

**LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE  
ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS**

Thursday, November 16, 2006

**Summary Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Councilmember Desley Brooks, City of Oakland  
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, County of Alameda, ABAG Immediate Past President  
Supervisor Mike Kerns, County of Sonoma  
Councilmember Gwen Regalia, City of Walnut Creek  
Councilmember Steve Rabinowitsh, City of Santa Rosa  
Mayor Shelia Young, City of San Leandro, *Chair*

*Staff Present:*

Patricia Jones – ABAG  
Kathleen Cha – ABAG

- 1. Introductions:** Chair Mayor Shelia Young opened the meeting at 3:45.
- 2. Minutes:** September 21, 2006, minutes were reviewed and approved by those attending.

**3. Review 2006 Legislative Report**

The Committee reviewed and refined a draft report that summarized positions taken by the state Bay Area Delegation on bills supported and opposed by ABAG. The matrix report focused on 13 bills that L&GO had recommended positions of support or opposition, and became law this past session. The report showed the positions taken by Bay Area Assemblymembers and Senators on the bills and their percentage of agreement with ABAG positions.

It was noted that, during this past 2006 session, the Committee had considered 40 bills in total: a number had watch positions and many did not pass out of committee.

**Recommendation:** The Committee agreed this matrix will be a useful tool for upcoming discussions with the new and incoming members of the Bay Area Delegation.

**4. Sub-Committee Report On Hosting a Sacramento Legislative Reception**

The Committee discussed recommendations for a Legislative Reception to be held in Sacramento in January for Bay Area legislators. It was agreed that the L&GO sub-committee, comprised of Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Councilmember Gwen Regalia, Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, Supervisor Mike Kerns, and Supervisor Barbara Kondylis, would move forward and set the specific date in January and the site in Sacramento for the Legislative Reception.

Plans to secure sponsorship to underwrite the event were discussed, as well as inviting legislators to co-sponsor the event. It was noted that The League of California Cities and CSAC have indicated interest in participating as co-hosts, and MTC and the Air District will also be invited to participate as co-hosts.

**5. The Committee honored Mayor Shelia Young**, who will be leaving office in January, for her leadership as Chair of the L&GO Committee in 2006 and vice chair in 2005. She was praised for her years of local government service and contributions as a member of the ABAG Executive Board.

**6. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. *The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2007.*

