

## **Legislative Action Committee May 1, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

### **ATTENDANCE:**

David Monroy - Senator Margett  
Gene Morrill – Certified Auto  
Doris Blum – GUSD  
Mary Martinez – COUSD  
Pat Bushman – Ludwick Fdn.

Catherine Nichols - GUSD  
Corrine Delgado – Southland Properties  
Cliff Hamlow – Azusa Pacific University

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### **Meeting called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Chairman, Cliff Hamlow**

#### **Review of the April 3, 2008 minutes**

**Chairman's Report – Cliff Hamlow** – Cliff reported that letters relative to the school budget cuts have been sent to the legislature on behalf of the Glendora Chamber Legislative Committee. Please note the following date change for the May Education Forum. It is now being held on Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The June Utilities Forum will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> at Citrus College Innovation Center. On May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Azusa Pacific University, a town forum with Assemblyman Hernandez and representatives from area schools, will be held to inform the public of the budget crisis our schools are facing. The State of California is looking at a huge budget shortfall. The Bond Oversight Committee which meets once a quarter and oversees school modernization and repairs, is seeking applicants. Goldline Issues remain a hot topic of discussion and there is talk of turning the carpool lane on the 210 freeway into a toll road. The County has no more redevelopment money available for this area.

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

**Steve Johnson, Assemblyman Adams:** No report

**Carlos Cortez, Congressman David Dreier:** No report

**David Monroy, Senator Margett** – David reported that SB1105 regarding the loophole which allows teachers who plead “no contest” to misdemeanor sex crimes to continue teaching, is currently on the Senate floor. SB1141 which ensures that medical aircraft carrying out missions, can't be pre-empted, has passed the Senate and is on the way to the Assembly. Over 300 participants attended the 2008 Women's Conference on April 19<sup>th</sup> at Citrus College. On May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm at Westfield Santa Anita Mall, 26 government agencies will be on hand for the 29<sup>th</sup> annual District State Agency Expo.

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

**Ken Herman, City of Glendora** – No report

**Glendora Unified School District, Catherine Nichols:** Dr. Nichols reported that the district continues to fight the proposed budget cuts. No pink slips have been given, but they will be laying off temporary employees. Two schools are recipients of the California Distinguished Award: Southerland and La Fetra. A delegation of students will be traveling to Moka Japan, Sister City of Glendora. Modernization is underway at 2 Glendora

schools. An “SOS” program to help fund school programs is about to begin. Parents of Glendora students will be asked to “sponsor a child for \$100” which will help keep many valuable school programs ongoing. Other districts are asking for up to \$400 per student. Schools are State dependent with the State acting as a giant school board and the way districts are funded is based on rates established years ago according to wealth of the area. So, students of wealthier districts are funded at higher rates than districts of lower economic status. This allows for great discrepancies, between districts. This playing field needs to be leveled with all students being funded at an equal rate regarding of the economic status of their district. In closing, make a note that Doris Blum, is being honored with the “Woman of Achievement Award” on June 6<sup>th</sup> at noon at the City of Industry.

**Charter Oak Unified School District, Mary Martinez** - Mary reported on the difficulties that Charter Oak School District is also experiencing due to the proposed budget cuts. Declining enrollments are forcing them to consider accepting inter-district students at a larger than normal rate. Although, no pink slips have been given, early retirement packages were offered. It’s a “wait and see what happens” experience for the teachers. All elementary schools are being modernized and summer enrichment programs are still being offered.

**Marilyn Grinsdale, Citrus College** – No report

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

**Jennetta Harris, So. Calif. Edison** - No report

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

**Old Business – New Business :**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Minutes recorded by V. Thompsett