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

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

THURSDAY, May 3, 2001  
ROOM 830, KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

*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*

#### **V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Philibosian, lacking a quorum, opened the meeting as a committee of the whole. He distributed folders containing the Los Angeles County map combining the five supervisorial districts and individual maps of each supervisorial district. The maps were provided to familiarize the commissioners with the various districts for the Commission meetings to be held in September and October 2001, when a supervisor, or a top deputy would address the E&E Commission Meetings.

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

##### **Policy**

Commissioner Sylva reported that a newspaper clipping from the E & E Commission's weekly articles, entitled E-Permitting 101, was relevant to the Joint Policy Task Force and the Accountability and Organization Task Forces' position and goal. The Joint Task Forces held a combined meeting discussing its goals with the following county stakeholder members and E & E Commissioners: Richard Rosenthal from the Local Government Services Commission (LGS); David Dijkstra from the Unincorporated Services Station of the Chief Administrative Office (CAO); Gregory Whitney from the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC); Sid White from the Community Development Corporation (CDC); and E & E Commissioners. All of the participants agreed to work together to promote economic development in Los Angeles County. The Local Government Services has agreed to help the Joint Task Force on its project and to obtain funding. This effort is a follow on to a motion by Supervisor Molina to pursue incentives for economic development in the county.

Commissioner Sylva asked Mr. Staniforth what the timing was for initiating a report. Mr. Staniforth responded that first a project statement was needed. Commissioner Sylva said that recommendations would be submitted to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to establish a policy update in order that all of the county stakeholders, the county department heads, each supervisorial district-planning director could promote economic development. The permit streamlining process was still being pursued.

#### **VII. LIAISON REPORTS**

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

Commissioner Andes, the Local Government Services (LGS) Commission Liaison, reported that he was out of town for the last meeting, and thus, had no report.

### **Quality and Productivity Commission**

Commissioner Rew explained that the activities of the Quality and Productivity Commission for the past month were as follows: at the April 16, 2001 meeting, a relaunching of the Employee Suggestion Awards (ESA) program was discussed. The program was established in 1993 by County Code. The Q & P Commission will promote the program with a \$60,000 grant to purchase recognition items for the employees who participate in the program. Commissioner Hill commented that there had been significant savings for Los Angeles County through this program. The Q & P Commission is working on a strategy that will involve the Q & P Commission's web site.

Commissioner Rew passed out two publications issued during April. The county's strategic plan in which Q & P Commission and Human Resources Commission's efforts were recognized. In its newsletter Q & P Commissions' visits to the Assessor's Department and to the Internal Services Department (ISD) were noted. The ISD will look at the Energy Crisis, its impact on Los Angeles County, and then request funding from the Productivity Investment Fund (PIF) to study energy awareness and usage. Commissioner Hill added that fire ants have adversely affected the elderly, infants and dogs.

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

With the presence of a quorum of commissioners, Chairman Philibosian called the Commission meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

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

Chairman Philibosian asked for a motion to approve absences.

### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Clayton Anderson  
Joanne Baltierrez  
Isaac Diaz Barcelona  
Hope J. Boonschaft  
John Crowley  
David W. Farrar  
Jonathan Fuhrman  
Jaclyn Tilley Hill  
Chun Lee  
Tony Lucente  
Royal F. Oakes  
William J. Petak  
Robert H. Philibosian  
H. Randall Stoke  
Julia Sylva  
G. Thomas Thompson  
Tony Tortorice

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

Fred Balderrama  
Annie E. Cho  
Roman Padilla

### **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. Hearing none the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The minutes of the April 5, 2001 Commission meeting be approved.

Commissioner Sylva commended the professional appearance of the new tabs on the dividers of the commission agenda folder.

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

Mr. Staniforth mentioned that identification cards have been distributed to all Commissioners.

#### **IV. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Philibosian recognized Commissioner Barcelona's Antelope Valley Journal article and particularly its summary of the function of the E & E Commission. Commissioner Barcelona explained that the journal is distributed in the Palmdale, Lancaster, Roseland, Court's Hill, and Little Rock area and then he handed out copies.

#### **IX. PRESENTATION (a)**

[Ms. Conny McCormack](#)  
[Registrar Recorder, Los Angeles County](#)  
[Topic: Voting in Los Angeles County](#)

Chairman Philibosian introduced Ms. Conny McCormack, Registrar/Recorder, County Clerk for Los Angeles County. Ms. McCormack's main topic of discussion dealt with AB 56, the November 2000 Touch-Screen Pilot Project, the ACLU lawsuit, funding to introduce 40 or more Touch-Screen Voting Systems into the next election, and "Ten Reasons Why California is not Florida".

