

Legislative Action Committee April 3, 2008 meeting minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Doris Blum – GUSD

Matt Bartlett – Century 21

Gene Morrill – Certified Auto

Carlos Cortez – Congressman Dreier

Marlilyn Grinsdale – Citrus College

Cliff Hamlow – Azusa Pacific University

Ken Herman – City of Glendora

Jim Starkey – Senator Margett

Patrick Bushman – Ludwick Fdn.

Steve Johnson – Assmeblyman Adams

Meeting called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Chairman, Cliff Hamlow

Review of the March 6, 2008 minutes

Chairman's Report – Cliff Hamlow – Cliff reported that at the March Board of Directors, the Board gave permission for the Legislative Committee to take a stand on issues or send letters to our legislators if the issue falls within the Legislative Priorities and is approved by Kathy Hodge. This will help expedite getting timely material to our legislators without having to go through the entire Board of Directors. Cliff then asked the committee to support getting the Gold Line on the Master Plan at several upcoming Metro Goldline meetings, (April 8th and April 24th) however it was decided that not enough committee members were in attendance to take such a stand. The Governor is asking for support in bringing reform to Sacramento and helping to fix the broken budget system and multi-billion dollar deficit. Don't forget to attend the April 4th Legislative Luncheon with Supervisor Antonovich. On May 16th, a Education Forum presented by the Glendora and Charter Oak School Districts will be held at noon @ the Glendora School District Board Room. In June an Energy Forum will be presented by the area utility companies.

Legislative Updates - Please limit reports to 3 minutes or less and bring handouts for the Committee:

Steve Johnson, Assemblyman Adams: Steve reported that the Assmeblyman is listening to people regarding the budget deficit. Unemployment is up and proposals to increase taxes are being discussed. California schools are in a definite pinch as are local cities. Some kind of reform for the way schools are financed is needed. Dr. Bushman concurred that the financial structure of California schools needs to be redone. The legislature tried to place a tax upon California crude oil, which failed.

Carlos Cortez, Congressman David Dreier: Carlos reported that the Congressman is concerned with the Gold Line extension delays and the huge budget deficit. Over 50 employers participated in a recent job faire in Rancho Cucamonga where they were able to interview 800 to 1,000 candidates. The deadline for the Youth Volunteer Award applications is April 11th. The Art Contest, which is open to all high school students, deadline is April 11th and judging will take place on April 24th.

Jim Starkey, Senator Margett – Jim reported on SB 1192 regarding meal and rest periods for employees. Current law mandates that an employer provide a meal or rest period within a five hour period. This seems simple enough, and it would be if the law had not been interpreted and enforced by various state enforcement officials and the courts making it difficult to comply with. SB 1192 clarifies that a meal or rest period commence before the start of the 6th hour of work and clarifies that employers provide such meal or rest period without interfering with its use. Cliff Hamlow made a motion which was seconded by Gene Morrill to send a letter in support of the measure. Jim also reported on SB 1259 regarding crimes against the elderly

and dependent adults, and reminded everyone of the Senators 2008 Women's Conference scheduled for April 19th at Citrus College. May 3, 2008 is the scheduled date for the 29th annual District State Agency Expo which gives the public the chance to learn about the respective duties of stage agencies and the services they offer. Free electronic tax filing assistance is being offered to low-income and active duty military taxpayers. 2 initiatives have qualified for the June 3, 2008 ballot. 1 referendum has qualified for the November 4, 2008 ballot. 7 measures are pending signature verification, 47 measures are in circulation and 9 measures are currently awaiting title and summary by the Attorney General.

Brian Mejia, Supervisor Antonovich - no report

Ken Herman, City of Glendora: Ken reported that things look good for the City. T-Philips restaurant is scheduled to open soon and the City –wide Trivial Pursuit contest is being held on April 4th at the Library. Sierra Madre Avenue is open after months of being closed. Clarification is needed on the Tesco project, as the developer is doing a lot of back-peddling. The owner of the Hyundai property wants a big-box store to be built on the property, but the City would like to see a hotel or restaurant be built instead. The theatre complex is coming along nicely. Cliff Hamlow thanked the Mayor for his service to the community this past year.

Glendora Unified School District, Catherine Nichols: Doris Blum reported that the district is experiencing an extremely difficult time right now and although no lay-off notices have been given, the upcoming budget cuts are going to affect staff and programs. A motion was made by Cliff Hamlow and seconded by Gene Morrill to send a letter to our legislators to let them know of the Chambers concerns over the proposed budget cuts to our schools.

Charter Oak Unified School District, Mary Martinez - no report.

Marilyn Grinsdale, Citrus College: Marilyn reminded everyone of the April 19th Women's Conference at Citrus College presented by Senator Margett. On May 6, 2008 Citrus will be hosting an open house for the new Innovation Center.

Metropolitan Water District, Luis Cetina – No report

Jennetta Harris, So. Calif. Edison - No report

Bob Cruz, So, Calif. Gas: No report

Old Business – New Business :

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Minutes recorded by V. Thompsett