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## **Economy & Efficiency Commission**

# **Meeting Minutes**

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

THURSDAY, April 6, 2006  
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.*

#### **VI. CHAIR'S REPORT**

##### **Report on Building Security**

In response to previous concerns about building security, Chair Hill noted the upcoming emergency preparedness drill to be conducted in the Hall of Administration.

##### **Invitation to Attend Commissioner's Leadership Conference**

Chair Hill also encouraged to the commissioners to attend the May 25, 2006 Commissioners Leadership Conference. This conference will focus on Homeland Security issues. As part of the Homeland Security problem she reported that she had attended a conference on the possibility of a pandemic of Avian Flu. The message of this conference was to prepare locally since, in all likelihood, there will be no one available to assist.

#### **X. PRESENTATION**

Chair Hill introduced the Honorable Edmund D. Edelman and welcomed him to the meeting.

Honorable Edmund D. Edelman

Former LA County Supervisor

Currently Senior Representative for Homeless Issues for the City of Santa Monica

Topic: Working in the Governmental System to Achieve Effective Results

Mr. Edelman discussed his current responsibilities in the field of homelessness and related many of his activities to the work of the Economy and Efficiency Commission. During his presentation he made recommendations to the Commission on how they might increase their ability to contribute to the effectiveness of local government.

#### **VI. CHAIR'S REPORT (Continued)**

##### **Report on Sheriff's Bond Issue**

Mr. John Naimo, Assistant Auditor Controller, was available to clarify some of the issues that have been raised by the Sheriff's Bond Proposal. It is important to understand that when the County seeks to acquire a new building or facility it is almost always financed over 20-30 years. The department then pays the financing charges out of their operating budget.

A General Obligation (GO) Bond seek 2/3 voter approval of a property tax to pay for the facility being contemplated. The Chief Administrative Office is studying two aspects of the bond proposal: the outdated facilities and a capacity issue. The price to achieve these improvements can range between \$300M and \$500M.

Since the passage of Proposition 13, there has been only one occasion in 1986 where the County has received a 2/3 for a \$96M GO bond also for detention facilities. This bond issue will be paid in full next fiscal year. On a \$500,000 assessed value property the owner will pay 1% (\$5000.00) and \$4.00 per year for the 1986 GO bond. For comparison, the voter approved school district tax for ongoing facilities is \$421 per year.

The current proposal under a \$500M bond the property owner would pay approximately \$25.00 per year. Other taxes that have been approved by the voters are Measure B, the Trauma Tax, imposed on a parcel basis, which costs the taxpayer approximately \$50.00 per year, and the Fire District, Library and Park District Improvement Bonds. Adding these together easily exceeds \$100.00 to \$200.00 per year. These taxes are itemized on the tax bill.

Chair Hill asked about the current status and support for the proposed bond issuance. Mr. Naimo responded that although this is still just an idea it does appear to have some support in the community. The question is just how much are the voters willing to support given the Sheriff's requirements given that the voters have supported such a bond previously. Chair Hill then asked if the bond passed what would sustain the facilities that it would provide. Mr. Naimo this bond would not support any operating costs. This is a matter that has to be considered. Commissioner Ikejiri expressed a concern for seeking a solution to the basic problems facing the system rather than just spending money to feel good. Commissioner Parks felt that the solution resides redistributing the responsibility for individuals that are arrested to the arresting jurisdiction.

Commissioner Balderrama was interested in whether the Sibyl Brand facility would be covered under this bond measure. Mr. Naimo's understanding is that it is together with a facility in Antelope Valley. Commissioner Balderrama felt that there may be a better use for the Sibyl Brand facility and Commissioner Baltierrez also expressed concerns over funding the operating budget. Mr. Naimo reply to these concerns was that the Chief Administrative Officer has been requested to return to the Board by June with recommendations on these questions to enable the appropriate actions to be taken to ensure that it is on the November ballot. Commissioner Baltierrez asked if the money being borrowed would be on a fixed rate and Mr. Naimo responded that it would. She then asked if the assessed value of the property was raised would be tax be raised in response. Mr. Naimo stated that as long as a resident owned the property the tax would remain the same amount. Chair Hill expressed to Mr. Naimo the appreciation of the Commission for his efforts to assist in the understanding of this issue.

## **I. CALL TO ORDER OF COMMISSION**

With the presence of a quorum of commissioners, Chairman Hill called the Commission meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

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

### **Video Arraignment**

Chair Emeritus Philibosian reported that he and Commissioner Anderson have a meeting scheduled to discuss the implementation of the video arraignment process with Judge Wesley on April 11th.

## **I. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES**

Chair Hill asked for a motion to approve absences.

### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Clayton Anderson  
Fred Balderrama  
Joanne Baltierrez  
Isaac Diaz Barcelona  
Robert Cole  
Jaclyn Tilley Hill  
Ronald K. Ikejiri  
Chun Lee

Charles Parks  
Robert H. Philibosian  
Solon C.Soteras  
Tony Tortorice

### **COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED**

Hope J. Boonschaft  
Royal F.Oakes  
Roman Padilla  
William J. Petak  
Julia Sylva

### **COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING AN EXCUSE**

Jonathan Fuhrman

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Hill asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the minutes of the February 2, 2006 and March 2, 2006 Commission meetings. Hearing none the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The minutes of the February 2 and March 2, 2006 Commission meetings be approved.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF PRESENTATION**

Chair Hill asked the Commission if it should continue to approve the presentation as part of the format of the meeting. After discussion it was determined that this approval would be appropriate. Chair Hill then asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the presentation of the February 2 and March 2, 2006 Commission meetings. Hearing none the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The presentation of the February 2 and March 2, 2006 Commission meetings be approved.

### **VI. CHAIR'S REPORT (Continued)**

Chair Hill commented that she would like to eliminate from the agenda reports from those individuals that are not planning on attending the Commission meeting. Chair Emeritus Philibosian noted that in the absence of the task force chair other members of the task force may make a report. Commissioner Baltierrez felt that having these listing would assist in recognizing the current activities of the Commission. It was decided to keep the current agenda listings.

### **VIII. LIAISON REPORTS**

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

No liaison was present to make a presentation.

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

Chair Hill had previously discussed the upcoming Quality and Productivity Commission event.

### **I. OLD BUSINESS - TASK FORCE REPORTS (Continued)**

#### **Grand Jury Task Force**

Commissioner Parks had no report.

#### **Organization and Accountability Task Force**

Mr. Staniforth reported that the task force had a telephonic meeting to discuss the Retired Peace Officer Corp Proposal. After discussion the task force directed Mr. Staniforth to present the proposal to the Sheriff's staff to get their input and to seek their support. Upon receiving their input the proposal and approval by the task force the Chair and the Task Force Chair would meet with the Sheriff to get his concurrence.

#### **Economic Development Task Force**

No report was given.

#### **Video Arraignment**

Chair Emeritus Philibosian again reported that he and Commissioner Anderson have a meeting scheduled to discuss the implementation of the video arraignment process with Judge Wesley on April 11th.

### **Succession Planning Task Force**

In the absence of Commissioner Petak, Mr. Staniforth reported that he had contacted Supervisor Knabe's Office and they have stated that they want to take some action on the recommendations on the Commission's Succession Management Report. Chair Hill noted the succession management challenges facing the County at this time.

### **VI. CHAIR'S REPORT (Continued)**

Chair Hill discussed her meeting with Supervisor Molina's Office to inquire as to how best to fill her vacancies on the Commission. She presented to this office two resumes for her consideration. Chair Hill feels that any commission operates best when they at full compliment. She then asked Commissioner Baltierrez for her assistance in getting the 2 Third District vacancies filled.

Chair Hill suggested that upon the completion of a task force report that the resources of that task force be allocated to other projects. She then illustrated by using her experiences in the homeless issue in the City of Whittier. Chair Hill will be meeting with the CAO to see if there is an opportunity to assist in addressing the homeless issue. Chair Emeritus Philibosian expressed his concern over the scope of the problem and the resources necessary to address the homeless issue. He felt that the best use of the resources would be in assisting those families in need. Commissioner Baltierrez expressed her concerns over the mentally ill, the children and the elderly homeless population. Commissioner Ikejiri related his experience in the City of Gardena with the homeless population and the city's arrest policies. His experience is that you can not keep people in a homeless shelter against their will. Chair Emeritus Philibosian reminded that the California has stated that mentally ill individuals cannot be arrested, and thus are on the streets. Chair Hill stated that any discussion with the CAO would focus on the mentally ill, the children and the elderly homeless population.

Chair Hill reported that the Commission had applied for membership on the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee. The Committee's Executive Director will attend next month's meeting to discuss the mission of the CCJCC.

Commissioner Ikejiri pointed out the potential negative impact to the presenter on the lack of attendance. He suggested that if commissioners are not going to attend that guests may be invited to occupy the room. Chair Hill reaffirmed that guests are always welcome at the Commission meeting. She reported that she is attempting to solve the problem of commissioners that are not attending and is also meeting with supervisors to address the problem.

Commissioner Parks asked if he could invite a speaker to discuss the domestic violence issue. Commissioner Baltierrez would like such a speaker to relate domestic violence to the homeless issue. Chair Hill asked Commissioner Parks to invite the individual to make a presentation.

Commissioner Hill announced that there would be no one filling the assistant's position and that those duties would be taken on by the Executive Director.

### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Hill adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.



Bruce J. Staniforth  
Executive Director

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