



LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY FORUM

January 27, 2016

(The December meeting was cancelled due to the holidays)

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: February 24, 8:00 a.m.

- VIII. Adjourn

Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce
Legislative Advocacy Forum
December 9, 2015 Minutes
(re-scheduled from November 25 due to holiday)

Present: Jim Vigdor, Harry Van Dyke, Elaine Freeman, Jason Barnes, Brian Miller, Mike McCaffery, Joe Engle, Brian Gabler, Gioia Goodrum

- I. Call to Order by Mike McCaffrey at 8:02am
- III. Self-Introductions were made by all present.
- III. Approval of Minutes – a quorum was not present to approve minutes.
- IV. Legislative Updates – no updates on legislation were presented as the legislature is out of session.

VI. Legislative Updates

Congresswoman Brownley - Jason Barnes presented information on a six year transportation bill that Congresswoman Brownley championed. Port Hueneme received a \$12.3 million federal grant. The Dept of Veterans Affairs presented a proposal on their Master Plan for the West LA Campus that was open for public comment until December 7, 2015. Congresswoman Brownley strongly supports the modernization of the campus. A discussion about transportation issues in the area, particularly along Route 23 and the 101 junction. There is a movement to impose a ½ cent sales tax to raise the monies necessary to improve the roads. Local input and support are needed as the cities will benefit from the tax by receiving revenue for local infrastructure. This may appear on the 2016 ballot. A full report from Congresswoman Brownley is attached to the minutes as an addendum.

Congressman Knight - Pat Saraceno was not in attendance but subsequent to the meeting she sent an update from the Congressman. The update is attached to these minutes as an addendum.

Senator Pavley - Marie Lakin was not in attendance. No update was available.

Assemblyman Wilk – Pam Campeau was not in attendance. No update was Available.

Supervisor Foy - Brian Miller presented information regarding rainfall statistics for Ventura County, the ten leading crops grown in the County and the Ventura County News Channel. He also handed out information on how to sign up for VC alert emergency notification system. Brian also mentioned that RSRPD will be purchasing a 324 acre parcel in Oak Canyon. The district will use some of the parking at Regional Oak Park for visitors to access the acreage. A grant helped to develop the funds to purchase the area. Visitors will have to pay \$2 to park but entrance is free.

City of Simi Valley - Brian Gabler mentioned there will be 36 new town homes built on LA Ave. Lennar and KB are the builders.

Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District - Elaine Freeman discussed the construction at Chumash Park and Runkle Canyon Park is also under construction. The Knolls Fire Station is being remodeled and will open in 2 months for after school programs. The District approved to file modifications to Santa Susanna Park. The last colonial house is being moved to Strathearn Park. The District has over 600 employees. Strathearn Park is booked between April and October for weddings. The District will present to the Planning Commission on January 6th regarding their purchase and remodel of the Guardian Building. It will take 18-24 months before they close on the property. They will also present to the Neighborhood Council on December 10th. They plan to have not only offices in the complex, but also hand ball courts and their maintenance department.

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VIII. Adjourn 9:00am