



**Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce
Legislative Advocacy Forum
January 25, 2017 Agenda**

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

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

Other Agencies:

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

- VII. Other Business
Next Meeting: December 22, 8:00 a.m.

VIII. Adjourn

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**SIMI VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY FORUM
November 16, 2016 Minutes**

Present: John Tolson, Shawn Webb, Denis Weber, Jennings Imel, Randy, Samantha Shapiro

8:11 – Shawn Webb called the meeting to order

- I. The meeting minutes from October could not be approved. No quorum.
- II. Denis Weber talked about how LA County passed Measures M and A.
 - a. Measure M adds a half cent tax to fund transportation, without an end date.
 - b. Measure A is a half cent partial tax on residential and business locations (over 1500 square feet) to fund parks, without an end date.
- III. Jennings Imel from the US Chamber of Commerce gave an update on the results of the election.
 - a. US Chamber stays uninvolved in Presidential political races
 - b. They were involved in Congressional races and happy with the outcomes of races in OH, FL, PA, and WI.
 - c. Republicans retained a majority in the Senate (51 R-46 D-2 I). The Independents typically join with the Democrats. There is a runoff race in Louisiana that will account for the one remaining Senate seat.
 - d. US Chamber endorsed Steve Knight and are happy with his victory.
 - e. Some of the US House seats in California are yet to be called, one in San Diego and one up north.
 - f. US Chamber believes that the Government will be able to make changes at the Federal level with this new administration that are priorities for them. There will likely be changes/fixes to the Affordable Care Act. There is momentum behind tax reform from both the Trump Administration and Ways and Means Chairman Brady.
 - g. Congress has gone back in session for the “lame duck” session. On December 9th their continuing budget resolution expires so they will have to figure out how to move forward from there.
 - h. The Debt Ceiling issue will come up on March 15.
 - i. The Overtime Rule will go into effect on December 1, 2016.
 - j. US Chamber is sending around a sign on letter in support of entitlement reform to the various Chambers. This letter is urging the next administration to do something about entitlements but doesn't go into specifics.

8:36 AM – Adjourn