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**CHINO HILLS LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021**

10:00 A.M.

**CIVIC CENTER, CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM,
2ND FLOOR
14000 CITY CENTER DRIVE, CHINO HILLS, CALIFORNIA**

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EQUIPMENT WHILE THE COMMITTEE IS IN SESSION. THANK YOU.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**BRIAN JOHSZ
PETER ROGERS**

10:00 A.M. - CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS: At this time members of the public may address the Legislative Advocacy Committee regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee, whether or not the item appears on the agenda. Individual audience participation is limited to three minutes per speaker. Please complete and submit a speaker card to the City Staff.

PUBLIC MEETING

2. Approve September 3, 2021, Legislative Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes
3. Presentation on State Legislative Budget Requests, Redistricting Updates, Local Government Omnibus Bill Process, and 2022 Ballot Measures by Townsend Public Affairs
4. Presentation of Federal Infrastructure Package, Reconciliation Bill/Spending Package, and Earmark Status by Townsend Public Affairs

ADJOURNMENT:

MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

CITY OF CHINO HILLS

REGULAR MEETING

September 3, 2021

The Regular meeting of the Legislative Advocacy Committee was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

PRESENT: COMMITTEE MEMBERS: BRIAN JOHSZ
PETER ROGERS

ABSENT: COMMITTEE MEMBERS: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: BENJAMIN MONTGOMERY, CITY MANAGER
LYNNAE SISEMORE, SECRETARY
ERIC O'DONNELL, SENIOR ASSOCIATE, TOWNSEND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

MEETING MINUTES

On a motion made by Committee Member Rogers, the Committee with all members present, unanimously approved the July 7, 2021, Legislative Advocacy Committee minutes, as presented.

PRESENTATION BY TOWNSEND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Senior Associate O'Donnell briefed the Committee Members and stated that Sacramento had one week remaining for the budget session to review bills. City Manager Montgomery inquired if there were more "gut-and-amend" bills this year compared to last year. Senior Associate O'Donnell stated that the numbers were consistent with last year, however there are more that relate to city issues. He stated that there are several trailer bills that need to be introduced and that need to be heard in committees, such as, drought mitigation, transportation, energy, climate, and wildfire bills. He said that money will not be able to be distributed until the trailer bills are introduced and when guidelines are received as to how money can be disbursed. Senior Associate O'Donnell stated that the Legislature has one week to process all trailer bills, and if they are not processed the funds will be held until January 2022 when they are back in session. He stated that negotiations are taking longer than normal as the recall is taking priority in Sacramento, causing delays.

Senior Associate O'Donnell stated that Senate Bills 9 and 10 were passed by the Legislature and are being forwarded to Governor Newsom's office for signature. Committee Member Johsz inquired about the number of votes received for the passing of the two bills. Senior Associate O'Donnell stated that Senate Bill 10 was introduced first

and passed with 41 votes in favor. He stated this was done strategically to give proponents an idea on how Senate Bill 9 would be viewed. Senate Bill 9 was introduced second and passed with 43 votes. He stated both bills were passed with narrow margins and that Assemblyman Chen was one of 15 Legislators who abstained from voting on Senate Bill 9. City Manager Montgomery inquired whether there was a prediction if either Senate Bill 9 or 10 would be vetoed. Senior Associate O'Donnell stated that Governor Newsom has not verbally stated his position on either bill, but that he will more than likely not act on any bill until after the recall.

Committee Member Rogers inquired about the process of reversing bills that are currently signed, should a new Governor be elected. Senior Associate O'Donnell stated that once a bill is signed, the new Governor would have to go through the entire process to veto a bill.

Senior Associate O'Donnell stated that Senate Bill 9 allows property owners to have two units on a parcel zoned for single-family housing, which would allow for creating a duplex and splitting a residential parcel into two pieces, potentially allowing for up to four units in total. In addition, Senate Bill 9 requires cities to approve developments if it does not conflict with zoning standards. Senior Associate O'Donnell continued that although it's not favorable among cities, there are protections in the provisions to help prevent mass market Air Bed and Breakfast, vacation homes, or similar type properties. City Manager Montgomery stated that although the provisions are written, it will be difficult for cities to enforce. Committee Member Johsz inquired if any cities were exempt from Senate Bill 9. Senior Associate O'Donnell stated that there are some cities that are entirely exempt due to fire zones, historical districts, and commercial zones. He continued that Carbon Canyon will be limited due to the fire zone.

