

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

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MINUTES

FULL COMMISSION MEETING

February 6, 1980

Members Present:

Warren Schmidt, Chairperson
Susan Berk
George Bodle
John D. Byork
Margaret Paterson Carr
Anne Collins
Carolyn L. Ellner
Milton G. Gordon
Thomas F. Kranz
Richard G. Lillard
Abraham Lurie
Lauro J. Neri
Robert Ruchti, II
George Shellenberger
Wally Thor
Curtis Ventriss
Bryan Walker

Members Excused:

Gloria Starr, Vice Chairperson
Mario Di Giovanni
Mary Jane Kidd

Guests:

Sarah Bottonoff - San Gabriel Tribune
Kevin Brett - Whittier Daily News
Dr. Catherine G. Burke
Rhonda Evans - County Supt. of Schools
Arch Hardymont - Security Pacific Bank
Anne Murphy
Loren Peterson
Betty Sandford - League of Women Voters
Doug Shuit - Los Angeles Times

Warren Schmidt called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and welcomed the guests.

Introductions

Warren Schmidt introduced our new commission members, Wally Thor and Curtis Ventriss. Each shared a little background with the other commissioners. Wally Thor is the President of Truckmaster School of Trucking, Inc., a school for truck drivers. Curtis Ventriss is a professor in the School of Public Administration at USC.

On motion by Susan Berk, seconded by John Byork and unanimously adopted, the commission excused the absence of the following commissioners: Mario Di Giovanni, Gloria Starr and Mary Jane Kidd. The commission will send a card to Dr. Di Giovanni to wish him a speedy recovery.

PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE ON PROPOSITION 13

Margaret Carr, Chairman of the task force presented the report "Proposition 13 in Los Angeles County Government - Before and After".

After much discussion, on motion by Carolyn Ellner with a second by Bryan Walker, the commission unanimously voted to adopt the report.

On motion by George Bodle, seconded by Abe Lurie, the commission voted that the Community Relations Task Force and Proposition 13 Task Force will meet to define a strategy for disseminating the information in the report.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

In January, the commission nominated candidates for Chairperson and George Bodle and Larry Neri accepted.

The election was held in accordance with commission procedures. The commission elected George Bodle as commission chairperson for the coming year.

George Bodle expressed his acceptance of the chairmanship and also his concerns. He felt that the quality of life has diminished in this community because of Proposition 13, as indicated by the drop in attendance to those cultural facilities that now have adopted fees. He would like our commission to be a more effective agency in the community. He sees the role of the commission as a conductor of information to the public, and feels this aspect needs to be increased.

COMMUNICATIONS

Warren Schmidt wrote a letter to Neal R. Peirce regarding his series in the L.A. Times on the weakening of local government attributable to increased Federal and State intervention in local affairs. Peirce replied that he plans to use our reports Challenge for the 1980's and Impact of New County Formation in his future work.

TASK FORCE REPORTS

Incentives/Disincentives

Susan Berk stressed that some points in the Proposition 13 report will be of value in the work of the Incentives/Disincentives Task Force. The task force is studying the work of Elliot Jaques for potential application in the County and has been exploring the idea of developing pilot projects in a few departments.

Government Structure

The task force application for additional financing has been rejected. The Executive Committee will develop recommended next steps on this project.

Proposition A

Larry Neri met with the Chairman of the Contract Services Advisory Committee and Professor Rumelt of UCLA to assist in defining the scope of work for the UCLA field study team.

Proposition 13

John Campbell announced that the report of the Proposition 13 Task Force does not incorporate work we did on the County Sanitation Districts and recommends that the commission review and release this work to complete the project. The Executive Committee will review this recommendation.

The commission discussed the question of additional work on Proposition 9 as follow-up to the Proposition 13 report. The Executive Committee will meet to consider this question and develop a work program and list of priorities for commission consideration.