



# LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY FORUM

April 27, 2016

## A G E N D A

Jim Vigdor, Presiding  
8:00 a.m. Simi Valley Chamber Boardroom

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| I.   | Call to Order   | Jim Vigdor  |
| II.  | Self-Introductions  |   |
| III. | Approval of Minutes   | Jim Vigdor  |
| IV.  | Legislative Updates   | Gioia Goodrum   |
| VI.  | <u>Legislative Updates</u><br>Congresswoman Brownley<br>Congressman Knight<br>Senator Pavley<br>Assemblyman Wilk<br>Supervisor Foy<br>City of Simi Valley<br>Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District<br>US Chamber of Commerce | Jason Barnes<br>Mary Bandini<br>Marie Lakin<br>Pam Campeau<br>Brian Miller<br>Brian Gabler<br>Elaine Freeman<br>Jennings Imel |

Other Agencies:

CalState Channel Islands, Job & Career Center, Metropolitan Water District,

- VII. Other Business

Candidate Forum: October 4, or 5, 2016 BW Posada Royale 7:30-9:00am

Next Meeting: May 25, 8:00 a.m.

- VIII. Adjourn

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Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce  
**Legislative Advocacy Forum**

**Legislative Action Forum Meeting Minutes**  
**March 23, 2016**

Attendance: Mary Bandini – Congressman Steve Knight; Pam Campeau – Assemblyman Scott Wilk; Jason Barnes – Congresswomen Brownley; Jim Vigdor – Alcoa Fastening Systems and Rings; Gioia Goodrum – Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce; Brian Miller – Supervisor Foy’s Office; Denis Weber – California United Bank; Elaine Freeman – Rancho Simi / Urban Strategies; Linda Martinez – Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce

Legislative Updates – Gioia provided a legislative update including information on the following: SB1228, AV785, AB1676, and AB67.

**Jason Barnes – Congresswoman Julia Brownley**

–Tuesday March 29 Congresswoman Brownley is hosting an event for the Railroad Administration. It is 1.5 M grant: the Rice Ave Rail Safety project for the department of transportation, requesting funds for the railway and a 6 lane overpass crossing.

Tax assistance workshop, this past weekend in Oxnard assisted with tax returns for those who earn \$54,000 or less, was a successful event. Also hosted a round table on March 10 with female Veterans to discuss unique challenges they are experiencing with returning to civilian life and accessing VA health care.

Town Hall in Oak Park with Adam Schiff, National Park Service, expansion of the Santa Monica mountains, report recommends significant expansion, and has been delivered to congress.

Veterans Affairs HR-4590 new VA clinic in Ventura county, Oxnard is proposed location.  
Amendments approved for the wildfire fighting and reduce human trafficking.  
HR4441 – Airport improvement program, aviation safety and improve the aircraft certification process.

HR 2915 Female Suicide Prevention Act bill passed.

**Mary Bandini – Congressman Steve Knight**

Business in Simi Valley will be impacted by the new Department of Labor OT rule regarding overtime pay for employee’s making \$50,000 or less, this will hurt small business owners. Congressman drafted a letter to the Department of Labor to address the hike.

The Congressmen will be in Simi on April 6<sup>th</sup>, he is looking to tour any small businesses that would like to have him. Reach out to the businesses and see who would like to have him visit.

Please let people know if they are interested in voting they can go into their office to register.

Save Lexi, is an issue that is receiving attention daily. Under Indian tribal law, Lexi was taken from her foster home and given to her Native American family for care. They are taking names of people who are for the “ Save Lexi issue”.

**Pam Campeau – Assemblyman Scott Wilk**

First Street overpass to be renamed in recognition of Michael Clarke.  
AB1866 High speed rail project funds to be used to fund water projects will be heard on April 4<sup>th</sup> (\$8B in bonds).

AB2403 working with Assembly Richard Blum, on a letter to address issue, exact details are still being worked on, Alcohol and Drug treatment issue.

### **Brian Gabler – City of Simi Valley**

The County relocated all of their offices to a building on Madera (old Bugle Boy Bldg.) , they will re-route their bus routes to accommodate the people going to those offices. Mike Weisner just retired and is leaving the County, Maggie Kesley has been appointment to be the new Planning Commissioner. The County has approved a new property tax assessment and collection system, we need to upgrade our current system and processes will be updated soon too.

### **Elaine Freeman - RSRPD**

Conversion of Fire Stations in the Knolls to a community center is almost completed. Within next couple of months will have an opening. Chumash Park under construction, Alamos Canyon, access under freeway, looks like we are going to get that, in final stages of closing escrow.

### **Jennings Imel - US Chamber**

Department of Labor, OT rule is their number one concern impacts small business, non-profits. HR4773 & S2797, putting together tool kit at this time, try to get chambers to sign onto. (get information from Gioia) what are these points???? Mandatory paid sick leave for Federal Contractors, executive order, mandated to provide 7 days sick leave.

Small Business Summit in Washington D.C. is 3 day event that will take place, June 13 – 15<sup>th</sup>.

Denis Weber California United Bank  
Broadband workshop was presented in Westlake Village /Agoura Hills.

Jim Vigdor(closing)

Capitol Summit is scheduled for: May 17 & 18, Minimum wage going up again, yearly until it reaches \$15 per hour in 2021.

Recorded by Linda Martinez