

**MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025

6:00pm

VIA Zoom VIDEOCONFERENCE ONLY

Members Present

Belvedere: Mayor Jane Cooper, Councilmember Pat Carapiet,
Corte Madera: Mayor Pat Ravasio, Councilmembers Eli Beckman, Fred Casissa, Rosa Thomas
Fairfax: Mayor Lisel Blash, Councilmember Stephanie Hellman
Larkspur: Mayor Catherine Way, Councilmember Stephanie Andre
Mill Valley: Mayor Stephen Burke, Councilmember Caroline Joachim
Novato: Mayor Tim O'Connor, Councilmembers Pat Eklund, Kevin Jacobs, Mark Milberg
Ross: Mayor Bill Kircher, Councilmembers Teri Dowling,
San Anselmo: Councilmember Chantel Walker
San Rafael: Councilmembers Eli Hill, Maika Llorens Gulati,
Sausalito: Mayor Joan Cox, Councilmember Jill Hoffman
Tiburon: Mayor Holli Thier

Ex Officio: MCCMC Secretary Rebecca Vaughn; City Managers: Cristine Alilovich (San Rafael); Marin County Board of Supervisors: Stephanie Moulton Peters, Nancy Hall Bennett (CalCities North Bay Division); District Attorney Lori Frugoli

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

President Eli Hill called the meeting to order at 6:04p.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers, for March 26, 2025.

A roll call of the Marin towns/cities was taken. There was a quorum of the 11 Marin cities/towns, with representatives from all 11 Marin cities/towns in attendance.

2. Public Comment –

- a. District Attorney Lori Frugoli - provided an announcement of an upcoming event, free film screening & panel discussion for Human Trafficking Awareness Forum 2025: "Hidden In Plain Sight", Wednesday, April 30, 2025 | 6:00 to 7:30 pm, Dominican University of California, Guzman Lecture Hall | 50 Acacia Ave. | San Rafael, CA. 94901 Seating is limited. Please register to secure your seat! Register to Attend Free Screening. Link here: or see attached flyer. (It was noted that the date does conflict with the next MCCMC meeting, and DA Frugoli is hoping that there will be other showing dates scheduled in the near future.

3. Welcome and Introduction of Guests

President Hill welcomed guests in attendance

- 4. Presentation:** MCCMC received a presentation from John Carroll, Marin County Superintendent of Schools, who provided an update on the Marin County Office Of Education.

5. Committee Reports

All Committee reports were submitted in writing and are available in the [agenda packet on the MCCMC website](#). President Hill thanked those who submitted written reports and encouraged the membership to review the reports.

Comments: Pat Eklund highlighted several items from her written reports for ABAG and BCDC: For the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, she announced that there is going to

be an all-day hearing on April 3rd on the San Rafael Richmond Bridge before the Bay Conservation Development Commission. She asked that Council members please read the report and share their thoughts with her. The report can be viewed here: <https://www.mccmc.org/wp-content/uploads/BCDC-Report-March-2025.pdf>

For ABAG, there are several items that she highlighted: There is some money available for priority conservation areas. So if you nominate one, there is a good possibility of getting a grant to help you purchase that property. There is also a new housing platform that ABAG just started. It is called the Doorway Housing Platform and her report highlights a lot of policies that you might want to consider for your particular community. And lastly, on that issue is legislation that will allow jurisdictions to claim credit if you save an affordable housing unit. For example, if there is a possibility of a low-income housing unit going out of affordability, if you save it, you'll you can get a credit for that on your regional housing needs allocation number. And finally, the ABAG Board did vote to support bills that would create a \$10 billion GO bond on the June 2026 statewide ballot to fund the state's core rental and ownership programs. The report can be reviewed here: <https://www.mccmc.org/wp-content/uploads/ABAG-Report-March-2025.pdf>

Further, it was request that any comments regarding the BCDC April 3 hearing on the Richmond San Rafael Bridge be share directly with Pat Eklund, Novato: peklund@novato.org, and Joan Cox, Sausalito, jcox@sausalito.gov, also asked that comments be shared with her as well, as she serves as the Alternate to the Commission for Stephanie Moulton Peters.

