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## **Economy & Efficiency Commission Meeting Minutes**

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### **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION**

THURSDAY, May 6, 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**

In the absence of a quorum, Chairman Philibosian called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

#### **V. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No introductions or announcements were made.

#### **VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Philibosian informed the Commission that Commissioner John C. Crowley, after nine years of service, has resigned from the Commission. Commissioner Crowley will be presented with a scroll at the June 8th meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

#### **VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Staniforth stated that he did not have a report at this time.

#### **VIII. LIAISON REPORTS**

##### **Local Government Services Commission**

Commissioner Selditz was not present to give a report.

##### **Quality and Productivity Commission**

Commissioner Hill encouraged the Commissioners to attend the May 26th Commissioners' Leadership Conference at the Music Center, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The Honorable Steve Cooley, District Attorney, will be present to address ethics in the County of Los Angeles, and Ms. Conny McCormack, the Registrar-Recorder, will discuss the issues associated with the new voting machines. The morning Justice Panel will feature the Public Defender, the Alternate Public Defender and the District Attorney. The afternoon Community Services Panel will feature Ms. Margaret York, the new Chief of the Los Angeles County Office of Public Safety, who will speak on her role in the Department; the Ombudsman, Mr. Robert Taylor; Mr. James Hartl of Regional Planning; and members of the Public

Works Department – approximately 12 department heads will be attending. The Conference will be opened by Chairman of the Board, Supervisor Knabe, and then the Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. David Janssen, will give a State of the County address. Sheriff Baca will make a presentation during lunch.

Commissioner Hill reported that the Commission's Annual Report has been published. She emphasized the importance of promoting and publishing the incredible work done by the County.

**X. PRESENTATION (a)**

Chairman Philibosian welcomed Dr. Dowell Myers to the Commission meeting.

Dr. Dowell Myers, Professor  
University of Southern California, School of Policy, Planning and Development  
Topic: Changes in the Demographics of Los Angeles County and the Impact on County Functions

Dr. Myers' presentation focused on changes in population and its impact on economic development and housing, particularly among the Latino population of Los Angeles. At approximately 10:45, during a break in the presentation, Chairman Philibosian declared a quorum to be present.

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

Chairman Philibosian asked for a motion to approve absences.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Clayton Anderson  
Fred Balderrama  
Joanne Baltierrez  
Isaac Diaz Barcelona  
Hope J. Boonshaft  
Annie E. Cho  
Jaclyn Tilley Hill  
William J. Petak  
Robert H. Philibosian  
Julia Sylva  
Ira Thierer

**COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED**

Jonathan Fuhrman  
Ronald K. Ikejiri  
Chun Lee  
Tony Lucente  
Royal F. Oakes  
Roman Padilla  
G. Thomas Thompson  
Tony Tortorice

**COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING AN EXCUSE**

None

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

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Philibosian asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the minutes of the April 1, 2004 Commission meeting. Hearing none, the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The minutes of the April 1, 2004 Commission meeting are approved.

**IV. APPROVAL OF PRESENTATION**

Chairman Philibosian asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the presentation of the April 1, 2004 Commission meeting. Hearing none, the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The presentation of the April 1, 2004 Commission meeting is approved.

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS - TASK FORCE REPORTS**

### **Emancipation Services Task Force**

Chairman Philibosian stated that here was no report.

### **Grand Jury**

Commissioner Hill reported that she and the Executive Director had met with the Coroner and the Chief Medical Examiner to address their responses to last year's Grand Jury recommendations. The results were impressive – the Los Angeles County Coroner's Department has taken a very aggressive and proactive posture. One of the concerns of the recommendations was that in the event of an attack in Los Angeles County, particularly a bio-terrorist attack, the Coroner's Office would not have the equipment to be able to go immediately to the site of attack to retrieve the bodies. Los Angeles County has the only Coroner's Office in the country to have applied for federal grants for this purpose. The County Board of Supervisors has supported the Coroner's Office's request to comply with the recommendations of the Grand Jury Report, and has invested \$300,000 in the effort. The Coroner's Office is now fully equipped, and they feel very confident that they now have a state of the art response system with highly-trained teams and appropriate equipment to be able to fully retrieve the bodies. The task force is confident that the Coroner's Office is prepared. The task force is now able to move on to another area of investigation.

### **Organization & Accountability Task Force**

Chairman Philibosian stated that since Commissioner Oaks was not present, there was no report.

### **Economic Development Task Force**

Commissioner Sylva stated that the task force did not meet this month, but that they are awaiting word from the CAO's office about how to approach the contract cities concept that was raised last month. This concept included having the task force work closely with the Contract Cities Association to promote economic development without violating any protocols. The CAO has endorsed this approach. Commissioner Sylva informed the Commission that the California Contract Cities Association is having their annual seminar this month in Indian Wells, and invited the Commissioners to attend. At least 80 cities will be there, as will Commissioner Sylva.

Commissioner Sylva notified the Commission that she had been appointed to the Transportation Subcommittee and the Redevelopment/Infrastructure Task Force of the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation. Commissioner Sylva attended her first meeting with the latter last month and was very impressed with their agenda, with how they are split up into regions, and with how they overlap supervisorial districts. She mentioned that the regional managers of the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation want to promote economic development in each region, and would like to talk to commissioners within each district. She asked the Commissioners if any of them had any objections to her distributing their contact information. No one voiced any objection.

### **Sheriff's Transportation Task Force**

Commissioner Anderson stated that the Mr. Staniforth is working with the task force on the completion of the final draft of the report.

### **Asset Management**

Chairman Philibosian asked if Commissioner Hill would like to speak on behalf of this task force. Commissioner Hill stated that the meetings have been very well attended, with lots of good ideas. She noted that Commissioner David Farrar was elected Chair, but that they are waiting to hear from him as to how to proceed. Because the EEC is staffing the project, it is her recommendation that if there is no further business within the next 30 days, that they should not initiate any further activity.

Chairman Philibosian suggested that due to this lack of progress, that they should revisit the idea of the county-wide joint commission, and should discuss staffing options internally at the next Executive Committee meeting.

## **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Philibosian stated that they have contacted Supervisor Knabe to be the next presentation speaker, but have yet to hear back from him. He suggested that Mr. Staniforth follow up.

Commissioner Hill recommended, as an alternative presenter, the new Los Angeles County Office of Public Safety Chief, Margaret York. She suggested that it would be very valuable for the Commissioners to get to know what this office does, as it is involved in so many county departments.

Chairman Philibosian recommended that the CAO be invited to make a presentation on the budget in September. Supervisor Knabe will be invited to make a presentation speaker at the June meeting. If he is not available Chief York will be invited in June; if he is available she will be invited in July.

The Commission decided to cancel the August meeting.

### **XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. No members of the public wanted to address the Commission.

### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion from the floor, Chairman Philibosian adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted.



Bruce J. Staniforth  
Executive Director

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