



LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY FORUM

February 24, 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>
Congresswoman Brownley
Congressman Knight
Senator Pavley
Assemblyman Wilk
Supervisor Foy
City of Simi Valley
Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District | Jason Barnes
Pat Saraceno
Marie Lakin
Pam Campeau
Brian Miller
Brian Gabler
Elaine Freeman |

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: March 23, 8:00 a.m.

- VIII. Adjourn

Disclaimer: The Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce Legislative Advocacy Forum is a committee of the Chamber of Commerce. The Committee acts as a forum for discussion about legislative activity and provides the Board of Directors with recommendations for decisions. Comments made at committee meetings do not represent the views of the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce or the Board of Directors.

Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce
Legislative Advocacy Forum
January 27, 2016 Minutes

Present: Gioia Goodrum, Marie Lakin, Denis Weber, Pam Campeau, Brian Miller, Jason Barnes, Patricia Saraceno Brian Gabler, Elaine Freeman, Linda Martinez

Not Present: Jim Vigdor

- I. Call to Order by Gioia Goodrum at 8:10 a.m.
- II. Self-Introductions were not made as all present know each other.
- III. Approval of Minutes – a motion was made to approve the minutes and passed.
- IV. Legislative Updates

CAL CHAMBER REPORT 2015 - Stopped 18 of 19 job killer bills. Gioia will send a pdf with the minutes and next month's agenda.

Legislative Updates - Gioia

SB 269 – (Support) to eliminate frivolous lawsuits

AB 67 – (Oppose) holiday double pay act

SEN. BROWNLEY – Jason Barnes OMNIBUS; voted in favor, Tax Credits Extension – voted in favor

CONGRESSMAN KNIGHT – Pat Saraceno

Voted in favor of OMNIBUS. Introduced 2 new pieces of legislation HR 4322 & HR 586. Military Veterans - Meet n Greet Friday 1/29/16 at VFW Museum, Simi Town Center. Porter Ranch Gas Leak – introducing new legislation to prevent this in the future. “SCRUB” Act

SENATOR PAVLEY – Marie Lakin, Senator Pavely attended the Climate Change Summit in Paris

Oct 23, Gas leak discovered, 3,000 families relocated (12,000 people), Business community suffering – Class action lawsuit filed.

The location is a Natural Gas Storage Facility that is leaking. It is not methane but the additive that's making people sick (mercaptine). The facility supplies most of southern California. The problem is that the equipment is antiquated.

Gas wells are not up to standard as they repurposed the old oil wells for the natural gas storage.

Sempra Energy/Southern California Gas
The wells are 8,700 feet below ground.
SB 886 – Emergency legislation
SB 887 – Strengthen standards so this doesn't happen in the future
SB 888 – proposes that one agency be in charge of future disasters like this (CAL OES).
CA State budget – signed by Governor Brown.

CA Assemblyman SCOTT WILK –Pam Campeau

Proposed legislation to rename First Street Bridge “Michael Clark” bridge.
Assemblyman Wilk has been selecting a “Small Business of the Month in his district to honor each month. Platinum Sports and the \$5 BookStore were both honorees.
AB1566 - Require written reports to include signed statement of truth
AB 1648 – Tax payers must have access to all public records, State and local agencies
Feb 19th – deadline for bills to be introduced (bills cannot be introduced post-Feb 19)
\$68 billion high speed rail initiative – voters must repeal the initiative since it was a voter initiative.

PETER FOY - Ventura County Board of Supervisors – Brian Miller

ADOPT A HIGHWAY – Simi and Moorpark Rotary Clubs decided to adopt Tierra Rejada Road for cleanup.
Prop 84 Grant money allocated for all of Ventura County \$12.2 million in total.
Water Management Grant of \$7 million for Moorpark de-salt project off of Hwy 118 and 23 intersection. There are shallow aquifers to pump water for deSal project \$61 million facility (mostly funded by grant)
Board voted to accept funding to build out prison. Todd Road Jail expansion to hold 65 inmates
Don't want to create pathway for legalization of Marijuana/Marijuana cultivation
Ventura County Shadow Box at the Capital was redone by Cathy Long's office and will be going up mid-February

BRIAN GABLER – Simi Valley Planning Commission

Prohibition ordinance must be enacted by March 1 on the cultivation, usage, sale of Marijuana
Moratorium on massage permits. Therapists must be employed by a company or be a W2 therapist to practice in Simi Valley.
Sober living/drug rehab facility to be located in the Texas tract. Per the City, they have no jurisdiction over those kinds of facilities under six beds as it is considered a “residential” care facility.

ELAINE FREEMAN – Park & Recreation District/Planning

USA properties will build more affordable senior living in the property District sold to them. High-density housing will also be included but the park overlay will need to be removed to accomplish this. Looking for a location for the BMX track.

Next meeting: February 24

Adjourned 9:35 a.m.