## LOS ANGELES COUNTY CITIZENS ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE

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## MINUTES

FULL COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1968

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

PLACE: ROOM 739 - HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

Attendance:

Robert Mitchell, Chairman
Ray Arbuthnot
Davis Brabant
Maurice Rene Chez
Lynne A. Frantz
Mrs. Ray Kidd
P. S. Magruder
Kiyoshi Maruyama
Maurice McAlister
Mrs. Benjamin Erick Smith
Burke Roche, Executive Secretary

Raymond Arbuthnot
John C. Bollens
Davis Brabant
Max Candiotty
Myron J. Carr, Jr.
Maurice Rene Chez
Lynne A. Frantz
Harlan Loud
P. S. Magruder
Kiyoshi Maruyama
Irvin Mazzei
Maurice McAlister
Harold C. McClellan
Ferdinand Mendenhall
Robert Mitchell

Mrs. Benjamin Erick Smith

Burke Roche,

**Executive Secretary** 

Mr. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. He asked Mr. Roche if there was an agenda.

Mr. Roche stated that he had just returned from Sacramento and had not had a chance to make up an agenda.

Mr. Mitchell called on Mr. Roche to report on the Marshal-Sheriff consolidation campaign in Sacramento. Mr. Roche told the Committee he felt if Carley Porter had introduced the bill before now, it would have been quietly killed. Now, after the publicity coverage the proposed bill has had, he feels getting the bill through will not be so difficult. Mr. Roche pointed out that the Marshal has another bill he is going to introduce which covers bailiffing of the courts. He said that while in Sacramento, he met with Pete Schabarum who requested a written analysis rebutting the Marshal's two reports. He said he would prepare the summary and send it off as soon as possible, as Mr. Schabarum wanted to check over the facts and figures in the Committee's report as compared with the two reports of the Marshal. If he is able to get this material to Mr. Schabarum in time, he will introduce the Committee's bill on Thursday. He will be in Los Angeles on Friday. Mr. Roche also stated that the

Karabian bill was set for hearing by the Judiciary Committee in the very near future.

Mr. Chez suggested the possibility of getting a Democratic co-author for the Committee's bill. Mr. Mitchell said that possibly the Committee could get Carley Porter to co-author the bill. Mr. Roche said that he had seen Mr. Porter in Sacramento and that he was very ill and really should be at home.

Mr. Frantz told the Committee that he felt that Francis McLaughlin is the appropriate person to suggest a co-author for the Committee's bill.

Mr. Roche told the Committee that he and Gordon Treharne of the County Counsel's office had met with several Assemblymen to discuss the Sheriff-Marshal campaign, including Jack Fenton, Joe Gonsalves, and Bob Beverly.

Mr. Mitchell told the Committee that Mr. Roche had obtained a copy of a letter written by Price Waterhouse Company for the Marshal. Mr. Mitchell said that Mr. Roche had drafted a letter in answer to the letter from the Committee. He said he had spoken to two members of the firm by phone regarding the letter and had told them that the Committee was very concerned about it. He told them that the letter had been used in a very damaging way. He then read the letter to the Committee. Mr. Mitchell further stated that he had met with members of the firm and had been told that they had not taken a position on the matter one way or the other. He then read a portion of an article which had appeared in an issue of the "Marshal's Crier" regarding the letter from Price Waterhouse and AB 470, the Karabian Bill. He then read a portion of an article which appeared in the Daily Journal Newspaper concerning a statement by Judge Smith, Chairman of the Municipal Court Judges Association, on the Committee's report and the Price Waterhouse letter. Mr. Roche told the Committee that a copy of the Price Waterhouse letter written for the Marshal had been personally handed out to each member of the Assembly in Sacramento.

Mr. Mitchell said that he told the Price Waterhouse people that he wanted something to show the Committee members at today's meeting. He had a letter from Price Waterhouse addressed to him as Chairman. He read the letter to the Committee and asked for the Committee's views on the letter. After discussion, it was decided that the Committee should simply let the matter drop.

Mr. Chez stated that he hoped a bill would be introduced before next Thursday's meeting of the Past Grand Jurors Association so he could present it to them and get their support.

The Committee decided to have its next meeting on Tuesday, March 12, at 10 a.m.

Mr. Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.