



Board Committee Report

MEETING DATE: MARCH 24, 2022 ITEM NO: 8E(vii)

SUBJECT: **Governmental Relations Committee**

DATE: March 21, 2022

FROM: Director Aitken and Director Pham

PRESENTATION BY: Director Aitken and Director Pham

Purpose:

This committee evaluates opportunities for expanding programing with the county and cities in Orange County and monitors legislative matters.

Focus:

- *Legislative monitoring*
- *Evaluate City and County programing opportunities*
- *Annual “State of the District” presentation*
- *Monitor the development of the Joint Powers Authority initiative*

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE MEETING

The committee met on March 16, 2022 and discussed the following topics:

- There is no update on the California Authority of Fairgrounds & Expositions (CAFE) Joint Powers Authority.
- The committee discussed reaching out to Senator Dave Min’s office to continue working on changing legislation which would allow local nonprofits and community groups to use the District facilities at no cost or at a discount.
- The committee also discussed Chair La Belle’s request to seek a change in legislation which prohibits fairgrounds in California from operating their own swap meets.
- Staff also briefed the committee on an idea proposed by a member of the public to host a Jr. ROTC Day at Heroes Hall. The Heroes Hall Veterans Foundation has offered to support the event by providing funding for invitations and refreshments, and staff is reaching out to the various high schools in Orange County who have Jr. ROTC programs.
- The committee also discussed Chair La Belle’s request for a State of the Fair presentation to cities in Orange County. A suggestion was made to have Board members and staff make brief presentations at City Council meetings throughout the County, and at the business development dinner hosted by the District during the 2022 fair attended by State, County and City officials.