



**Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce
Legislative Advocacy Forum
February 22, 2017 Agenda**

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

- I. Call to Order Jim Vigdor

- II. Self-Introductions

- III. Approval of Minutes Jim Vigdor

- IV. Legislative Updates
Congresswoman Brownley Jason Barnes
Congressman Knight Katie Varner
Senator Stern Marie Lakin
Assemblyman Acosta Taylor Criddle
Supervisor Foy Brian Miller
City of Simi Valley Brian Gabler
Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District Elaine Freeman
US Chamber of Commerce Jennings Imel
Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce Samantha Shapiro
 -Cal Chamber Coalition Sign-On Bills
 -AB 5, SB 33, SB 62, SB 63

Other Agencies:

Cal State Channel Islands, Job & Career Center, Metropolitan Water District,

- VII. Other Business

Next Meeting: March 22, 8:00 a.m.

- VIII. Adjourn

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Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce
Legislative Action Forum
January 25, 2017 Minutes

- I. Call to order – 8:10 AM
- II. Present: Jim Vigdor, Harry VanDyck, Elaine Freeman, Melaine Vollbrecht, Brian Miller, Denis Weber, Brian Gabler, Rana Ghadban, Jacquelyn McMilan, Samantha Shapiro
- III. Approval of Minutes –
- IV. Legislative Updates:
 - a. Samantha presented on four proposed bills to the State Legislature that have been identified as “job killer” bills by Cal Chamber. These are AB 5, SB 33, SB 62, and SB 63. AB 5 would require an employer with 10 or more employees to offer additional hours of work to current employees prior to hiring an additional employee or subcontractor. SB 33 would prohibit a person from requiring a waiver of a legal right that arises as a result of fraud, identity theft, and any other act related to the wrongful use of personal identifying information. SB 62 would expand the definition of “child” to include biological, foster, step child, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, and also expand the family leave act. SB 63 would expand the paternal leave period for an employee who has been with an employer for 12 months. Cal Chamber will release their full list of “job killer” bills in the spring.
 - b. Jim presented a report that listed California as the most expensive workers compensation state in the country. He also reported on the cap and trade/greenhouse gas emission legislation. There is currently legislation related to reducing green house emission to 40% of its 1990 levels by 2030 and there are lawsuits out regarding this.
 - c. Representing Supervisor Foy, Brian Miller presented on the county’s new session. Peter Foy is serving as the Vice Chair and has kept many of his committee seats. He is in charge of the Ventura County retirement oversight board and the Gold Coast Health Plan (the Medical branch for Ventura County). One thing the county board has been discussing is short term vacation rentals, particularly in the beach areas like Oxnard and in Ojai. They have discussed regulations related to these short term rentals and particularly how to be fair to those individuals who are permanent residents living in the area. There need to be regulations in place to ensure the renters are being good neighbors to the permanent tenants. The Board is also working on the smoking ban for the county and the regulations regarding that, such as where it applies, where there are exceptions, etc. The county has also been working on waterworks, sanitations, etc., to make sure the cost to residents is accurate. There are agricultural areas in Moorpark which might see a price increase. The Oak Park area in Simi Valley off of Los Angeles Avenue for camping and hiking is a great spot where the park district and the county has been working together to create a deal to create parking and open up the area into Alamos Canyon.
 - d. Representing the City of Simi Valley, Brian Miller presented about how the Council is looking at revising the city’s tree ordinance. Currently it is prohibitive to businesses looking to re-landscape (businesses like Stater Brothers). The city is looking at revising it from the current cost per value to having the owner of a business create

landscape plan in line with the city plans. Currently this is going through the neighborhood council and planning committees and will then move back to the Council. He also reported on the Governor's budget and its requirement for a city to meet a certain number of affordable housing. Under his budget, a city would be required to meet a certain number of affordable housing; this has always been a goal, but never a mandate and under this plan, transportation funding would be tied to this housing goal.

- e. Reporting for RSRPD, Elaine Freeman discussed the task of filling Dee Dee Cavanaugh's vacancy on the Board. They are in the process of a 2 day interview of 15 candidates and have to select an individual no later than January 30th. They hope to move into the new building by the fall. The new Chumash Park, up Flanagan and Indian Hills, will be dedicated in March. They are resubmitting the design for handicap access for the fire station in the Knolls. Their budget is in good shape and there are a lot of projects they are working on.
- f. Reporting for the Metropolitan Water District, Jacqueline McMilan talked about how the water reservoirs are filling up and getting a lot more rain and snow. The snowpacks are at 160%. The Colorado river, which has gone through a 15 year drought, is at a 150% snow pack. However, there is still a long way to go before the drought problem is over.

V. Adjourn – 9:10 AM