that planning for opening the San Ramon Family Justice facility is progressing.

8. Chair Announcements: Loella Haskew noted that she will not be standing for re-election to the Walnut Creek Council this November.

9. Mayor Announcements: Mayor Darlene Gee announced the appointment of a new Orinda City Manager, Linda Smith, who will be joining Orinda staff October 14. Brianne Zorn commented that the new County Administration building is a worthy addition to Martinez and noted that the current marina operator will not be renewing their contract and the City is seeking a new operator. San Ramon Mayor Hudson noted that a citizen group recently approached the City Council asking that a 1% sales tax increase measure be placed on the November 2024 ballot.

10. State and Federal Legislative Update: Staff for Congressman Garamendi gave a legislative update and noted that the Congressman is recovering well from his illness. Staff for Congressman DeSaulnier gave a short legislative report.

11. County Supervisor Announcements: Supervisor Candace Andersen noted that the County is close to opening 54 “micro” housing units in San Pablo to house formerly homeless individuals. The sheriff has a quarterly report coming up to the Board. The new County Admin Building annex contains a law library open to all and work continues on the South County Family Justice Center.

12. League of California Cities Update: Sam Caygill reviewed active legislation, and announced the Citi-Pac Bocce tournament winners. The Legislature is currently on summer recess but there is

more action to come on various bills that are still in consideration.

13. **Public Comments:** Ken Bukowski from Emeryville opposes the statewide housing bond as well as the mass transit bond. Marty Roach announced a 350 Contra Costa County Electrification Fair to be held in Walnut Creek September 14. A representative from AAA insurance announced various activities to “double down” on wildfire hardening. Carlyn Obringer announced various Port Chicago events in July. Soheila Bana for the West County Fire Safe Council noted that the community warning system had not been working and that several changes have been made to improve its effectiveness.

14. **Host Mayor Welcome:** Orinda Mayor Darlene Gee reviewed various City achievements, introduced current and past council members, past mayors, and city staff, and welcomed all to the Orinda Country Club that is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

15. **Chair Haskew adjourned the Conference meeting to August 1, 2024 in Hercules.**

**Deadline for next agenda is 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 16, 2024.**

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August 2, 2024

Honorable Congressman Mark DeSaulnier
3100 Oak Rd. Suite 110
Contra Costa Centre
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

Dear Mark,

For years, Mayors and City Councils of Contra Costa County have observed and supported your tireless efforts to urge Congress, the President, Federal Officials, and all appropriate agencies to take necessary action to restore the honor and rectify the mistreatment of the 50 sailors unjustly blamed for and convicted of mutiny after the Port Chicago munitions disaster. As you know, the Contra Costa Mayors Conference has supported the exoneration of the Port Chicago 50 for many years.

Clearing the names of these servicemen, as was finally done this year, just before the 80th anniversary of the disaster, was long overdue and the right decision. We were pleased to hear this news and immediately thought of your persistent efforts to bring about this just result.

On behalf of the nineteen cities in Contra Costa County we extend our thanks and gratitude for your persistence in pursuing justice for the Port Chicago 50.

With Sincere Gratitude,

Loella Haskew, Chair
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Antioch, CA 94509

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