

MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY  
FORMATION COMMISSION FOR LOS ANGELES

July 9, 2008

Present

Yvonne B. Burke  
Donald L. Dear  
James DiGiuseppe  
Jerry Gladbach  
Margaret Finlay  
Carol Herrera  
Henri F. Pellissier  
Zev Yaroslavsky

Robert O. Apodaca, Alternate  
Richard Close, Alternate  
Judy Mitchell, Alternate

Sandor L. Winger, Executive Officer  
John Krattli, Legal Counsel

Absent

Greig Smith  
Kenneth Chappell, Alternate  
Don Knabe, Alternate

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The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

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The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Jerry Gladbach.

[Commissioner Yaroslavsky in at 9:03 a.m.]

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Persons who made a contribution of more than \$250 to any member of the Commission during the preceding 12 months were asked to come forward and state for the record the Commissioner to whom such contributions were made and the item of their involvement (None).

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On motion of Commissioner Dear, unanimously carried, (Commissioner Smith being absent), the Commission took the following actions under Consent items:

- Approved Minutes of June 25, 2008.
- Approved Operating Account Check register for the month of June.
- Received and filed update on pending applications.

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On motion of Commissioner Herrera, unanimously carried, (Commissioner Smith being absent), the Commission approved a 5% increase of Executive Officer's salary, plus COLA, effective July 1, 2008. It was further approved that an evaluation of the Executive Officer's performance be done in six months with the consideration of a merit increase at that time.

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The Executive Officer (EO) reported on the status of the 2008 CALAFCO Conference. The EO reported that everything is under control and that staff expects a very successful conference. Executive Officer went on to state that at this time, staff is dealing with the more difficult issues surrounding the conference such as rescheduling, replacing cancelled speakers, gaining control of activities and coordinating with CALAFCO. The EO reported that staff was working on scheduling conference activities in different venues due to the exorbitant costs associated with the Universal Sheraton.

In response to Chairman Gladbach's question as to where we stand in regards to Governor Schwarzenegger, the Executive Officer informed the Commission that letters have been sent to about twenty elected officials, including the supervisors on our commission, requesting that they write the Governor's office encouraging him to attend LAFCO's conference as the keynote speaker. The EO went on to state that one of the biggest issues facing the governor today is water usage in the Delta and water transportation from the Delta to the southern regions.

At the request of Commissioner Finlay, the Executive Officer has agreed to send a second Conference Registration Package to each commissioner for their review. Commissioners were informed that staff would be handling their conference registration and hotel reservations.

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The Executive Officer (EO) reported that East Los Angeles received their first signature June 17<sup>th</sup>. The EO has had several meetings with elected officials and has found that the East Los Angeles drive, from a political standpoint has become extremely contentious. The EO reported that there have been charges and counter charges of illegal activities. The EO indicated that staff has experienced these types of charges in the past, but feels in the case of the East Los Angeles Incorporation, the charges are excessive. The Executive Officer went on to state that although LAFCO is concerned with the rumors, staff will not deal with rumors and will only deal with facts and if and when staff receives proof that a law has been broken, Legal Council will be contacted.

When asked in a meeting by Supervisor Molina what LAFCO was planning to do about the concerns of Initial Fiscal Analysis' (IFAs), the Executive Officer responded that LAFCO had no commentary on the matter of IFAs and indicated that Initial Fiscal Analysis' are not required by LAFCO Law. He also stated that Initial Fiscal Analysis' are done by private consulting firms whose responsibility is to address any issues and/or concerns regarding questionable data in the report.

The Executive Officer (EO) reported that the Rowland Heights Incorporation proponents are still in the process of collecting signatures.

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No one came forward during the public comment period.

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The next meetings will be:

July 23, 2008

August 13, 2008

August 27, 2008

September 24, 2008

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There was no new business to be placed on any future agenda.

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On motion of Commissioner Finlay, unanimously carried, (Commissioner Smith being absent), the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandor L. Winger  
Executive Officer