

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 7, 2016**

ROOM 525, KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 West Temple St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

***Editorial Note:** Agenda sections may be taken out of order at the discretion of the chair. Any reordering of sections is reflected in the presentation of these minutes.*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

With the presence of a quorum of Commissioners, Chair Barcelona called the Commission meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES**

The following was the attendance for the meeting:

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Fred P. Balderrama  
Isaac Diaz Barcelona  
Robert Cole  
Thomas De Simone  
Becca Doten  
Benjamin Everard  
Jonathan S. Fuhrman  
Freda Hinsche Otto  
Ronald K. Ikejiri  
Matthew L. Kinley  
Chun Y. Lee  
Adam Murray  
Edward Munoz  
William Petak  
Robert H. Philibosian  
Benjamin Reznik  
Steven Ward

**COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED**

Kyo Paul Jhin  
Jeffrey Monical  
Fred Piltz  
Lisa Watson

**COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED**

None

### **III. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 3, 2015 MINUTES**

Chairman Barcelona asked if there were any objections or changes to the minutes of the December 3, 2015 Commission meeting. Hearing no changes, the motion was then Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of the December 3, 2015 Commission meeting were approved.

### **IV. REPORTS**

#### **A. DISCIPLINARY PROCESS: INVESTIGATIVE AND HEARING PHASES**

Executive Director Edward Eng stated that the final edits were reviewed by the taskforce and as soon as taskforce Chair Commissioner Fuhrman has an opportunity to review the edits and make any additional changes it will be ready for the Commission's review.

#### **B. COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE (CCJCC)**

Chair-Emeritus Philibosian stated that the meeting was cancelled.

#### **C. COMPARATIVE FEES STUDY**

Executive Director Edward Eng stated that the taskforce has completed the initial phase of the analysis and is waiting to meet with the 3<sup>rd</sup> District representative to present the findings; and once it is approved the taskforce can then take it to the next phase which is getting the comparable data from other counties and cities.

Commissioner Reznik stated that he is currently on the taskforce and that the taskforce has learned a lot about county operations. He stated that Executive Director Edward Eng has done a phenomenal job on gathering the information, pulling it all together and making it so easy for the taskforce to just sit and discuss the findings. He also stated that he is not sure it will lead to much action from the Board but even if the Board doesn't take action it means we are not out of line or that we are in line with what they are looking for. He also stated that it was a great idea to have this particular taskforce.

Commissioner Everard stated that he currently sits on the Board for FilmLA and one of the common complaints from FilmLA is that the fees for County permits to do any sort of film are widely out of line with everyone else in the greater Los Angeles area. He stated that he is curious to know if the taskforce has seen that as well or has it been overstated by some of the other folks. Commissioner Reznik stated that the taskforce is looking at selected departments and comparing them to see whether or not the fees they are charging are current, updated and in line with other counties and cities. Commissioner Everard stated that it should be easy to get the rates-just call and ask for a county park permit rate versus a city park permit rate. Mr. Eng stated that this will be included in the next phase of the project. Commissioner Kinley stated that another interesting thing is that it doesn't look like every department had a procedure for the beginning of the year to look at the fees and the project will shine a light on that issue.

**V. PRESENTATION**

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Executive Officer/Clerk, Ms. Sherri R. Carter

**VI. BYLAW CHANGES:ARTICLE V-SECTION 4**

Chair-Emeritus Philibosian stated he would take over as the Chair Pro Tem due to the bylaw changes involving the Chair of the Commission. He stated that the Commission discussed these changes at the last Commission meeting on December 3, 2015. He stated that the Commission had a consensus that the E&E Commission needed a bylaw change to conform the bylaws to the way the Commission has done business by correcting an inconsistency to elect the Vice Chair. The inconsistency in Article V-Section 4 and Section 7C was distributed before the meeting with highlights and red inserts. He stated that the election procedures to elect the Vice Chair as stated in Section 4 is in direct conflict with Section 7C. He stated in order to clear this up the proposal was to amend Section 4 by stricken the words "Commissioner Officers" and replacing it with "The Chair of the Commission."

