



MHC - Policy Working Group Meeting - Meeting Summary
November 29, 2021
2:00-3:30 PM

Facilitation: Steve Frisch and Brittany Benesi

Attendees: Fred Ilfeld, Hilary Hobbs, John Falk, Tara Zurado, Yumie Dahn, Karen Fink, Emily Setzer and Shawna Purvines

Topic	Discussion	Next Steps
I. Housekeeping	Brittany Benesi will leave her position as SBC’s Government and Community Affairs Director on 11/30. The new Director will likely begin in the first quarter of 2022. There will be no disruptions to this working group. Brittany’s new position will be as the Western States Government Affairs Director at ASPCA.	
II. 2021 Outcomes	<p>A. MHC 2021 Principles and Priorities: <i>How did we do?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Objective #1: Build political identity and influence outside of the region. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Successful in taking bold stances; Legislative leaders took note. b. Objective #2: Support a permanent or at a minimum one-year solution to the California eviction crisis. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Eviction moratorium ended Sept 30th, yet protections in place that deny any court action through March 31, 2022. Budget surplus used to backfill payments. c. Objective #3: Support the Governor’s proposed housing actions articulated in the Governor’s Draft 2021-22 budget. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Governor used surplus to prioritize housing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Affordable Housing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. \$1.75 Billion for backlogged affordable housing b. \$500 million for Low Income Housing Tax Program c. \$300 million for preservation of affordable housing d. \$90 million for Infill Infrastructure Grant Program for small jurisdictions e. \$81 million for accessory dwelling unit financing f. \$45 million for housing on excess state lands - as seen in South Lake Tahoe via the CA Tahoe Conservancy, and locally through the CHP parcel. 2. Housing Stability: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. \$5.2 Billion to cover 100% back-due rent payments <p>d. Objective #4: Change or remove policy barriers to implementing achievable local housing in the region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Zoning bills SB9, SB10, and AB 571 - all chaptered (passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor. SB 12 is expected to come back in 2022. 	
<p>III. 2022 Policy Platform Partner Coalition Priorities</p>	<p>Much of what is in the 2021 MHC Policy Platform is applicable for MHC's 2022 Policy Platform. We discussed several changes that Steve proposed in the 2021 MHC Policy Platform Google document's "Comment" function. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Edit "what is achievable" to match the new MHC definition wherever applicable. 	<p>By December 15th, make any comments, additions, or suggested edits for MHC's 2022 Policy Platform using the "comments" function in the 2021 MHC Policy Platform Google Document. Jurisdictions: Send</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Add MHC's Opt Out policy to the "How Does the Policy Working Group [achieve] its Goals" section. 3. Keep objective #1 with edits. (Add in State Lobby day) 4. Drop objective #2 as state and federal process have taken over 5. Objective #3 is iterative and will depend on the budget to come out in early January. Anticipating a large percent of surplus allocated towards housing again. 6. Link our budget ask in Objective 3 to leveraging federal funding measures, including the Build Back Better bill, should it be passed. Land use regulation may be a higher priority with issues of wildland urban interface (WUI) management and restrictions. 	<p>legislation ideas for consideration to Steve or Kristina. Steve will incorporate all feedback into a final document and circulate to this group before our next meeting on January 24th.</p>
<p>2022 Strategy & Priorities Suggestions</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. It was suggested to add an objective around insurance reform. Three areas of interest: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Eligibility reform to the Fair Access to Insurance Requirements (Fair) Plan, which is a state-mandated program that provides fair access to insurance for individuals who are having trouble insuring their property due to the fact that insurers consider them high risk. (John suggested a pooled insurance fund strategy similar to Massachusetts, Washington state). b. Existing Housing: Advocate for private insurers to take into consideration local hazard mitigation planning. c. New construction: There is a possibility that new construction could be eliminated from the Fair Plan, and also the possibility of a surcharge on new construction for local vegetation management (this could raise revenue that would go to CalFire for State Responsibility Areas) B. Need additional research to identify what would be the right strategies for lowering rates. 	
<p>Federal Updates</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Build Back Better Bill should have approximately \$150B 	

	<p>for affordable housing. CA could expect to get about 1.5B a year for the next 10 years if it passes and doesn't get paired down. (Most of the debate is around the state and local tax deduction and paid family leave and not housing).</p>	
<p>MHC Lunch-n-Learn on SB 9 and SB 10</p>	<p>Lunch-n-Learn format could include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Overview of legislation B. The differences of implementation in our area, ex. In the Basin, Truckee, and incorporated county areas. C. Data graphics D. Objections and difficulties for implementation E. Implementation timeline. <p>Note: Steve shared that SB9 is likely to face court challenge or be added as a ballot measure in 2022. Shawna shared that the jurisdictions will have to start implementing Jan 1st. HCD and OPR haven't issued guidance yet.</p>	<p>Schedule for the third week of January.</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>		<p>1/24/2022, 2-3:30 pm</p>