

Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 27, 2026, 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Via Zoom

Committee Present: President John Erickson, Chair Gustavo Camacho, Jennifer Perez, Victor Sanchez, Bea Dieringer, Juanita Martin, Sandra Armenta, Bill Uphoff, Luis Cuellar, Rene Trevino, Michael Greubel and Larry Rodriguez.

Member Cities Present: West Hollywood, Pico Rivera, Claremont, Norwalk, Bellflower, Rolling Hills, Santa Fe Springs, Rosemead, Lomita, Lynwood, Artesia, Industry, South El Monte, Rolling Hills Estates, Lakewood, La Mirada, Signal Hill, San Fernando, and Santa Clarita.

Others Present: Marcel Rodarte, Lindsey Skolnik, Frank Rodarte, Kaylee Law, Velveth Schmitz, Alex Smith, Franklin Porter, Jeff Wood, Jackie Rocco, Michelle Velasquez Bean, Charlie Honeycutt, Amanda Moreno, Andres G, Salpy Kabaklian-Slentz, Jesse Garcia, Victoria Garcia, Suja Lowenthal, Nolda Short, Andrew Nickens, Samantha Samuelsen, Laura Edwards, Masis Hagobian, Krystal Hinojosa, Patsy Ayala, and Matt Siverling.

Call to Order: 3:03 PM

I. Approval of Minutes

- A. Bill Uphoff moved to approve the April 8, 2026, meeting minutes. Rene Trevino seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

II. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

A. The Scoop

- a. Executive Director Marcel Rodarte gave a GRTF update and informed the committee that he will be stepping down as Chair of the GRTF.

B. Guest Presentation: California Joint Powers Insurance Authority

- a. Alex Smith, from California Joint Powers Insurance Authority talked about the Coalition to Protect Community Services.
- b. **Bill Uphoff moved to support. Bea Dieringer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

C. Legislation

- a. SB 866 - Blakespear, Catherine - Planning and zoning: housing element: unhoused population.

- i. Samantha Samuelson representing Senator, Catherine Blakespear, gave a brief presentation on the background of the bill.
 - ii. **Jeff Wood moved to oppose the bill. Jennifer Perez seconded the motion. Chris Barajas opposed the bill. The motion passed.**
 - b. AB 1621 - Wilson, Lori - Planning and Zoning Law: post entitlement phase permits: Housing Accountability Act.
 - i. Laura Edwards, representing Lori Wilson gave a presentation on the background of the bill.
 - ii. **Jennifer Perez moved to oppose the bill. Rene Trevino seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
 - c. AB 1820 - Schiavo, Pilar - Electric vehicle charging stations: permit fees.
 - i. Franklin Porter representing, Pilar Schiavo, gave a presentation on the background of the bill.
 - ii. **Jeff Wood moved to oppose the bill if amended. Bill Uphoff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
 - d. AB 2640 - Hadwick, Heather - Commission on State Mandates: state mandates.
 - i. Andrew Nickens and Nolda Short, representing, Heather Hadwick gave a presentation on the background of the bill.
 - ii. **Bill Uphoff moved to support the bill. Jennifer Perez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**
 - e. SB 1361 - Durazo, Maria Elena - Transit-oriented housing developments: local governments: transit agencies and projects.
 - i. Jesse Garcia, from the city of Pico Rivera gave an update of the bill.
 - ii. **Jennifer moved to make this bill a priority bill. Rene Trevino seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

D. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Bea Dieringer invited the committee to the 2026 Criminal Justice Awards.
- b. Lindsey Skolnik gave preview of the new email campaign platform.
- c. Victoria Garica announced a tax group hosting a virtual press conference against Measure ER and gave the contact info.
- d. Patsy Ayala suggested to monitor legislation regarding E Bikes.

E. Adjournment: May 27, 2026, at 3:59 PM

