

**Legislative Action Committee
September 2nd, 2010**

ATTENDANCE:

Blum, Doris – GUSD Fdn.
Boyer, Gary – Southland Properties
Delgado, Corrine – Southland Properties
Grinsdale, Marilyn – Citrus College
Hamlow, Dr. Cliff – Azusa Pacific University
Imboden, Fawn – ACCU
Lee, Donna – So. Calif. Edison

Morrill, Gene – Certified Auto
Rea, Richard – Congressman Dreier
Ruh, Bill – Citrus Valley Assoc. of Realtors
Smith, Dr. Christine - COUSD
Sparling, Fred – Classic Coffee
Voors, Dr. Robert - GUSD

The meeting was called to order at 12:04PM.

The minutes from the July 1st, 2010 meeting were reviewed submitted for review. Chariman Dr. Cliff Hamlow asked that the following correction be made to the minutes: “Fawn Imboden commented that she heard that APU is accepting 1200 new students for the fall semester and that tuition costs have increased by \$5,000 per year.” Should be changed to reflect that it was not Fawn Imboden, but a committee guest, that reported the figure, which should also be changed from \$5,000 to \$800/\$900.

Dr. Cliff Hamlow, Chairman’s Report: Cliff reported that the following changes will be made to the format of the September 30th Candidate Meet & Greet:

- Candidate opening statement will be reduced from 4 to 3 minutes
- Candidates will have 2 minutes to respond to questions; and additional 1 minute for rebuttal will be added.
- Closing statements will be reduced from 3 to 2 minutes.

Cliff asked that Marilyn Grinsdale serve as an event timer along with Gary Boyer, to which Marilyn agreed. Fred Sparling was asked to sit on the Question Selection Committee with Bill Ruh and Doris Blum, to which he agreed. Bill Ruh recommended that the Legislative Committee create a list of questions for the forum in the event that the audience does not submit any. Cliff asked that any questions members of the committee have be forwarded to Fred Sparling for review. The event will end around 9:00PM. Cliff will updated the event forum and email it to the committee for review.

Cliff reported that the La Verne Chamber announced the forum at a recent event they held. Bill added that CVAR has emailed the event flyer to its entire distribution list. Jen Aguilar reported that the Chamber had emailed the flyer out Monday, and will be including it in the upcoming September E-Bulletin and The Business View.

Bill stated that CVAR will be placing tables outside of the community room for the Candidates to display campaign materials. Fred recommended that the Chamber inform the Candidates of the amount of space they will be allotted so that they do not bring over-sized materials. Doris Blum suggested that the materials only be displayed after the forum has ended , to which the committee agreed.

Doris introduced Dr. Robert Voors, the new Superintendent of Glendora Unified School District. Dr. Voors has been a resident of Glendora for 23 years, and has had three children go through GUSD.

Dr. Cliff Hamlow, Ballot Initiative Overview: Cliff provided the committee with an overview of the following ballot initiatives:

- Prop 19 – Regulate, control and Tax Cannibis Act of 2010. SGV Coalition of Chambers and SGV Economic Partnership no position; CalChamber opposed. Bill added that CVAR has expressed concerns over the legal ramifications that the proposition will place upon property owners and managers.
- Prop 20 – Redistricting of Congressional Districts. SGV Coalition and CalChamber supported; SGV Partnership to reconsider in September.
- Prop 21 – License fees for parks. SGV Coalition opposed.

- Prop 22 – Local Taxpayer, Public Safety and Transportation Protection Act. Supported by all three groups.
- Prop 23 – Suspends Air Pollution control laws requiring major polluters....Tabled by the Coalition; CalChamber will hear in September; Partnership opposition is environmentalist and capitalist.
- Prop 24 – Repeal corporate Tax Loopholes Act. Opposed by all three groups.
- Prop 25 – On Time Budget Act of 2010. Coalition and CalChamber opposed; Partnership supported.
- Prop 26 – Stop Hidden Taxes. Supported by all three groups.
- Prop 27 – Eliminates state commission on redistricting. Opposed by all three groups.

