



Date: September 2, 2008
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Councilmember Patrick O'Donnell, Chair, State Legislation Committee
Subject: **REPORT ON THE STATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
AUGUST 19, 2008**

On August 19, 2008, the State Legislation Committee met to discuss various issues that are before the State.

It is the recommendation of the State Legislation Committee to the City Council that the report on the State Legislation Committee meeting held on August 19, 2008 be received and filed.

Respectfully submitted,


STATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

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Subject: **State Legislation Committee Report**

As Chair of the State Legislative Committee, I would like to update the Council on the events of the August 19th meeting. Government Affairs staff reported on the current State Legislative Session and the State Budget. Support for two specific bills, Senate Bill 691 (Calderon) and Senate Bill 1420 (Padilla) will be forwarded to the City Council separately. In addition to the items mentioned above the following items were discussed:

Assembly Bill 2593

- Council supports bill as originally amended on April 3rd.
- AB 2593 (with original language) would have allowed cities and counties in Long Beach to create ordinances that eliminate the clustering of registered sex offenders in sober living facilities.
- That language is no longer in the bill, and the author had changed the focus of the bill to deal with Internet background checks of sex offenders.
- Staff report on the status of AB 2593 was received and filed, with communication to Council.

MTA Sales Tax Initiative:

- The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted to place the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (MTA) ½ cent sales tax increase initiative on the November ballot.
- Staff reported on Long Beach funding included in the initiative.
- Councilmember Bonnie Lowenthal motioned to send report to Council in addition to receiving and filing report. There was no second to this motion, and item will be carried over to the next meeting of the State Legislation Committee.

Sober living homes:

- Recommendation to review and discuss sober living homes or “six packs” as referred from the full City Council, with discussion including but not limited to current laws, City lobbying efforts, and public safety, health and code enforcement issues involved with these facilities.
 - The City has supported SB 992, which would require the State Dept. of Alcohol and Drug Programs to administer the licensure and regulation of Adult Recovery Maintenance Facilities (ARMFs). This bill would create a licensing process for those facilities who want to be licensed, and prohibits a state and local social services, law enforcement, or corrections agency, court, probation officer, or parole officer from referring any person to an alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facility or an ARMF that is not licensed. SB 992 continues to allow sober living facilities with 6 or fewer residents without regulation, but those facilities would not received any state or local referrals.
- Through this licensing process, the City would be able to know where certain sober living homes are located.
- SB 992 is in the State Senate for concurrence.
- Motion to receive and file report from staff and send communication to Council

SB 974:

- SB 974 authorizes a fee of up to \$30 on each twenty-foot equivalent (TEU) shipping container processed at the Ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach and Oakland to fund congestion relief and air pollution mitigation projects related to the ports.
- Bill was passed by the Legislature and will now be sent to Governor.
- Report from staff was received and filed.

Potential legislation regarding public notifications and internet news sites:

- Currently, it is required that notices of bids for services and supplies be published in a “daily newspaper of general circulation in the city.”
- Committee members requested further information that would include input from the publishing community and appropriate organizations on legislation that would allow for cities to advertise public notifications on Internet news sites.
- Report from staff was received and filed.