

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

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MINUTES
FULL COMMISSION MEETING

APRIL 2, 1980

Susan Berk
John D. Byork
Margaret Paterson Carr
Anne S. Collins
Dr. Mario Di Giovanni
Milton G. Gordon
Mary Jane Kidd
Thomas F. Kranz
Dr. Richard G. Lillard
Abraham M. Lurie
Robert Ruchti, II
Dr. Warren H. Schmidt
Wally Thor
Bryan Walker

Commission Staff
John Campbell
Martha Ohanesian

Members Present:

George Bodle, Chairperson
Susan Berk
Anne Collins
Mario Di Giovanni
Milton Gordon
Carolyn Ellner
Mary Jane Kidd
Thomas Kranz
Richard Lillard
Abe Lurie
Lauro Neri
Warren Schmidt
Wally Thor
Peter Tweedt
Curtis Ventriss
Bryan Walker

Members Excused:

John Byork
Margaret Paterson Carr
Gloria Starr

George Bodle called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Announcements

On motion by Mary Jane Kidd, seconded by Milt Gordon, the commissioners excused the following absences: John Byork, Margaret Carr and Gloria Starr.

George Bodle introduced Commissioner Peter Tweedt and asked him to tell the commissioners a little about himself. Mr. Tweedt is presently an administrator in the U.S. Department of Interior. He was an assistant to the Lt. Governor of California and was formerly Secretary of the California Highway Commission. He has also worked in private enterprise.

Executive Committee Report

Executive Committee met on March 13 to review the work program. The E&E Commission has received a request from the Board of Supervisors to study concerns regarding Civil Service Commission operations expressed by SEIU, Local 660, and report back to the Board as soon as possible. An ad hoc committee (George Bodle, Gloria Starr, Susan Berk) has met with union representatives, Civil Service Commissioners, the CAO, Director of Personnel and County Counsel in initial efforts to comply with the Board's request.

The ad committee presented a copy of a draft letter to the Board of Supervisors for commission review and approval. Since the initial review of the ad hoc committee showed no clear consensus on the fundamental role of the Civil Service Commission, the committee recommended that the Commission refer the issues to the Task Force on Incentives and Disincentives, chaired by Susan Berk, for the additional analysis necessary before making recommendations. On motion by Carolyn Ellner, seconded by Wally Thor, the commissioners voted to adopt the letter to the Board of Supervisors and delegate to the Incentives/Disincentives Task Force the authority to review and act on the issues. Anne Collins and Curtis Ventriss are also now members of this task force.

The Executive Committee recommended that the Commission consider an analysis of the alternatives for implementation should Proposition 9 pass in June. However, because of the priority of the civil service matter, the Commission cannot devote substantial resources to such an analysis. Consequently, the commission instructed staff to make available a fact sheet summarizing information and analyses supplied by authorities on Proposition 9.

The Executive Committee recommended that the Foundation for Effective Government seek financing for additional commission projects, namely, contracting with private firms, executive organization of the County, and government structure.

Task Force Reports

Incentives/Disincentives

The task force has been gathering information from a number of sources, including the Director of Personnel, the Federal Civil Service, and private industry on the subject of incentives.

Later in the month Elliott Jaques and task force members will meet with the Management Council Board of Directors and, at another meeting, with Alex Pope, the County Assessor and his staff. Dr. Jaques will share his organization development findings with these two groups.

Contracting with Private Firms

The UCLA Field Study Team has developed an inventory of the kinds of contracting that tend to work well in other jurisdictions. They have also initiated a case study for contracting in certain building crafts out of the Mechanical Department. We are expecting a report from them in May.

Government Structure

Curtis Ventriss, the Chairman of this task force asked for a reestablishment of ties with the task force and asked for new members. Catie Burke has indicated her interest in continuing to work with this task force, as has Myrna Mandell.

On April 22, Curtis and John Campbell will make a presentation of the Government Structure report to Inland Action, Inc. in San Bernardino.

Executive Organization

Chairman Mario DiGiovanni indicated that the task force is seeking funds in order to make an indepth study of the executive organization of the County.

Community Relations

This task force has been working actively on the dissemination of the Proposition 13 report. Thirteen hundred copies of this report have been printed and distributed to the Public Library, to the Los Angeles County representatives of the State Legislature and the California Congressional delegation. Dr. Lillard was interviewed by George Putnam of KIEV radio on the Proposition 13 report.

A summary of the Proposition 13 report is available for those commissioners who will make presentations. So far, commissioners and staff have spoken to the following community groups: a Beverly Hills group, a Town Hall meeting in Temple City and a Community Council meeting in Pacific Palisades.

On April 15 at 11 a.m. the report on Proposition 13 will be presented as a set agenda item before the Board of Supervisors. Another presentation will be made before the Chamber of Commerce on April 9 and one before the Association of University Women on April 14.

The L.A. Times Editorial Board has been informed of the report as has the Grand Jurors Association.

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John Campbell introduced Jim Pew of Philadelphia to the commission. Jim is an intern working with our commission on a statistical analysis for the incentives/disincentives study.

Abe Lurie proposed that the commission contact the State Legislature with a bill to increase court fees and interest rates. He will prepare draft legislation. He will communicate with other commissioners on this subject and keep the commission informed of its progress.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.