Chair-Emeritus asked for a motion to approve the bylaw changes. Hearing no changes, the motion was then Moved, Seconded, and Adopted.

**VII. NEW BUISNESS**

**Election of Chairperson 2016**

As the Nominating Committee's Chairperson, Commissioner Murray stated that on December 10, 2015 Executive Director Edward Eng coordinated a telephone conference call with each Supervisorial Districts representative: Commissioner Murray-1st District, Commissioner Ikejiri-2nd District, Commissioner Reznik-3<sup>rd</sup> District, Commissioner Kinley-4th District, and Commissioner Ward-5th District. He stated that the representatives spoke about all the possible candidates for the Chair position and three names were put forward as possibilities. He stated that the committee spent some time discussing the candidates and came to realize that they were not going to reach a consensus amongst themselves. He stated that they decided to bring all three names to the Commission for a vote and that the committee would also like to make sure that each nominee is still willing to except the nomination to be considered as Chair of The Commission. He also stated that there is still an opportunity in the bylaws for floor nominations. He stated that the committee wanted to confirm that the Commissioners they decided to put forward as nominees were still willing and eager to have their names put forward to serve as Chair. He stated that the three Commissioners that were nominated are current Chairman Isaac Barcelona, Commissioner Freda Hinsche-Otto, and Commissioner Edward Munoz. Commissioner Hinsche-Otto stated that she would like to decline the nomination. There were also no floor nominations.

After a show of hands for each of the candidates, Commissioner Barcelona won the nomination by a majority vote. Chair-Emeritus Philibosian then asked for a motion to approve the nomination of Commissioner Isaac Barcelona as Chairperson 2016. It was Moved, Seconded, and Approved. By acclamation, Chair-Emeritus Philibosian declared Commissioner Barcelona Chairperson 2016.

Chairman Barcelona thanked his previous Vice-Chair Commissioners Chun Y. Lee and Commission Johnathan Fuhrman for their service.

Chairman Barcelona also appointed Commissioner Becca Doten as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair and Commissioner Steven Ward as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair to the Commission. Both Commissioners accepted their appointments.

Commissioner Doten stated that she is humbled and honored to be named the Vice-Chair of the E&E Commission. She stated that Chairman Barcelona has been with the Commission for 15 years and she hasn't reached 15 months but it has been an absolute pleasure to work with everyone on this Commission and to have the opportunity to learn from everyone and learn more about the County with the wonderful leadership of the Commission's Executive Director who has taught her so much about the County throughout the time she has been appointed. She stated that she would like to thank Chairman Barcelona for taking a chance on her as his Vice-Chair.

Commissioner Ward stated that he is also humbled and honored to be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Commission. He stated that he had attended Commission meetings for about a year and a half before he was appointed to the Commission. He stated that the one thing that has impressed him about the Commission is the Commissioners that are past and present have such exceptional amount of talent and knowledge which are just unique and impressive. He stated that he has sat in a lot of corporate meetings that do not have anywhere near the talents that this Commission has. He stated that the County is so fortunate to have this type of talent in this Commission and he looks forward to serving as Vice-Chair for 2016.

Chairman Barcelona stated that he has really enjoyed his 15 years on the Commission and is honored to continue to serve as the Chair of the Commission for 2016. He stated that he is proud of the Commission and all of its accomplishments. He stated that he would like to thank the Commission for its trust and support. Chairman Barcelona stated that he would like to give a special thank-you to Chair-Emeritus Philibosian; Commission Fred Balderrama, Commission William Petak, and Commissioner Robert Cole who he has much respect and admiration for. He also stated that he is so thrilled that that Commissioners Becca Doten and Steve Ward accepted his appointments as his 2016 Vice Chairs and he is looking forward to one of the best years in 2016!

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**IX. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**X. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**XI. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Staff Assistant Aisha Pittmon stated that as of December 1, 2015, all employees and Commissioners must wear a County badge when entering the building or you will be asked to sign in as a safety measure and new policy of the County. She stated that those that do

not have a County ID to inform her by telephone or email as soon as possible for a replacement.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Barcelona at 11:49 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward Eng", written in a cursive style.

Executive Director, Edward Eng