Richard Rea, Congressman Drier: Richard reported that it has been a quiet month. In early August the House was called back into session to discuss the teacher bailout bill, as there is confusion regarding when the money will be allocated. In order for the dollars to be paid out, California must first have a budget. As a result, an emergency bill will need to be passed in order to release the funds. There is also concern over whether or not the funds will be utilized to hire back teachers this year instead of next.

Brian Mejia, Supervisor Antonovich: No report.

Jody Roberto, Senator Bob Huff: Jodi reported that there is still no news regarding the budget. Copies of the ‘Huff Hot Sheet’ were distributed.

Bill stated that a bill regarding a possible Professional Services Tax is currently on the Governor’s desk, and is concerning CVAR. Gene Morrill suggested that the committee keep watch on the progress. Cliff inquired into the possibility of an internet sales tax, to which Jodi replied that she not heard anything.

Steve Johnson, Assemblyman Adams: No report.

Ken Herman, City of Glendora: No report.

Glendora Unified School District, Doris Blum/Dr. Robert Voors: Dr. Voors reported that school has begun, and all numbers are reflecting that students are showing up. Enrollment is up to around 7, 260. Test scores are looking positive, although actual figures cannot yet be released. If the teacher bailout bill does move forward, it will be of great assistance to the district as it has had to implement 6 furlough days, of which 5 are school days.

Doris reported that the state has deferred its payment to the district, and as a result, the district will have to borrow money to pay its bills.

Richard Rea asked if the age requirement for Kindergarten has changed, to which Doris responded that children will now have to meet the requirement by September 1st. The change will take place over school years through 2014. Monies that will no longer be received for enrolled students will be provided to fund pre-k programs.

Charter Oak Unified School District, Dr. Christine Smith: Christine reported that Dr. Mike Hendricks, previously assistant superintendent, has now been welcomed in as COUSD Superintendent.

Marilyn Grinsdale, Citrus College: Marilyn reported that the school year began this week, up 1,040 students from last year. 1,000 seats had to be cut in order for the budget to be met, but many of the Professors are taking extra students instead of turning them away. Retention is very high due to the difficulty in getting classes.

Marilyn thanked the committee and the Chamber for supporting SB 1440. She invited everyone to attend the dedication for Citrus’ newest facility on September 14th from 3:00 to 4:00PM.

Dr. Cliff Hamlow, APU: Cliff reported that APU traditionally starts the school year after the Labor Day holiday so that parents do not have to miss too much work. Enrollment is up 500: 100 new freshmen, 200 retention and 200 transfers. Graduate numbers are not as high, mainly because it consists of individuals in the workforce. Total enrollment is around 10,500.

So. Calif. Edison, Donna Lee: Donna reported that Edison's Smart Connect Program is going very well, with around 95% of meters being replaced. Edison will be having a 'Go Green' exhibit at the LA Country Fair.

Edison, in conjunction with SCE, will be providing an assistance program through September 31st.

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

Bob Kuhn, Metropolitan Water District: No report.

Gene Morrill, Certified Auto: The auto industry is upset over a new law that requires all businesses to check the tire pressure on every vehicle that is serviced, notating the results on the service invoice. The industry is in support of SB2446, a CTE bill that would allow kids to take performing arts or a CTE course instead of Spanish, and has a good chance of going through; 2289 revamps the smog check regulations, and will help to lower costs and reduce fraud.

Gary Boyer, Southland Properties: No report.

Fawn Imboden, America's Christian Credit Union: Fawn reported that banks are no longer allowed to pay overdraft charges on customer accounts, and then charge overdraft fees. As a result, you will no longer have coverage when you write a check or use a debit card on an overdrawn account. In order to have this coverage you will need to opt-in to the service. Credit cards will also be imposing a large number of fees due to new regulations that have been imposed.

Fred Sparling, Classic Coffee: Glendora Day at the Fair is September 15th, and will include a Business and Community Expo.

Jen Aguilar, Chamber of Commerce: Jen reported that the Chamber will have a busy September with various networking events. The upcoming breakfast will feature Sylvia Beltran of the Metro Gold Line.

Old Business: The Legislative Priority review has been tabled.

New Business: No Report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15PM.

Minutes recorded by J. Aguilar