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Economy & Efficiency Commission Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

THURSDAY, October 7, 2004
ROOM 830, 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, Chairman Philibosian called the Commission meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

Chairman Philibosian asked for a motion to approve absences.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Clayton Anderson
Fred Balderrama
Isaac Diaz Barcelona
Jaclyn Tilley Hill
Ronald K. Ikejiri
Chun Lee
Royal F. Oakes
Roman Padilla
William J. Petak
Robert H. Philibosian
Julia Sylva
Ira Thierer
Tony Tortorice

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Hope J. Boonshaft
Annie E. Cho
Tony Lucente

G. Thomas Thompson

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING AN EXCUSE

Joanne Baltierrez
Jonathan Fuhrman

It was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The Commission members requesting an excuse, be excused.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Philibosian asked if those present had any corrections or amendments to the minutes of the September 2, 2004 Commission meeting. Hearing none the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The minutes of the September 2, 2004 Commission meeting are approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF PRESENTATION

Chairman Philibosian asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the presentation of the September 2, 2004 Commission meeting. Hearing none the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The presentation of the September 2, 2004 Commission meeting is approved.

V. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Anderson introduced Ms. Carole Hatcher, former grand juror, president of LA Chapter Grand Jurors Association, and volunteer at the Sheriff's Headquarters.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Philibosian stated that he did not have a report at this time.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Staniforth noted the Board motion requesting the CAO to respond within 90 days concerning the recommendations made in the Commission's report on preventing abuse in the county's workers' compensation system. He also noted a upcoming Board motion requesting the Commission to submit a report within 90 days on succession planning within county departments. This motion was made in response to Supervisor Knabe's concern for a lack of this type of planning that was expressed during his presentation to the Commission. Mr. Rick Velasquez, a deputy in the Supervisor's Office, stated that Supervisor Knabe is seeking a comprehensive plan for department head succession. As an additional point of information, Mr. Velasquez commented that the Commission's Workers' Compensation Report and the CAO's reply will be discussed by the Board at its November 30th meeting.

Concerning website development, Mr. Staniforth reported that individual commissioner's biographies have been structured to appear in a pop-up window so a user of the site is able to print only the biography they want.

As part of the continuing effort to stay current, Mr. Staniforth recommended that commissioners check expiration dates on identification cards and parking passes. If they are expired they should be renewed with the Executive Office.

Mr. Staniforth then introduced a new commissioner, Mr. William Sullivan last year's grand jury chairperson and who will be replacing Ira Thierer. Mr. Thierer was invited to attend the November Commission meeting to receive his scroll. Chairman Philibosian welcomed Mr. Sullivan, and he commended Mr. Thierer's year of service to the Commission. He also extended an invitation to Mr. Thierer to participate in future commission meetings.

VIII. LIAISON REPORTS

Local Government Services Commission

Commissioner Selditz was not present so there was no report on this commission's activities.

Quality and Productivity Commission

Commissioner Hill announced that in October both the Quality and Productivity Commission and the Human Relations Commission are recognized for their services. Shen also mentioned that October 27th is the date of the luncheon to recognize the Top 10 projects of all the productivity projects that were submitted to the Commission.

X. PRESENTATION (a)

Chairman Philibosian introduced Mr. Curt Livesay, Mr. Bill Mangan and Ms. Lael Rubin and welcomed them to the meeting.

Mr. Curt Livesay, Chief Deputy District Attorney
Topic: A Status Report on the District Attorney's Office

Mr. William Mangan, Director, Bureau of Management and Budget, District Attorney's Office
Topic: Measure A (Law Enforcement Sales Tax)

Ms. Lael Rubin, Special Counsel to the District Attorney
Topic: Proposition 66 (Changes to the 3 Strikes Law) and Proposition 69 (DNA Initiative)

The presentation was made using a panel format during which each individual discussed a particular element of concern for the District Attorney's Office. Mr. Livesay spent his time presenting information on the fiscal and operational aspects of the District Attorney's Office. Mr. Mangan discussed the fiscal impact to the law enforcement community of the passage of Measure A, including the impact to the District Attorney. Ms. Rubin completed the set of topics by explaining the effect within the law enforcement community of the passage of revisions to both the three strikes and the DNA initiatives.

IX. OLD BUSINESS - TASK FORCE REPORTS

Emancipation Services Task Force

Chairman Philibosian stated that the mission of this task force has been completed and that it will be discontinued.

Grand Jury

With the departure of Commissioner Hill there are no comments covering the task force at this time.

Organization & Accountability Task Force

Commissioner Oakes informed the commission that the Workers Compensation Fraud Report is being reviewed by the CAO and they are scheduled to respond to the Board on November 30th.

Economic Development Task Force

Commissioner Sylva introduced her associate Mr. Robert Ahn, of Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith LLP. There was no task force meeting last month. There was communication with the CAO's office in regards to a drafted a mission statement for the task force. The task force is still working on the draft.

Sheriff's Transportation Task Force

Commissioner Anderson suggested that the Executive Director submit the draft report to those departments that would be impacted by the recommendations. It is anticipated that the report will be submitted to the Commission within 45 days.

Asset Management

Neither Commissioner Hill nor Lucente were available so there are no comments on this task force.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Philibosian discussed the new task force on Department Head Succession Planning, which will be created in response to the previously noted Board motion. When it passes the following Commissioners will be assigned to the task force, Commissioner William Petak, as chair, and Commissioners Barcelona, Cho, Ikejiri, and Sylva as members.

Chairman Philibosian asked the Commission for suggestions on the speaker for the next Commission meeting. Commissioner Sylva suggested the tax assessor to discuss his department's impact in the County's economic development. Commissioner Sylva is seeking feedback on the logistics of the property tax and how it's facilitated and collected, particularly since the county is so dependent on the property tax. Commissioner Padilla suggested the CAO provide a follow-up on the Workers' Compensation Report. Chairman Philibosian stated that the follow-up would be at the Board of Supervisor's meeting. Commissioner Thierer suggested the Auditor-Controller, Mr. Tyler McCauley. Chairman Philibosian felt that Mr. McCauley would have more of an impact on Commission matters if he could be heard at a later time.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. No members of the public commented.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion from the floor, Chairman Philibosian adjourned the meeting at 12:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted.



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Executive Director

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