

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

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MINUTES

FULL COMMISSION MEETING

JANUARY 9, 1980

Members Present:

Warren Schmidt, Chairperson
Gloria Starr, Vice-Chairperson
Susan Berk
George Bodle
John D. Byork
Anne Collins
Mario Di Giovanni
Carolyn L. Ellner
Milton G. Gordon
Thomas F. Kranz
Abraham Lurie
Lauro J. Neri
Robert Ruchti, II
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Members Excused:

Margaret Patterson Carr
Mary Jane Kidd
Richard G. Lillard
Wally Thor
Curtis Ventriss
Bryan Walker

Warren Schmidt called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Announcements:

Warren Schmidt announced the appointment of Curtis Ventriss and Wally Thor to the Economy & Efficiency Commission. Mr. Ventriss and Mr. Thor could not be present at the meeting because of a prior commitment with Supervisor Schabarum. Dr. Schmidt also announced the reappointment of Anne Collins, Mary Jane Kidd, Lauro Neri and Warren Schmidt.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved as presented. Motion was made to excuse the following absences: Margaret Carr, Mary Jane Kidd, Richard Lillard, Wally Thor, Curtis Ventriss and Bryan Walker.

Communications

As directed by the Community Relations Task Force and the Government Structure Task Force, the Chairman wrote to Neal R. Peirce regarding his series of articles on the status of the Federal system at the end of the 1970's. He replied, acknowledging the relevance of the report on government structure to the issues, and stating that he would use the commission's report in his future work.

The County of Los Angeles is organizing a new Health Systems Agency and informed the commission of its organizational efforts as well as meeting dates. This agency is presently in the process of selecting a 21-member Countywide Consumer Nominating Committee.

TASK FORCE REPORTS

Incentives/Disincentives

Susan Berk reported that this task force will be using portions of the Proposition 13 report which are relevant to the interests of this task force.

Government Structure

A proposal has been submitted to the Haynes Foundation soliciting financial support for carrying on the work of the Government Structure Task Force.

Contracting with Private Firms

Larry Neri informed the commissioners that the term of the Contract Services Advisory Committee expires later this month. He assumes that the term will be renewed. Larry also noted that he will meet with the Chairman of the Contract Services Advisory Committee and Professor Rumelt of UCLA regarding the work of the UCLA field study team on the issue for contracting for services. The Foundation for Effective Government will pay expenses incurred by the team on that project.

County Executive Organization

Curtis Ventriss, one of our new commissioners, has expressed an interest in being a member of this task force. At this point, however, the commission has committed no resources to this project.

Proposition 13

In the absence of the Task Force Chairman, Margaret Carr, the commission postponed presentation of the task force report to the February commission meeting.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

The election process calls for the nomination of a chairperson in January with the election following in February. The process for nomination of officers allows for a first, second and third choice - the first choice being given five points, the second choice being given three points and the third choice being given one point. The three with the most points and willing to serve will be nominees for chairperson. The election will take place in February.

The ballots were distributed and collected by staff. The points were tallied after the meeting and the three people with the most points will be contacted by staff and asked if they are willing to serve.

After some discussion regarding the use of absentee ballots in the nomination procedure, the commission agreed to include absentee ballots that had been collected by Warren Schmidt.

Before the next meeting, the staff will mail a biographical sketch of each nominee willing to serve.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.