

**Legislative Action Committee
February 4, 2010**

ATTENDANCE:

Hamlow, Dr. Cliff – Azusa Pacific University
Blum, Doris – GUSD Fdn.
Grinsdale, Marilyn – Citrus College
Lee, Donna – So. Calif. Edison
McLaughlin, Meaghan – Assemblyman Adams
Mellinger, Faith – Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity

Nichols, Dr. Catherine - GUSD
Rea, Richard – Congress Dreier
Roberto, Jody – Senator Huff
Smith, Christine - COUSD
Green, Ted – Californians Against Higher Taxes

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

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Welcome and Self- Introductions

Approval of the January 7, 2010 minutes.

Chairman’s Report, Cliff Hamlow – Cliff asked the Committee to pick either April or May as a month to have Habib Balian, Goldline representative speak to the committee and Chamber membership. No decision was made.

Ted Green representing “Californians Against Higher Taxes” made a presentation to the Committee. Californians have repeatedly voted to restrict state politicians in Sacramento from taking revenues dedicated to funding local government services and transportation improvement projects. Despite the clear intent of the voters, the State has repeatedly raided revenues dedicated to fund local governments and transportation projects. The purpose of the “Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act of 2010” is to stop Sacramento from raiding these funds. Also Californians were hit with \$12.5 billion in new taxes in 2009 and Sacramento wants to raise taxes again. More taxes aren’t going to solve the State’s budget crisis, but they will hurt California families, cost jobs and stifle the economy.

Cliff Hamlow commented that the State does not have a revenue problem, but a spending problem.

Jody Roberto concurred and commented that Senator Huff is fighting to cut expenditures.

Meaghan McLaughlin commented that Assemblyman Adams wants to avoid raising taxes and feels that the State needs to look at how we are taxed, not increase the amounts taxed. It is not a good idea to keep taking monies from local governments.

Doris Blum said that the State will either need to increase revenues or increase taxes.

Ted Green replied that business people can’t continue to survive in this economy with higher taxes.

Cliff Hamlow commented that the business community needs to be a top priority for government as should the education system. The Committee decided to present the measure to the Board of Directors and let them make the decision to support or not.

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

Brian Mejia, Supervisor Antonovich: No report

Meaghan McLaughlin , Assemblyman Adams: Meaghan reported that AB222, “Green Waste to Energy” will stimulate the economy by increasing jobs, which the State desperately needs at this time. Meaghan informed the committee that she has accepted a position in Sacramento and this would be her last Legislative meeting.

Jody Roberto, Senator Bob Huff: Jody reported that the March 18th Senator Huff Education Summit will be divided into two segments. The Pre-event will be by invitation only.

Richard Rea, Congressman David Dreier: Richard informed the committee that the unemployment rate is 10.1% and could actually be higher because the figures are based on people collecting unemployment benefits and does not include individuals who may have exhausted their unemployment funds. The proposed cuts to the budget are going to hurt many programs, such as mental health. The House passed an increase on the debt ceiling, so the debt could increase by \$1.9 trillion. The deadline to apply for the Congressman's Youth Volunteer Awards is April 9th. The Walker House in San Dimas will be hosting an art contest later in the year.

Ken Herman, City of Glendora: No report

Glendora Unified School District, Dr. Catherine Nichols: Dr. Nichols reported that Ken Kay, President of the Partnership for 21st Century Skills has been confirmed as the keynote speaker at the Senator Huff Education Summit scheduled for March 18th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. \$500 has been allotted for refreshments for the event. The district continues to look at ways to make cuts to their budget and still remain operable.

Doris Blum added that the loss of jobs seems inevitable.

Charter Oak Unified School District, Dr. Christine Smith: Dr. Smith reported that the district continues to grapple with the budget cuts. The cuts to mental health programs are affecting the schools who are now becoming responsible for some of these individuals.

Marilyn Grinsdale, Citrus College: Marilyn reported that the college received their accreditation.

Metropolitan Water District, Luis Cetina: No report

So. Calif. Edison, Donna Lee: Donna and Richard Rea asked the committee to take a look at the "Hoover Power Allocation Act," HR 4349, which proposes to further allocate and expand the availability of hydroelectric power generated at Hoover Dam and for other purposes. Since its construction, Hoover Dam power has been allocated by an Act of Congress in the Boulder Canyon Project Act of 1928 and again in 1984. However, the contracts will expire in 2017. Passage of the proposed Hoover Power Allocation Act is critical to ensure the continued availability and reliability of Hoover power to the citizens of Arizona, California and Nevada.

Cliff Hamlow said that he would present the material to the Board of Directors and ask them to support the Legislation. Cliff added that Brian Mejia reported back to him explaining the differences between nursing homes and assisted living facilities and that the difference is related mainly to the amount of care the residents receive.

Bob Cruz, So, Calif. Gas: No report

Gene Morrill, Certified Auto: No report

Old Business: No report

New Business: February 13th at Azusa Pacific University is Glendora Day for the basketball team.

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