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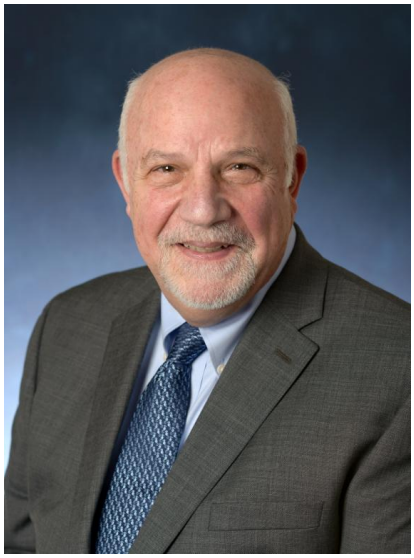
South San Francisco Councilmember Rich Garbarino Assumes Role of League of California Cities First Vice President



SACRAMENTO, Calif., April 21, 2017 - South San Francisco Council Member Rich Garbarino was elected first vice president of the League of California Cities® at the organization's board of directors meeting in Sacramento yesterday. The board of directors elected him to serve the remainder of a vacated term and will hold the position until the League's Annual Conference in September 2017.

"I'm looking forward to serving as the League's first vice president and to continue representing California's diverse cities. Working with the League of California Cities to build solid relationships with legislators and advocating for policies that support vital city issues have a significant impact," said Garbarino. "Strong California cities make a strong state of California."

Garbarino was first appointed to the South San Francisco City Council in December 2002 to fill the vacancy left by the election of Gene Mullin to the California State Assembly. In 2003, he was officially elected to his first four-year term on the South San Francisco City Council and then subsequently re-elected in 2007, 2011, and 2015. Garbarino is engaged locally, regionally and

statewide through the League serving on the board of directors, the Peninsula Division and the Public Safety Policy Committee.

"Rich is an incredibly engaged public servant for both his own City of South San Francisco and all California cities. As first vice president, he moves into a new leadership role where he will continue to focus on protecting local government authority and advocating on the issues that matter most to cities," said League Executive Director Carolyn Coleman.

In addition to electing Garbarino to serve as the League's first vice president, the board also elected San Diego Council Member Mark Kersey to serve as second vice president. Lodi Council Member JoAnne Mounce continues to serve as the League's president.

Founded in 1898, the League of California Cities is an association of California city officials who work together to enhance their knowledge and skills, exchange information, and combine resources so that they may influence policy decisions that affect cities. The League's mission is to restore and protect local control for cities through education and advocacy to enhance the quality of life for all Californians.

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