Committee Member Rogers inquired about the issue homeowners are having in Chino Hills due to residing in high fire severity zones. City Manager Montgomery stated that he will invite the Chino Valley Independent Fire District and the State Insurance Commissioner to a future Council Meeting to discuss the fire zone issues and why homeowners are having troubles obtaining their insurance coverages.

Senior Associate O'Donnell reviewed the League of California Cities (LOCC) Policy Resolutions and stated that the LOCC resolutions lead their organizational goals for the year to position their lobbyists, which is similar to a city's legislative platform. LOCC is trying to determine the positions of 400 cities who are in the League. He continued that in order for the League to take a position on a resolution, it has to concern or affect a majority of the voting body and it cannot be hyper regional. Currently, there are only two resolutions that affect many of the cities which includes sales tax and securing railroad property for maintenance. Senior Associate O'Donnell stated that the City of Rancho Cucamonga introduced a resolution regarding sales tax, due to fulfillment centers such as Amazon, being equitably redistributed among the cities it serves. City Manager Montgomery stated that the City of Eastvale is opposing the resolution introduced by Rancho Cucamonga as it would be detrimental to their sales tax revenue. He continued that it is more beneficial for the City of Chino Hills to support Rancho Cucamonga and have the sales tax equitably redistributed, rather than have the sales tax given to the city in which the fulfillment center is located. City Manager Montgomery stated that revenue could be significant, due to the amount of people who prefer to shop online; however, it would be detrimental to the city in which the fulfillment center is located, as the city may

be dependent upon the revenue due to the land deals or debt they possibly could have assumed to attract the warehouses to their city.

Senior Associate O'Donnell stated the resolution regarding railroad property would be dependent upon the California Public Utilities Commission and others addressing the homeless encampments that are on the railroad rights-of-way along the train tracks. He continued that it would be difficult for railroads to police train tracks on their own based upon the number of employees. Committee Member Johsz asked who sponsored the resolution. Senior Associate O'Donnell stated that the City of South Gate is the author of the resolution, but the City of Stanton has a high number of railroads running through their city and need assistance in policing the railroads due to being a small city.

Senior Associate O'Donnell said the Federal government is in the budget reconciliation process and is trying to avoid the filibuster. He continued that in the House of Representatives the Democrats have the lead, but in the Senate the Democrats and Republicans are tied. Senior Associate O'Donnell stated that the House and the Senate need to pass a budget resolution, and that each individual committee will submit their own budget to leadership on the floor and would need to be passed by a majority vote. He continued that the budget is only a tax and spend budget, not policy. Senior Associate O'Donnell stated that the State and Local Tax cap deductions (SALT) went away during the Trump Administration and that he does expect this to be a huge reconciliation.

Senior Associate O'Donnell stated the Federal Earmarks have been completed in the House of Representatives, but not by Senate. The City of Chino Hills' Los Serranos Infrastructure Project was recommended for funding by Senator Alex Padilla. He stated the approval of the bill is not guaranteed, but has been included in the appropriations bill and will be heard in the next couple of weeks. Committee Member Johsz inquired about the amount of money requested. Senior Associate O'Donnell stated the request was for one million dollars. Committee Member Rogers stated that the City of Chino Hills needs to recognize Senator Padilla's efforts. Senior Associate O'Donnell stated that Townsend Public Affairs has reached out to his office and thanked him for advocating for these types of projects and all that he is doing for California cities. Committee Member Johsz inquired as to how the Los Serranos Infrastructure Project was added to Senator Padilla's earmark list. Senior Associate O'Donnell said he is not familiar with the internal process for Senator Padilla's office. He continued that most offices have internal deliberations and reach out to corresponding offices to ask for additional information and then create their list of projects.

Committee Member Johsz inquired about what other local projects in Chino Hills were put forward. Senior Associate O'Donnell stated that the Open Space Fuel Modification project has been recommended for funding by Congresswoman Kim and has been passed by the House of Representatives. He continued that the project is currently in the Senate and has been recommended for funding by Senators Padilla and Feinstein and Congresswoman Kim. Senior Associate O'Donnell stated that it is uncommon to have three individual Legislature approvals which is great news for the City of Chino Hills. Committee Member Johsz asked what the timeline is for approval on the funding. Senior Associate O'Donnell said the Senate is currently behind on their review period, but asked for the City of Chino Hills to be included when the project is introduced. Committee Member Johsz inquired about how other cities fared on projects requested. Senior Associate O'Donnell stated that he is impressed the City of Chino Hills had all three

Legislators support and that some cities received one project or none. City Manager Montgomery stated the City was conservative in their project choice and chose good projects to put forward for approval.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynnae Sisemore
Secretary