

Legislative Action Committee August 7, 2008 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Bob Cruz – The Gas Co.

Patrick Bushman – Ludwick Foundation

Corey Calaycay – Senator Margett

Jennetta Harris – The Edison Co.

Doris Blum - GUSD

Marilyn Grinsdale – Citrus College

Gene Morrill- Certified Auto

Cliff Hamlow – APU

Meeting called to order at 12:15 p.m. by Cliff Hamlow

Review of the June 5, 2008 minutes – *amendment to the June minutes* – the committee voted to oppose Proposition 7, the Solar Clean Energy Act. Gene Morrill then asked Jennetta Harris to provide more information to the committee on the proposition. The minutes were approved as recorded.

Chairman's Report – Cliff asked the committee for their thoughts on establishing a policy to present information to the committee on which a vote is required. Materials outlining the pros and cons needs to be presented for review before the committee makes decisions. And how the vote will affect the membership of the Chamber needs to be considered and perhaps reviewed by the Board, before decisions are made. Jennetta Harris concurred that both sides of an argument needs to be presented to the committee, before an intelligent decision can be made. Bob Cruz, however, disagreed and said that the Gas Company would only present one side of the argument, not the pros and cons. Cliff Hamlow stated that both sides must be presented to the committee, before votes to support or deny, would be made. Marilyn Grinsdale reiterated that any committee member who brings legislation before the committee for vote, has the responsibility to present both sides of the argument to the committee. Dr. Bushman added that the Board of Directors needs to be kept informed of the decisions made by the committee and sometimes consulted before a decision is made that will affect the entire Chamber membership. There is always the concern, that a decision made by the Legislative Committee could cause a conflict with a voting Board Member. Therefore, copies of the Legislative minutes will be given to Executive Committee and the Board of Directors at their monthly meetings. Also, only Chamber Members can present legislation to the committee for vote, even if they attend the legislative meetings.

The next Legislative Luncheon is scheduled for September 19th and will be held at the GUSD boardroom where a discussion of the upcoming ballot propositions will be discussed. Gene Morrill suggested that a professional speaker be asked to moderate the meeting. The following individuals were suggested as moderator and their availability to speak on 9/19/08 will be checked: Jim Brulte, Bob Huff, Senator Margett and Elizabeth Hill. The following propositions will be discussed:

#1 - 1856 – *Safe, Reliable High Speed Passenger Train Bond Act. (for comment only)*

#3 - 1271 – *Children's Hospital Bond Act. (for comment only)*

#4 – 1287 – *Waiting Period & Parental Notification Before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy. (for comment only)*

#5 – 1310 – *Nonviolent Offenders Statute. (for comment only)*

#6 – 1326 – *Criminal Penalties and Laws Statute. (for comment only)*

#7 – 1304 – *Renewable Energy Statute.*

#8 – 1298 – *Limit on Marriage. Constitutional Amendment. (for comment only)*

#9 – 1325 – *Criminal Justice System. Victims' Rights (for comment only)*

#10 – 1332 – *Alternative Fuel Vehicles & Renewable Energy*

#11 – 1307 *Redistricting*

Note: Committee saw no reason to discuss Prop 2 – Treatment of Farm Animals.

Cliff then suggested that the committee read through the proposed Job Killer bills before the next meeting, specifically 2716 relating to paid sick leave.

Jennetta Harris presented the committee with more information on the Solar Clean Energy Act and asked the committee for a vote in opposition. The issue is good intentioned, but does not identify the costs to the infrastructure, nor does it address back-up power investments. The utilities already have mandates in place stating that by 2020, 33% of power must come from renewable energy sources. *The committee took a vote to oppose.*

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

Assemblyman Adams: No report

Congressman David Dreier: No report

Senator Margett – Corey Calaycay reported that the Governor is not signing any bills until a balanced budget is produced. Several Olympians from the 29th District will be competing in the upcoming summer Olympics including Brian Clay, Julie Smith, Diana Taurasi, Jeffrey Holguin, Natalie Golda, Julie Ertel and Jeffrey Holguin. Jennetta Harris made the recommendation that we suggest to whom ever is elected as Senator in November, keep Corey on his staff.

Supervisor Antonovich - No report

City of Glendora – No report

Glendora Unified School District - Doris Blum reported that the state needs a balanced budget.

Charter Oak Unified School District - No report

Citrus College – Marilyn Grinsdale asked the committee for support on SB588. The new President, Dr. Geraldine Perri, is out trying to meet the community and they are waiting on the budget.

Metropolitan Water District, Luis Cetina – No report

So. Calif. Edison - Jennetta Harris reminded everyone of the “Taste of Autumn” at Citrus College on Sunday, October 5th.

So. Calif. Gas - Bob Cruz reminded everyone of the September 18th Community Energy Education Luncheon at the Biltmore Hotel. The State budget has to look at cuts as well as revenue.

Automotive News - Gene Morrill reported that the meals and rest breaks proposition is huge for the Auto Service Council as is AB 2716 regarding sick leave for employees. The auto industry is down by 16% and 10% of payroll is for health costs. The sales tax increase, Freon that is environmentally friendly but mildly flammable, and the imitative by Judy Chu to tax labor, are big concerns for the industry. No more smog checks are being required.

Old Business – New Business : Dr. Bushman reminded everyone of Flashback on Saturday, August 23rd.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm
Minutes recorded by V. Thompsett

