

## LA Regional Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2020

10 am to 11:30 am.

Meeting Held via Webex Teleconferencing

CALL TO ORDER at 10:03 a.m. by CoChair Nancy Volpert

Self-introductions by participants to meeting

Nancy announces that it has been a challenging year for DV, amongst other things. Covid-19 interfered with our ability to maintain a bill chart this year, but look forward to the bill chart being back next year.

### STATE

The CA legislative calendar for this session ended in August. Due to legislative closures, Covid-19, and an abridged calendar, many bills did not get voted on. For the bills that did make it to the Governor's desk, he will have until September 30 to sign, veto or ignore (ignore = passage in CA)

Among the bills we had been following:

CRISES Act AB 2054 (sponsored by local Sydney Kamlager-Dove) which would create a 3 year pilot project to fund community organizations for the purpose of expanding participation of community organizations in emergency response. This bill was supported by CPEDV and was one of the few criminal justice reform bills to make it out of the legislature to the Governor's desk. It is unknown if the Governor will sign it.

SB1141 Rubio's coercive control bill sponsored by Pallavi and the City Attorney's office has passed through the legislature and is on the Governor's desk. It is unknown if the Governor will sign it, but there does not appear to be any reason for him not to sign it.

SB1276 (also Rubio) removes matching requirement for CalOES DV funding recipients and has passed through the legislature and is on the Governor's desk.

SB1190 (Durazo) expands ability to terminate tenancy when immediate family member is a victim of a crime, and eligible crime list expands to crimes that cause bodily injury or death. Also pending with the Governor.

AB 1845 (Rivas) to create the Office to End Homelessness. Also pending with the Governor. Additional housing matters of note from Amy G: CDC eviction protections, state protections through AB3088 moving rent debt out of UD forum into debt collection forums; and local housing initiatives such as [www.stayhousedLA.org](http://www.stayhousedLA.org).

Minty S-K asked about proposed legislation to increase sheriff's department oversight and learned that most sheriff reform bills did not pass. Subsequent research found AB1185 to enhance county oversight over sheriff had passed through the legislature and is pending on the Governor's desk.

### LOCAL

Eve S said that \$5M in CARES Act funding was set aside for DV; however, the restrictions/limitations on the funds make those funds difficult to spend down (Sandra agreed)

Chanel S from HCID reports that budget cuts are expected and that City furloughs are expected to begin on October 23, one day per pay period.

## FEDERAL

The non-extension of VAWA is starting to make political hay, as it did about 4-5 years ago. Otherwise most federal political work is defensive, trying to stop block granting of Medicaid.

Also a voting rights discussion held, Alex Padilla quoted as reframing Election Day as “the last day to vote.” Discussion about SAFE at Home for location security, but also the fact that a victim can vote anywhere in the county and not at a specific precinct will also help with safety during the election. An email from DPSS was shared that said that payment to pollworkers would not impact receipt of GR benefits.

## EMERGING ISSUES

HUD public comments on proposed regulations discriminating against by people who identify as transgender in shelters are due by September 22.

Fees from vital records are being used in Contra Costa to fund DV services, can that be expanded to LA?

LA City Council is conducting a feasibility study for establishing an Office of Violence Prevention, Jerilyn S is tracking.

Jerilyn mentioned potential visa requirement changes: adding palmprints, DNA tests, and iris scans to the thumbprint requirement

Gail suggested talking about alternative funding sources; maybe it would be appropriate to agendaize for the DVA meeting, which would be a larger more diverse group to discuss this broad topic

LA County added Measure J to the ballot, “Reimagine LA” which would dedicate 10% of the County’s discretionary budget toward social services

## NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Next Meeting will be on October 15, 2020.