## LOS ANGELES COUNTY CITIZENS ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES

FULL COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1968

TIME: 9 A.M.

PLACE: 739 - HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

Robert Mitchell, Chairman Raymond Arbuthnot Dr. John C. Bollens Davis Brabant Max Candiotty Maurice Rene Chez Dr. Warren S. Jones Mrs. Ray Kidd Harlan Loud P. S. Magruder Kivoshi Maruyama Irvin Mazzei Maurice McAlister Ferdinand Mendenhall Mrs. Benjamin Erick Smith William Torrence Gus A. Walker Burke Roche. Executive Secretary

## Attendance:

Robert Mitchell, Chairman
Davis Brabant
Maurice Rene Chez
Lynne A. Frantz
Dr. Warren S. Jones
Mrs. Ray Kidd
Harlan Loud
P. S. Magruder
Kiyoshi Maruyama
Ferdinand Mendenhall
Burke Roche, Executive Secretary

Mr. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. He asked Mr. Roche to report on the Committee's press luncheon. Mr. Roche gave a brief review of the press luncheon, and stated that, all considered, the luncheon went very well.

Mr. Magruder suggested that each member of the Committee should have a list of the County press corps members and their phone numbers so that when any of the Committee members had dealings with any of the newspapers, they could personally contact someone they had met at the luncheon. Mr. Mitchell instructed Mr. Roche to get copies of the list and send them out to all of the Committee members.

 $\mbox{Mr. Mitchell}$  then called on  $\mbox{Mr. Magruder}$  to report on the progress of the salary sub-committee.

Mr. Magruder stated that Max Candiotty, Maurice Rene Chez, Burke Roche, and he had met on Monday, February 19. He said that the entire County salary structure is in a critical state. The executives involved in the survey have not received any salary increase in two years. The sub-committee has looked into the question of what should be done for these executives on a general basis. In studying the salary schedule

further, it was found that some of these executives are paid the same or less than their subordinates. One of the principal factors involved is what is known as the "maximum" salary. The Chief Administrative Officer's salary is determined, and using this rate as a basis, the salaries of employees below his level are determined. He then called on Mr. Chez to further report on the sub-committee's progress.

Mr. Chez stated that he had interviewed the County's three top executives. After talking with these three individuals, he is in full accord with Mr. Magruder's statements.

Mr. Mitchell then reported on the progress of the Sheriff-Marshal campaign. He stated that Carley Porter had been ill and had as yet been unable to present the Committee's bill. He said he had been in Sacramento last Wednesday. He reviewed with the Committee the people he had talked to and the progress he had made on the campaign.

Mr. Roche stated that he had talked to Francis McLaughlin who was with Gordon Treharne in Carley Porter's office. They had told him that the Committee's bill was near completion. Mr. Roche then brought the Committee up to date on the campaign coverage from the various news media.

Mr. Chez suggested writing an editorial in answer to the Marshal's bill for all of the news media. He felt this was a good idea, even before the Committee's bill was completed. Mr. Mendenhall agreed.

Mr. Frantz asked when the Bill would be introduced. Mr. Mitchell told him it should be sometime next week.

Mr. Roche reported that he had been invited to speak at a meeting of the Monterey Park Coordinating Council on Tuesday, March 12. He said that he and Chief Al LeBas of the Sheriff's Civil Division would be there. He said that he would also be speaking before the Citrus Bar Association on Friday, February 23. Mr. Roche told the Committee that he had sent a letter to the Metropolitan News and had stated in the letter that the Committee would be glad to speak to any group where the Marshal or any of his people would be speaking.

Mr. Mendenhall suggested writing a news release and sending it out to all of the newspapers in care of the City Desk. He also suggested a possible press conference with Carley Porter and newsmen. The Committee was in favor of this suggestion.

Mr. Mitchell suggested appointing a three-man committee to cover various speaking engagements for the Sheriff-Marshal campaign. Dr. Jones, Ray Arbuthnot, and Lynne Frantz were chosen.

It was decided that the next meeting of the Full Committee would be Tuesday, March 5, 1968, at 10 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.