



**County of Santa Barbara
Meeting of the Legislative Program Committee**

MINUTES

Date: Monday, December 12, 2011

Time: 3:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Place: **Board of Supervisors Conference Room, Fourth Floor**
105 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara

Committee Members: Salud Carbajal, First District Supervisor
Doreen Farr, Third District Supervisor (Absent)
Chandra L. Wallar, County Executive Officer (Absent)
Robert Geis, Auditor-Controller
Dennis A. Marshall, County Counsel

Public Comment

Persons may address the Committee on any matters listed on the agenda. Each person is limited to a 3-minute Public Comment time period.

- No requests to speak from the public.

Action Items:

1. Approve minutes from the November 7, 2011 meeting.

Motion made by Supervisor Carbajal, seconded by Dennis Marshall, to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2011 meeting of the Legislative Program Committee. Motion passed by a vote of 3-0, with Supervisor Farr and Chandra Wallar absent.

2. Receive an update on federal issues of interest to the County and direct staff to take action as necessary. Item placed on agenda for information only – no discussion time allotted to this item.

Received and filed an update on federal issues of interest to the County from Thomas Walters of Thomas Walters & Associates.

- Terri Nisich stated that the updates provided by Thomas Walters regarding grant opportunities have been helpful for County of Santa Barbara departments.
- Supervisor Carbajal discussed the need to complete the 2012 Legislative Platform prior to the visit with Thomas Walters.

Motion made by Dennis Marshall, seconded by Supervisor Carbajal, to receive and file an update on federal issues of interest to the County from Thomas Walters of Thomas Walters & Associates. Motion passed by a vote of 3-0, with Supervisor Farr and Chandra Wallar absent.

3. Legislative Principles

Terri Nisich provided an overview of the updated 2012 Legislative Principles.

Public Comment:

- Kathy Staples addressed the Committee regarding:
 - Statements from North County mayors and public officials (Mayor Lupe Alvarez, Mayor John Linn and City of Santa Maria Economic Development Director Dave Cross) emphasizing the need for the Legislative Program Committee to make economic growth the highest legislative priority.
 - Including definitions of the words ‘vitality’, ‘develop’, ‘development’, ‘growth’, and ‘innovation’ within the text of the “Job Growth/Economic Vitality” principle.

Staff Direction:

- Supervisor Carbajal directed staff to proceed with Option 2, in which “Job Growth/Economic Vitality” is a separate Legislative Principle.
- Supervisor Carbajal directed staff to re-order the 2012 Legislative Principles so that the “Job Growth/Economic Vitality” principle is listed first to demonstrate that it is a high priority for the County of Santa Barbara.

Motion made by Supervisor Carbajal, seconded by Robert Geis, to approve Legislative Principles Option 2 with the “Job Growth/Economic Vitality” principle listed first. Motion passed by a vote of 3-0, with Supervisor Farr and Chandra Wallar absent.

4. Review & Discuss Priorities for 2012

Terri Nisich provided an overview of the chart of Legislative Priorities.

- Supervisor Carbajal addressed the Committee regarding the State and Federal legislature’s desire to receive the top 3-5 legislative priorities.
- Terri Nisich requested that Action Item 4 (Review & Discuss Priorities for 2012) be continued to the January 5, 2012 meeting of the Legislative Program Committee from 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM, as a full quorum is ideal given the importance of the item.
- Terri Nisich stated that the 2012 Legislative Platform will be presented to the Board of Supervisors at the January 17, 2012 Board of Supervisors meeting.
- Supervisor Carbajal addressed the Committee regarding the need to meet the timeline.

Public Comment:

- Kathy Staples addressed the Committee regarding reverting to the previous timeframe of 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM for the January 5, 2012 meeting of the Legislative Program Committee so that individuals from North County can more easily attend.

Action Item 1 REVISED

Staff Direction:

- Supervisor Carbajal directed staff to explore utilizing the chart of Legislative Priorities as an appendix, to ensure that the County of Santa Barbara's top legislative priorities are highlighted and additional priorities are consolidated.

Motion made by Dennis Marshall, seconded by Supervisor Carbajal, to continue Action Item 4 to the January 5, 2012 meeting of the Legislative Program Committee from 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM. Motion passed by a vote of 3-0, with Supervisor Farr and Chandra Wallar absent.

Motion made by Dennis Marshall, seconded by Robert Geis, to adjourn the December 12, 2011 meeting of the Legislative Program Committee. Motion passed 3-0, with Supervisor Farr and Chandra Wallar absent.

Note:

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 5, 2012 from 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM.

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