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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 29, 2018, 3:00 PM

Members Present: Juan Garza, (Chair, Bellflower), Nanette Fish (Temple City), Lou La Monte (Malibu), Blanca Pacheco (Downey), Steve Hofbauer (Palmdale), Bea Dieringer (Rolling Hills), Diana Mahmud (South Pasadena), Sam Pedroza (Claremont)

Staff Present: Marcel Rodarte, Michael Vuong

I. Approval of June 2018 Minutes

Bea Dieringer motioned to approve, second by Juan Garza. Motion passes.

II. Legislative Chair Welcome and Legislative Update

Juan Garza provided welcome remarks and spoke about his goals for the Legislative Committee for the new the year. Michael Vuong provided an update on legislation. The State Legislature is wrapping up the 2017-18 Legislative Session on August 31, two days from now. Several key bills tracked by CCCA have been passed by the Legislature and are on their way to the governor: Sb 946 (Lara), AB 3162 (Friedman), AB 3115 (Gipson), and AB 2923 (Chiu), AB 1912 (Rodriguez). Bea Dieringer inquired if CCCA will send a position letter for bills the Committee has already taken a position on. Michael Vuong explained that any position taken by the Committee is tracked and followed-up with a letter if the bill is in a place in the legislative process, including when the bill arrives on the Governor's Desk. Lou La Monte shared an update on AB 3162, which concurred and passed the Assembly minutes before the Legislative Committee meeting began.

III. Legislative Committee Policies and Procedures (DRAFT)

Juan Garza opened discussion on the Guiding Principles. Juan Garza reiterated the draft is a culmination of comments and concerns he received at the start of his term as Legislative Chair. He hopes this operating document will facilitate a more transparent and structured process for CCCA when considering legislative positions and regulatory rules. His approach for the document is multi-directional. The first goal is to ensure a diversity of voices within CCCA's membership. The second goal is to ensure members of the Committee are accountable, engage, and present when deciding legislation. Finally, the last goal is to ensure CCCA stays true to local control issues, both at the state and regional level. Lou La Monte expressed his support for Guiding Principles. Bea Dieringer had several concerns with the document, including the limitations the Guiding Principles set when considering legislation outside the scope of local control, such as public safety issues.

Steve Hofbauer is concerned with term limits such as the driving force behind term limits. Incumbents provide a wealth of knowledge and are motivated to ensure policy positions reflect CCCA's mission and history. There are certain benefits to keeping people who have been active with CCCA and the legislative committee for years. Bea Dieringer concurred with Steve Hofbauer's comments.

Juan Garza expressed that the document is a topic of discussion and a draft document. Every part of the document is open for changing and reflecting the best needs of CCCA and the Legislative Committee. The draft is reflected on private feedback he has received from staff and fellow CCCA members.

Diana Mahmud commented that the August meeting is her first meeting with CCCA, however, she has been on the League of cities LA Division's legislative committee for years. She has several comments related to the guiding principles and believes her experience with the League will help clarify and enhance the Guiding Principles. Diana Mahmud raised concerns with the voting membership, its minimum and maximum size, and the impetus for a quorum. There were other concerns for the Guiding Principles and several of the operational guidelines, which she expressed she would follow-up separately in writing.

Steve Hofbauer spoke on in support of core ideas of the Guiding Principles as a document CCCA can reference back easily when considering a bill, rather than consider bills and positions based on personal and political preferences. Bea Dieringer also expressed concerns for number 7 of the guiding principles, which raises the concern when CCCA and individual councilmembers are out step of one another.

Blanca Pacheco expressed her support for the standing voting members and term limits because it gives new members, such as herself, the opportunity to serve on the legislative committee and be accountable to the needs of CCCA. She is hopeful the discussions today will help increase involvement with fellow CCCA members.

Juan Garza reiterated that he appreciates the feedback from the Committee and that all feedback is being well-received. Written feedback and edits from the Committee should be submitted to Michael Vuong by Friday, September 14. An updated version will be sent to the Committee on September 19.

IV. Other Items for Discussion

Juan Garza discussed the goals for the remainder of the year, including finalizing the Guiding Principles (September), Legislative Priorities (October), Los Angeles County Advocacy (November), and wrapping up the year in December. Juan Garza hopes that the work accomplished in the next several months will help better position CCCA's advocacy efforts during the Sacramento Tour in January.

V. Adjourn

Next Meeting Wednesday, September 26, 2018