

**Legislative Action Committee**  
**April 1, 2010**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Hamlow, Dr. Cliff – Azusa Pacific University  
Grinsdale, Marilyn – Citrus College  
Herman, Ken – City of Glendora  
Ruh, Bill – Citrus Valley Assoc. of Realtors  
Lee, Donna – So. Calif. Edison Co.  
Morrill, Gene – Certified Auto  
Johnson, Steve – Assemblyman Adams

Roberto, Jody – Senator Huff  
Taj, Arif - Sportclips  
Smith, Dr. Christine – COUSD  
Sparling, Fred – Classic Coffee

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Meeting called to order at 12:10 p.m.

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Welcome

Approval of the minutes from the March 4, 2010 Legislative Meeting

**Chairman's Report, Cliff Hamlow** –Cliff reported that he is still working on a letter for the membership inviting them to attend the monthly legislative committee meetings. Fred Sparling and Arif Taj were welcomed to the committee as new members. Regarding, the March 18<sup>th</sup> Senator Huff Education Summit, it was well received, although the second session was sparsely attended.

Dr. Smith commented that AXA was a major sponsor of the summit. She was pleased that a dialogue between the business sector and the schools was started because it is important that our students be prepared for life in the business world.

Jody Roberto concurred that today's students need 21st century skills to compete in this world. The Senator was pleased with the format of the summit, but would have liked more parents and business people in attendance.

Gene Morrill commented that he felt the summit was more school oriented than business focused.

Jody Roberto commented that the Fairplex has some wonderful ROP classes that are open to everyone and provide excellent job training to students. Jody suggested that Don Harden, executive director of the ROP classes be invited to speak at an upcoming Legislative meeting.

Bill Ruh suggested that the committee meet over at the Fairplex and take a tour of the ROP facility to see the many resources they have available to students.

Cliff Hamlow suggested that a date be set for the 2011 Education Summit. Habib Balian is speaking on May 21<sup>st</sup> about the Goldline extension and on June 19<sup>th</sup> a groundbreaking ceremony for the Goldline will be taking place. Time and place still to be decided. The committee was asked to take a stand on Proposition 17, California for Fair Auto Insurance Rates. Gene Morrill made a motion to support. The motion was seconded and carried by the committee.

*Legislative Updates - Please limit reports to 3 minutes or less and bring handouts for the Committee:*

**Brian Mejia, Supervisor Antonovich:** No report

**Jody Roberto, Senator Bob Huff:** Jody reported that the Senator is holding a business advisory meeting on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9:00 am at the AQMD in Diamond Bar. On May 13<sup>th</sup> the Senator is holding a town hall meeting at the Monrovia community center at 6:00 pm. Another town hall meeting is planned for May 20<sup>th</sup> at

the Brea community center. The committee was given a flyer showing the status of 2010 legislation. Some of the Jobs Bills Package – Eighth Ext. Session, 2010 included:

SB 8x65 – Health Insurance Across State Lines – defeated in Senate Health Committee

SB 8x61 – Repel Limitations on K-12 and community college contracting out – defeated in Senate Education Committee

SB 8x69 – Product liability – defeated in Senate Judiciary Committee

**Richard Rea, Congressman David Dreier:** No report

**Steve Johnson, Assemblyman Adams:** Steve commented that there is not much to report since the legislature is on vacation. Most bills have not started to move yet. The Assemblyman supports AB 222 which allows the burning of trash at landfills, and would produce useable power. Once the Puente Landfill closes, trash rates are expected to rise. The Smog Check for Diesels bill, which takes effect on April 1<sup>st</sup>, has many loopholes.

Cliff Hamlow asked Steve to report on the May Budget Revise.

Steve Johnson commented that the public doesn't have an understanding of how education is funded. Furlough days will remain in effect for state agencies.

**Ken Herman, City of Glendora:** Ken reported that a light manufacturing cosmetic company is moving into the City. The Planning Commission has approved legislation to put controls on boarding houses and multiple families living in single family homes. Grand and Foothill is now zoned for a multi-family residential community. Naked Juice is in escrow. The City is facing the same challenges as many other municipalities due to the financial difficulties of the State.

Fred Sparling reported that the Village area has new flower beds. Several events are planned for the area including a Taste of the Village, a talent show, "Glendora Has Talent" and an old-fashioned July 5<sup>th</sup> celebration with bands and a parade. The Village has been named as an official Chili Cook-off site.

Arif Taj reported that Diamond Ridge is full all the time. The Chamber's Business Expo is being held at Diamond Ridge on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Glendora Unified School District, Dr. Catherine Nichols:** No report

**Charter Oak Unified School District, Dr. Christine Smith:** Dr. Smith reported that the district will be on Spring Break from April 5 – 12. They are watching for the May budget revise.

**Marilyn Grinsdale, Citrus College:** Marilyn reported that the college met with Congresswoman Judy Chu to discuss grant monies. The college is watching for the May budget revise. Because of budget restraints at all the colleges and universities, there are issues with students transferring to 4 year colleges.

**Metropolitan Water District, Luis Cetina:** No report

**So. Calif. Edison, Donna Lee:** Donna reported that the Tehachapi wind project is producing jobs. Edison is serving as the middle man for the project. Internships are available for students. Applications for grants in the education (math and science) and environmental fields are being accepted. Minorities are being encouraged to apply. The "Smart Connect" automated meters are being installed in businesses and residences.

**Bob Cruz, So, Calif. Gas:** No report

**Gene Morrill, Certified Auto:** Gene reported that AB 32 regarding mandatory tire regulations has been squashed. Smog regulations are being revised. Citrus College has some great technical programs. Everyone was invited to buy tickets for the April 24<sup>th</sup> Hoop-la Basketball game featuring the Harlem Wizards.

**Old Business:** No report

**New Business:** Cliff Hamlow thanked the City for the great City newsletter.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.  
Minutes recorded by V. Thompsett