- 5.a. Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)
 - 5a. Written report provided by Pat Eklund, Novato

- 5.b. Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)
 - 5b. Written report provided by Pat Eklund, Novato

- 5.c. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District *
 - 5c. Written report provided by Holli Thier, Tiburon

- 5.d. MCCMC Legislative Committee
 - 5d. Written report provided by Alice Fredericks, Tiburon

- 5.e. Transportation Authority of Marin
 - 5e. Written report provided by Alice Fredericks, Tiburon

6. Business Items:

- 6.a. Consideration to Appoint An Alternate MCCMC Representative to League of California Cities, North Bay Division Executive Board for Calendar Year 2025
Incumbents: The Alternate seat is currently vacant

At the February 26, 2025 MCCMC meeting, the membership voted to appoint the current Alternate, Mark Milberg, Novato, to serve the remainder of the term of the vacant Primary seat, and called for letters of interest from those interested in serving as the MCCMC Alternate to the Board for the remainder of the 2025 term. A letter of interest was received from Chantel Walker, San Anselmo.

No additional nominations were received from the floor, and no public comment was received in person or via email. President Hill called for a vote on the appointment. There was a motion and second (Llorens Gulati/Hoffman) to approve the appointment of

Chantel Walker, San Anselmo, to serve as the Alternate Representative to the League of California Cities North Bay Division Executive Board to fill the remainder of a one year term that expires December 31, 2025.

The motion was approved unanimously by a roll call vote of the cities/towns present, 11-0

6.b. Consideration to Appoint of Two MCCMC City Representatives to Marin County Homeless Policy Steering Committee

Secretary Vaughn explained that MCCMC selects two city representatives to serve on the Marin County Homeless Policy Steering Committee. The MCCMC representatives are currently Rachel Kertz, San Rafael, and one seat that is vacant, which was formerly filled by Susan Wernick, Novato, who recently retired from City Council.

A call for letters of interest was announced at the February 26th MCCMC meeting, and Rachel Kertz, incumbent (San Rafael), Mark Milberg (Novato), Caroline Joachim (Mill Valley), and Lisel Blash (Fairfax), submitted letters of interest.

Each applicant was provided the opportunity to give a brief statement regarding their interest in the appointment. Following the personal statements, President Hill called for public comment. There was no public comment received in person or via a vote was called. Given that this was a contested appointment, with more applicants than available seats, the vote was carried out by Mayors or their formally designated proxies, as noted.

Each Mayor or designated proxy was asked to vote for up to two applicants. Votes were sent directly to Secretary Vaughn via Zoom chat direct message and were then tabulated and reported out to the membership.

After the votes were counted, it was announced that there was a tie for the second seat, with the count being:

Rachel Kerz: 9 votes

Caroline Joachim: 5 votes

Mark Milberg: 5 votes

Lisel Blash: 2 votes

After discussion, it was determined that the By Laws do not speak to how to proceed in the case of tie vote, and there was a motion and second (Thier /Hoffman) to conduct a second vote to determine the appointee to the second seat. There was additional discussion, comments and further statements from applicants. Following discussion regarding whether an Alternate could be appointed, there was a friendly amendment proposed by Councilmember Llorens Gulati to the original motion, to add that, of the three remaining applicants, the second-highest vote getter would be appointed the Alternate. Mayor Their accepted the amendment to her motion and moved to call the vote, which was seconded by Mayor O'Connor.

Votes for the second seat were sent to Secretary Vaughn via direct message Zoom calculation. The final count of the second vote was:

Caroline Joachim: 6 votes

Mark Milberg: 4 votes

Lisel Blash: 1 vote

The final action, based on the first and second round of voting is to:

(1) appoint Rachel Kertz, San Rafael City Council, and Caroline Joachim, Mill Valley City Council, to represent MCCMC on the Homeless Policy Steering Committee, and appoint Mark Milberg, Novato City Council, to serve as the Alternate to the Committee should either primary representative be unable to attend a meeting.

- 6.c. Review of Draft Agenda for the April 30, 2025 MCCMC Meeting, Hosted by the Town of Corte Madera (Date changed from April 23, 2025 to not conflict with League of California Cities City Leaders Summit)

There were no comments on the draft agenda. No public comment was received in person or via email. President Hill then proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

- 6.d. Consideration and Possible Approval of Draft Minutes of the February 26, 2025 MCCMC Meeting

No public comment was received in person or via email. President Hill called for a vote to approve the draft minutes of the February 26, 2025 meeting. There was a motion and second (Eklund/Thier) to approve the minutes for February 26, 2025.

The motion was approved unanimously by a roll call vote of the cities/towns present, 11-0.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm to the next regular meeting scheduled for April 30, 2025 to be held in person and hosted by the Town of Corte Madera.