

**Legislative Action Committee
May 6, 2010**

ATTENDANCE:

Boyer, Gary – Southland Properties
Blum, Doris – GUSD Fdn.
Cruz, Bob – The Gas Company
Grinsdale, Marilyn – Citrus College
Hamlow, Dr. Cliff – Azusa Pacific University
Herman, Ken – City of Glendora
Imboden, Fawn - ACCU
Mejia, Brian – Supervisor Antonovich

Morrill, Gene – Certified Auto
Rea, Richard – Congressman Dreier
Roberto, Jody – Senator Huff
Ruh, Bill – Citrus Valley Assoc. of Realtors
Smith, Dr. Christine - COUSD
Tenney, Mary – Mary Tenney Consulting

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

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Welcome

Approval of the minutes from the April 1, 2010 Legislative Meeting

Chairman's Report, Dr. Cliff Hamlow – Cliff asked that a copy of the Legislative Priorities be emailed to all the committee members. On Friday, May 21st, arrangements were made to have Habib Balian speak to the committee about the Goldline extension. However the Chamber is going to be closed that day for a staff function, so the committee was asked how they wanted to proceed with the event. Fawn Imboden from America's Christian Credit Union volunteered to host the event and provide lunch if the Chamber would be responsible taking the reservations. America's Christian Credit Union is located at 2100 E. Route 66. The Chamber was asked to add the following date to their website calendar: 6/26/10 at Eisenhower Park in Arcadia for the Goldline Groundbreaking Ceremony.

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

Brian Mejia, Supervisor Antonovich: Brian reported that the Supervisor is in Washington to discuss illegal immigration and the impact it has on municipalities. 25% of the jail population is classified as illegal and they are siphoning off welfare monies to the tune of 1 billion dollars annually. The 3010 Initiative is receiving support from the MTA Board. Remember to support our veterans on May 29th at Arcadia County Park. The Supervisors annual trail ride is scheduled for May 16, 2010 at Hahamongna Watershed Park in Pasadena. The 20th annual Family Music Festival will take place on June 27th from noon to 7:00 pm at Frank G. Bonnell Park. To purchase tickets call 909-599-8411.

Bob Cruz made the suggestion that someone from immigration or customs be contacted to speak to the committee since illegal immigration is such a hot topic.

Jody Roberto, Senator Bob Huff: Jody commented that the Senator is very concerned about the loss of jobs and the economy of California. SB 1051 passed the Senate Health Committee and will allow volunteer school employees to be trained to provide emergency medical assistance to students suffering from seizures. The Senator is concerned about SB 955 regarding teacher layoffs. Safeguards to prevent districts from laying off tenured teachers in order to hire lower paid teachers need to be implemented. Each committee member received a copy of "Huff's Hot Sheet" outlining 2010 Legislation and the status of where each bill stands in the legislature. The committee was invited to attend the Senators "Jobs & Economy Town Hall Meeting" taking place on May 13th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Monrovia Community Center.

Richard Rea, Congressman David Dreier: Richard reported that the Legislature is trying to get budget revisions done before they go on break in July. These days the stock market is so global that changes in one part of the world affect the economies of everyone. Applications are being accepted for the Congressman's Youth Volunteer Award Program which will take place on June 1st in Arcadia. Regarding special projects, the Congressman has a strict process that he follows before accepting one.

Steve Johnson, Assemblyman Adams: No report

Ken Herman, City of Glendora: Things are status quo reported Ken. No new developments. The housing market seems to be turning around. The City is still facing a budget deficit. Applications are being accepted for the vacant seat on the City Council.

Gary Boyer asked if there was an update on the Rosedale Project because developers are seeking interviews with area realtors.

Ken replied that developers on the Azusa side are still planning to develop properties.

Bob Cruz commented that budget deficits and their effect on special education programs is huge and the impact will be felt for a very long time.

Dr. Christine Smith concurred.

Glendora Unified School District, Dr. Catherine Nichols: Doris Blum reported that the district is waiting to see what happens with the May 14th budget revisions. Dr. Nichols has accepted a position with another district, so the search for a new Superintendent has begun.

Charter Oak Unified School District, Dr. Christine Smith: Dr. Smith reported that they are also waiting to see what happens with the budget revisions. The fiscal impact on special education is devastating and causing issues for the districts now having to deal with these children.

Marilyn Grinsdale, Citrus College: Marilyn reported that Citrus College received a \$25,000 Sempra Scholarship from the Gas Company. Citrus College supports SB 1440 enabling students to transfer from Community Colleges to a California State Universities when they meet certain criteria.

Bob Cruz suggested the committee take a stand to support SB 1440. The motion was approved and Marilyn said she would provide a form letter to the committee.

So. Calif. Edison, Donna Lee: No report

Bob Cruz, So, Calif. Gas: Bob suggested the committee schedule something with Dan Harden regarding the ROP program offered at the Fairplex. Either schedule him to speak to the committee or make a field trip to the Fairplex for a tour of the facility.

Gene Morrill, Certified Auto: Gene reported on Ballot Measure AB 32 dealing with global warming and the impact it could have on the auto service industry.

Cliff Hamlow advised everyone to carefully study and read the ballot propositions before making a decision. The Cal Chamber opposes Prop 16 regarding cities going into the utility business.

Old Business: No report

New Business:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.
Minutes recorded by V. Thompsett

