



City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

CITY COUNCIL NPUA HACN

Regular Special

Meeting Date: May 26, 2026

Title: Letter of Support for the California Joint Powers Authority Insurance Agency Coalition to Protect Community Services

Background: California public agencies continue to experience significant challenges in obtaining affordable and sustainable liability insurance coverage due to increasing litigation costs, escalating claims exposure, and instability within the insurance marketplace. Joint Powers Authorities (JPAs) play a critical role in helping municipalities manage risk and maintain access to essential insurance coverage necessary for continued public operations and services.

The California JPA Insurance Agency Coalition to Protect Community Services is advocating for legislative and policy solutions intended to preserve the financial stability and long-term viability of public agency risk pools and insurance programs. These efforts are focused on protecting local governments' ability to provide core municipal services by addressing increasing insurance premiums, litigation costs, and claims exposure that are placing growing pressure on public agency budgets throughout California..

Fiscal Impact: Participation in the coalition does not obligate the City to any financial contribution or policy commitment and serves only as an expression of support for efforts to protect local government services and taxpayer resources.

Recommendation: Authorize Mayor Jernigan to execute the attached letter of support for the California Joint Powers Authority Insurance Agency Coalition to Protect Community Services.

Submitted By: Patrick Martinez, City Manager

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 5/21/2026

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____