



**CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE**  
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**AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council  
**FROM:** Bill Peake, Council Member  
**MEETING DATE:** July 11, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** League of California Cities Executive Forum, Monterey, June 27-28  
**CEQA STATUS:** Does not constitute a 'Project' under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines

**SUMMARY**

Below are key sessions I attended and take-aways. Not all sessions were valuable, but many were.

The California Voting Rights Act and the District-Drawing Process

- It appears inevitable that Pacific Grove, like many (most?) other CA cities, will be forced to change from at-large to district-based voting. The only question is when and what will the districts look like. We need to understand this issue that is sweeping the state.

Governing California's Pension and OPEB System Today

- Marcie Frost, CalPERS CEO, described how her staff is working to change the culture of the CalPERS Board so that it is more receptive to employers and less receptive to politicizing investments. She expects that the 7% investment target and 20-year amortization to remain in place. California Supreme Court decisions this fall may have a significant impact.

Gender Empowerment in the #MeToo World

- Speakers described ways in which gender bias in the workplace work against women. Gender bias actions can be subtle and are ingrained in our culture. The way to combat the negative impact is to be aware of what is happening and question behaviors such as "gas lighting", "imposter syndrome", and "man-splaining".

Addressing the Challenges of Housing Affordability

- The San Diego Housing Commission and related programs provide good examples of what a large city with ample resources is doing to address this need.

Additional materials can be found at: <http://www.cacities.org/Education-Events/Mayors-Council-Members-Executive-Forum/For-Attendees/Materials>

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact to receiving this report. Forum registration cost was \$375.

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Operational Excellence

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED**

*Bill Peake*

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