



TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY

TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

To: Honorable Mayor and Town Council **Date:** March 26, 2013
From: La Vonda M-Pearson, Town Clerk **Item No:** 6
Town Clerk's Office
Subject: RESOLUTION SUBMITTED TO THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES
FOR PRESENTATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO LEAGUE BYLAWS

T.M. Approval: _____ **Budgeted Item:** Yes No N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Town Council review the proposed amendments and vote to either approve or deny the amendment of Article VI, Section 2 and the addition of Article VII, Section 16 of the Leagues Bylaws.

SUMMARY:

At its February meeting, the League of California Cities Board of Directors approved submitting two amendments to the League's Bylaws to the membership. The proposed amendments would amend the Bylaws to provide that:

1. Resolutions submitted to the League for presentation to the General Assembly must be concurred by at least five or more cities or by City/Town officials from at least five or more cities.
2. The League Board may take a position on a statewide ballot measure by a 2/3 vote of those Directors present. Currently, the Board may take positions with a simple majority vote.

The Board's purpose in submitting the first proposed amendment is to encourage members to seek concurrence of other cities and City/Town officials that the subject of a proposed resolution is a substantial one and of broad interest and importance to cities. The Board's purpose in submitting the second proposed amendment is to ensure that when the Board considers a position on possibly controversial statewide ballot

measures, the Board's ultimate decision represents a broad consensus of the Directors. The amended bylaws would read as follows:

1. Article VI, Section 2 of the League's Bylaws is amended to read as follows:

"Resolutions may originate from city officials, city councils, regional divisions, functional departments, policy committees, or the League Board of by being included in a petition signed by designated voting delegates of ten percent of the number of Member Cities. Except for petitioned resolutions, all other resolutions must be submitted to the League with documentation that at least five or more cities, or city officials from at least five or more cities, have concurred in the resolution."

2. A new Article VII, Section 16 is added to the League's Bylaws to read as follows:

"Section 16: Positions on Statewide Ballot Measures.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these bylaws, the League Board may take a position on a statewide ballot measure by a 2/3 vote of those Directors present."

To be approved, the Bylaws require that each amendment receive a 2/3 vote of those members voting. The Board of Directors has submitted these amendments to the Town of Apple Valley for approval by mail ballot.

Staff recommends the Town Council review the proposed amendments and vote to either approve or deny the amendment of Article VI, Section 2 and the addition of Article VII, Section 16 of the Leagues Bylaws.