



LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY FORUM

June 22, 2016
A G E N D A

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 Mary Bandini
Senator Pavley Marie Lakin
Assemblyman Wilk Pam Campeau
Supervisor Foy Brian Miller
City of Simi Valley Brian Gabler
Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District Elaine Freeman
US Chamber of Commerce Jennings Imel

Other Agencies:

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

- VII. Other Business

Candidate Forum: October 4, or 5, 2016 (TBD) Grand Vista Hotel

Next Meeting: July 27, 8:00 a.m.

- VIII. Adjourn

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Legislative Advocacy Forum

Legislative Advocacy Forum Meeting Minutes May 25, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM by Jim Vigdor

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; Celina Zacarias – California State University Channel Islands; Mike Nolan – AFLAC Insurance; Melanie Vollbrecht – AXICOM, Inc.; Harry VanDyck – Century Accounting & Tax Solutions; Tawny King – Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce

Legislative Updates – Gioia Goodrum provided a legislative update including information on the following: AB67, AB2405, AB2667, AB2729, SB3, and SB878. Overtime rule was released last week; it is finalized but not comprehensively better. Salary threshold is \$47,500 per year, compliance by December 1st. Threshold will change every 3 years.

Jason Barnes – Congresswoman Julia Brownley

Pain Management Best Practices HR4641- passed House May 11th, referred to Senate committee.

Veterans Affairs HR2975 approved as amendment to HR4087- Protect Veterans from Financial Fraud Act, ensure veterans recover benefits in cases of misuse/fraud.

Port Hueneme’s shore power project has been completed and launched. The power project allows cargo ships to use grid power when docked to reduce diesel emissions.

Mary Bandini – Congressman Steve Knight

Letter to the Department of Labor to address the employment overtime hike was released.

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 HR4909- passed House May 18th. Of 300 amendments, highlighted ones included: Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act HR4974- VA funds for military construction increased \$1.8 billion more than 2016, but still \$1.2 billion less than what VA requested; Mentor Protégé Cooperation Act of 2016 HR4322- would require small businesses to contract with federal contracted mentor firms to provide assistance.

Pam Campeau – Assemblyman Scott Wilk

Dedication in recognition of Michael Clarke will be in July on First Street between Cochran and Janet.

Five Aliso Canyon Gas Leak bills moving along: AB1903- long term health impact study; AB1904- would require the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment to submit a report including an assessment of the danger of odorants currently used in natural gas storage facilities; AB1905- would require Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to conduct and complete an independent scientific study on natural gas injection, storage practices and facilities.

Natural Gas Storage Moratorium SB380- Signed by Governor on May 10th, would require continued restriction of natural gas injection into any Aliso Canyon wells until a comprehensive review of the safety of the gas storage wells at the facility is completed.

Bills need to reach House of Origin by Friday, June 3rd or will be considered dead.

Brian Miller – Supervisor Peter Foy

Human Services Agency continuing to consolidate office space. Consolidated office space currently totals 69,000 sq. feet.

Brush abatement notices were sent out on April 20th, work should be done by June 21st.

Agricultural Commissioner- Agriculture is a vibrant economy, \$2 billion industry. Invasive pests pose a major problem. Entered agreement with California Avocado Commission to fight avocado pests (Branch and Twig Borer).

Sherriff's Office- As a result of sentenced felons being pushed down to county level, the Todd Road Facility will undergo construction to provide a \$61 million addition of an adequate mental health facility. \$55.1 million came from a grant from the state, and \$6 million is from the county's general fund. Construction will start in 2 years, facility design is in process.

A five-year contract was approved with Taser International, giving 300 body cameras for officers, as well as upgraded Tasers.

VCTC Fuel Sales Tax bill was approved to be on the ballot in November. If it passes, 50% of the collected taxes will be divided up among all the cities for the maintenance and upkeep of local streets, and county improvements.

Celina Zacarias – Cal State Channel Islands

CSUCI just graduated 2,200 students. As a result of a \$101 million budget cut, they will only be able to replace graduates and grow the campus by 61 students. Erica Beck will be acting as the new president beginning on August 8th.

Jim Vigdor (closing)

Next meeting will be held on June 22nd, 2016 at 8AM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 AM

Recorded by Tawny King