

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
CITIZENS ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE**

ROOM 139, HALL OF ADMINISTRATION/500 WEST TEMPLE/LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012/625-3811, Ext. 64605

M I N U T E S

COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, September 16, 1970
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: Hall of Administration, Room 739

Members Present:

P. S. Magruder, Vice Chairman
Ray Arbuthnot
Davis Brabant
John Byork
Maurice Chez
Dixon Harwin
Mrs. Ray Kidd
Kiyoshi Maruyama
R. J. Munzer
Louis Rogers
George Shellenberger
Mrs. Donelle Smith
Gus Walker

Members Absent:

Robert Mitchell
Dr. John Bollens
Roc Cutri
Harlan Loud
Irvin Mazzei
F. Mendenhall
William Torrence

Others Present: Buell Merrill
Committee Analyst

Robert Mitchell,
Chairman

Raymond Arbuthnot
Dr. John C. Bollens
Davis Brabant
John D. Byork
Maurice Rene Chez
Roc Cutri
Dr. Warren S. Jones
Mrs. Ray Kidd
Harlan G. Loud
P. S. Magruder
Kiyoshi Maruyama
Irvin Mazzei
L. E. McKee
Ferdinand Mendenhall
Louis Rogers
George Shellenberger
Mrs. Benjamin Erick Smith
William Torrence
Gus A. Walker
Burke Roche,
Executive Secretary

Mr. Magruder called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. He explained that the first item on the Agenda had been postponed because Supervisor Hahn was giving a luncheon and the committee would have to complete their meeting by 11 a.m. He asked Mr. Roche to distribute the material that had been prepared for the members and then to report on it.

Mr. Roche said the first two pages were the arguments for and against the charter amendment, and he explained that he had incorporated the suggested changes which had been made at the last meeting into the committee's argument. Mr. Roche then read the argument against the amendment and explained that it had been written by Supervisor Hahn and George Knox Roth (whose signature showed he was Secretary of the Constructive Civic Committee), with the assistance of Joe Heartz from the County Personnel Department. There was some discussion among the committee members regarding the argument against the proposal.

Mr. Roche explained that under State law the Registrar is required to send each author of the arguments the opposing argument, and each side has a chance to write a 250 word rebuttal. He then read the two rebuttals.

The committee members discussed ways in which to campaign for the charter amendment. It was agreed that news media support was very important. Mr. Roche reported on the various meetings committee members and he had had with newspaper editors and publishers and the editorial directors of radio and television stations. Mr. Roche reported that the Chamber of Commerce had endorsed the amendment and had released the report which had been distributed earlier to the committee members. He said the American Association of University Women, San Fernando Chapter, had also informed him of their support. He said the County

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Employees Association will have a detailed description of the amendment in the next issue of its newspaper and will poll its members with a brief questionnaire.

Mr. Roche said that a group called the Southern California Taxpayers Council submitted an argument against the committee's amendment. It is threatening to bring suit either against the Board of Supervisors or the Registrar on the basis that the committee of which George Knox Roth is Secretary is not a bona fide committee. Mr. Roche said that Supervisor Hahn had brought in a motion at the Board meeting yesterday asking the Board to authorize him to write the argument and rebuttal against the amendment. The Board approved the motion and was under the impression that Mr. Knox's signature would be removed from the material. However, the Registrar had informed Mr. Roche that he did not have the authority to remove the signature.

Mr. Roche said that the last report distributed to the committee members was a fact sheet on the charter amendment. He asked the members to review it at their leisure, and he would make any suggested changes.

Mr. Magruder then asked Mrs. Kidd to report on her presentation to the Executive Committee of the Past Grand Jurors Association. Mrs. Kidd said that the Association members had been very interested and had asked many questions. She said she was glad that Mr. Chez had been there to help her, and she thought his influence had a great deal to do with the Executive Committee's unanimous support of the amendment. She thought the most positive point they made involved the word "accountability." She thinks in making public presentations this point is something that can be hit hard. The Association members were also very interested in the concept of an incentive pay plan.

The next item on the agenda involved changes in sub-committee assignments. Mr. Magruder said it was unfortunate but the committee would have to select a new chairman for the Fire Services Sub-Committee. Mr. Ray Arbuthnot was becoming too involved with the County Fair and other projects and could not devote the time that was needed for the meetings. Harlan Loud had been asked to accept the chairmanship and he had accepted. The other Sub-Committee members are: John Byork, Maurice Chez, Lou Rogers, Bill Torrence. Mr. Magruder asked Mr. Merrill to comment.

Mr. Merrill said he had talked briefly in other meetings about what he was doing. There is a great deal of data to be collected, and he doesn't want to eliminate anything. He said he had met with Mr. Loud last Friday before Mr. Loud left town. They had agreed on October 7 as the meeting date for the Sub-Committee. Mr. Merrill asked the Sub-Committee members to let him know if they had any conflict with this date.

Mr. Rogers asked that Mr. Harwin be asked to serve on the Fire Services Sub-Committee. Mr. Harwin agreed.

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Mr. Magruder said that the Sub-Committees had been inactive while the committee concentrated on the Charter Study, but they would be reactivated again. He expected to call a meeting of the Capital Projects Sub-Committee soon. He appointed Mr. Munzer as a new member of the Sub-Committee.

Mr. Magruder asked Mr. Roche to report on the County Management Conference to be held in Monte Corona October 29-31. Mr. Roche said that the County Management Council, which sponsors the Conference jointly with the Civil Service Commission, each year has invited members of the committee to attend the Conference. One or two members of the committee and he have attended in past years. It was agreed that two members of the committee and Mr. Roche would attend the Conference.

Mr. Magruder adjourned the meeting at 11 a.m.