#### **VIII. OLD BUSINESS - TASK FORCE REPORTS (CONTINUED)**

##### **Grand Jury**

Commissioner Hill stated that a draft of the Grand Jury Task Force recommendations, including data from the last three years, would be incorporated with the interviews of the interested parties comprising the current bifurcated Grand Jury. Commissioner Hill stated that Mr. Staniforth was working on the draft, and would also incorporate Commissioners Boonshaft and Barcelona's suggestions.

##### **Organization & Accountability**

Commissioner Petak's suggestion to request a grant from the Productivity Investment Fund (PIF) to assist Ms. McCormack in presenting the Touch-Screen Pilot Project to the Quality and Productivity Commission with support from the E & E Commission was acknowledged. Chairman Philibosian asked that the O & A Task Force undertake this responsibility; he asked the Task Force Chair, Commissioner Oakes, and other Commissioners on the Task Force to respond to the consideration.

Commissioner Oakes thought that AB56 was an excellent issue to be address by the O & A Task Force. Commissioner Fuhrman stated that the he did not know whether the O & A Task Force should take a look at the situation, but he is strongly in favor of taking action particularly with AB56 and AB280.

Vice Chair Lucente responded that the E & E Commission should take a position on the state funding issue because the Registrar/Recorder is at a critical juncture; the E & E Commission could watch the outcome over the next two weeks, and then consider the issue at the next meeting. Chairman Philibosian recommended caution on AB56 since the Board of Supervisors already stated their position not to pay for the State of California's responsibility. Commissioner Stokes asked if the E & E Commission could limit the view to the possibility of a grant, only? Chairman Philibosian agreed with the idea, since the grant represents separate money. Commissioner Thompson stated that the ACLU suit was moving forward, which could make the issue moot. Before the E & E Commission were to volunteer, let the ACLU suit run for another two weeks to a month. The E & E Commission would be volunteering in areas where the State of California needs to take responsibility, The lawsuit is pending against the State of California on the issue. Chairman Philibosian agreed that the E & E Commission should take a look; and suggested that the Organization and Accountability Task Force Chair and the Executive Director examine the issue for possible action at the next meeting.

Commissioner Petak mentioned that the continuation of the Touch-Screen Pilot Study may be appropriate for the Quality and Productivity Commission to consider. Chairman Philibosian stated that he would solicit a resolution from

the E & E Commission to ask the Organization and Accountability Task Force to review this with the assistance of Commissioner Hill. It was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: By resolution the Organization and Accountability Task Force would review voter registration issues and give the Commission a recommendation as to proposed action.

### **Finance**

Commissioner Thompson stated that the Task Force met, interviewed and selected the consultants appropriate for each task. The Executive Director met with the consultants, negotiated contracts and the project would begin Monday, May 7, 2001. The timeline is five to six months. Williams and Tucker Accountancy Corporation from Long Beach is working on the finance portion; FocusMultiMedia from Santa Monica is working on MIS; American Consulting Company is working on the policy organization and operations. The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) has provided three positions, one from the Internal Services Department (ISD) who will be supporting the Management Information Systems (MIS) function; a person in research and a person in a liaison and advisory position. In total there are three contracted positions and three DCFS positions.

Commissioner Fuhrman asked for a meeting to be organized for the group to meet with the Finance Task Force. Mr. Staniforth responded that there would be monthly briefings once the group is organized. Commissioner Thompson thought that two weeks would be sufficient for a task force meeting before both groups met. Commissioner Fuhrman stated that he would like the Finance Task Force to meet with the consultants before they move forward. Commissioner Thompson proposed a meeting in the commission office during the week of May 18, 2001.

### **X. NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Philibosian asked if there were any new business. Vice Chair Lucente told the Commission that a colleague advised him of animal control allegations involving Los Angeles County in the City of Torrance; and he read a letter stating that over the last five years the agency's costs of compliance had exceeded collections. Chairman Philibosian stated that it was a micro issue, and he recommended that his colleague should communicate the issue to Supervisor Knabe's Office. Afterwards, the Commission would like to know how Supervisor Knabe's Office handled the situation.

### **XI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted.



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Executive Director

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