



LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY FORUM

March 23, 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
US Chamber of Commerce | Jason Barnes
Mary Bandini
Marie Lakin
Pam Campeau
Brian Miller
Brian Gabler
Elaine Freeman
Jennings Imel |

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: April 27, 8:00 a.m.

- VIII. Adjourn

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Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce
Legislative Advocacy Forum
February 24, 2016 Minutes

Present: Jim Vigdor, Marie Lakin, Denis Weber, Pam Campeau, Patricia Saraceno, Brian Gabler, Elaine Freeman, Celina Zacarias, Jacquelyn McMillan, Gioia Goodrum

- I. Call to Order by Jim Vigdor at 8:07 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

Jim reminded those in attendance that the Cal Chamber Legislative Summit is on May 17 and 18th in Sacramento. There are probably some LAF Committee and Chamber Board members interested in attending.

Legislative Updates - Gioia

Gioia read the most recent Cal Chamber 'Alert'. There were 7 Cal Chamber opposed bills that died before meeting the legislative deadlines or being amended. The bills were: AB244, AB356, AB357, AB1357, AB1490, SB203, and SB576. It was mentioned that the Cal Chamber's Alert does present only their side of view and may not necessarily represent the view of the Chamber or Simi Valley.

SEN. BROWNLEY – Jason Barnes was unable to make the meeting.

CONGRESSMAN KNIGHT – Pat Saraceno

Presented a report from Congressman Knight. It is included in these minutes as an attachment.

SENATOR PAVLEY – Marie Lakin

Senator Pavley has been very involved in the Porter Ranch gas leak crisis. Marie mentioned the impact the leak has had on the local businesses. SB877 was introduced to strengthen the laws on making sure facilities are safe. It is Sen. Pavley's last session so she is working hard to finish up the work she wants to complete.

SB62, 915, and 933 all address the teacher shortage. SB62 is a bill to help ease the burden of student loans by providing for loan forgiveness for teachers accepting

positions and working in underprivileged schools, teaching English as a second language for example.

SB99 is a bill to provide for birth control for women by allowing a prescription to be filled for a full year, instead of month by month.

A victim restitution bill is in the works.

Sen. Pavley presented her Woman of the Year award to Paula Cracium from the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council for her work supporting her community through the gas leak crisis.

Sen. Pavley is seeking recommendations for Small Business of the year.

CA Assemblyman SCOTT WILK –Pam Campeau

Assemblyman Wilk is partnering with Mayor Huber to hold a Town Hall meeting regarding the group home issue in the Texas Track.

AB1566 would require that written reports from state agencies or departments to the legislature to include a statement by the head of the agency or department declaring that the factual contents of the reports are true, accurate and complete to the best of his/her knowledge. A penalty of \$20k may be assessed in a civil action on any person who declares as true any material matter that he or she knows to be false. There is a systematic problem in Sacramento of misrepresenting facts or outright lies by heads of agencies that are ultimately hurting Californian taxpayers.

AB1866 would place an initiative on the November ballot for voters to terminate the high speed rail project and divert approximately \$8B in bonds to various water projects. These water projects include the construction of de-sal plants, wastewater treatment and recycling facilities, reservoirs, water conveyance infrastructure and aquifer recharge.

PETER FOY - Ventura County Board of Supervisors – Brian Miller – was not in attendance today.

BRIAN GABLER – Simi Valley Planning Commission

City Council agreed to an ordinance to not allow the cultivation of marijuana in the city limits. It was the first reading of the ordinance and a second reading will be done at the next City Council meeting.

City representatives met with legislators in Sacramento regarding the group home issue raised by the residents in the Texas Track.

The crime rate in Simi Valley is at an all-time low, down 4.4% from last year.

The issue of the homeless in Simi Valley was raised. The City does have a task force, chaired by Councilman Mike Judge.

Park & Recreation District/Planning – Elaine Freeman

Chumash Park is coming along nicely.

CSU- Celina Zacarias

CSU is hosting an expo on March 24th for businesses interested in working with the Naval Base.

On April 5th, they are participating in the Global Autism Awareness day by having parts of the campus lit in blue light.

Interviews for the new President concluded yesterday and three candidates were presented to the board for a decision to be made at the March 10th meeting. The announcement of the new President will most likely happen on March 11th.

The College requested an increase to their funding of \$97mm.

Metropolitan Water District – Jacque McMillan

There are 30-40 water bills currently in the legislature.

There is \$1.3B for water conservation, reclamation and de-sal projects.

Next meeting: March 23, 2016 8:00 am

Adjourned 9:10 a.m.