



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CONSUMER AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION

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Commission Meeting Minutes

Friday, July 18, 2019
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
East Los Angeles Library
Gloria Molina Conference Room 4837
East 3rd Street, Los Angeles, CA, 90022

Item 1: Call to Order Chair Gomez called the meeting to order at 10:41 A.M.

Item 2: Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum Roll call was taken, and the quorum requirement was not met. Quorum was officially met at 11:15 A.M.

Present **1st Supervisorial District:** Farrell Chiles, Mike Gomez
 2nd Supervisorial District: Ronnie Jayne
 3rd Supervisorial District: Ross Viselman
 4th Supervisorial District: Marcel Rodarte, Charline Sistrunk,
 5th Supervisorial District: Vivian Chan, Harry Leon

Absent **1st Supervisorial District:** Mark Ramos
 2nd Supervisorial District: K.W. Tulloss
 3rd Supervisorial District: Eugene Willis Jr, Patsy Joan Ostroy
 4th Supervisorial District: Patrick Wilson
 5th Supervisorial District: Daniel Deng

Staff Joseph Nicchitta, Joel Ayala, David Diaz, Francisco Mendez, Wason Fu,
 Maritza Gutierrez

Public None

Item 3: Approval of Consumer Affairs Advisory Commission Minutes

Commissioner Leon moved to approve the minutes of the Consumer Affairs Advisory Commission (CAAC) meeting for February 22, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rodarte. Motion passed as follows:

Ayes - Farrell Chiles, Mike Gomez, Ronnie Jayne, Ross Viselman, Charline Sistrunk, Vivian Chan, Harry Leon

Abstain - Marcel Rodarte,

Absent - Mark Ramos, K.W. Tulloss, Eugene Willis Jr, Patrick Wilson, Patsy Joan Ostroy, Daniel Deng

Item 4: Approval of the 2018 Annual Report

The Commission reviewed the 2018 CAAC Annual Report and noted a correction to a name found within the report. After the correction was noted, the report was motioned for approval by Commissioner Chiles and seconded by Commissioner Chan. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes - Farrell Chiles, Mike Gomez, Ronnie Jayne, Ross Viselman, Charline Sistrunk, Vivian Chan, Harry Leon

Abstain - Marcel Rodarte,

Absent - Mark Ramos, K.W. Tulloss, Eugene Willis Jr, Patrick Wilson, Patsy Joan Ostroy, Daniel Deng

Item 5: Approval of 2019 Commission Goals

The Commission reviewed the 2019 CAAC Goals and a motion for revision was created by Commissioner Chiles to change the verbiage of the goals as follows:

Remove the words "The Commission must" from all 3 Commission Goals.

Commissioner Rodarte added a friendly amendment to the motion to change the beginning of the third goal as follows:

"Each Commissioner is encouraged to"

Commissioner Chiles accepted the friendly amendment and the motion passed as follows:

Ayes - Farrell Chiles, Mike Gomez, Ronnie Jayne, Charline Sistrunk, Vivian Chan, Harry Leon, Marcel Rodarte

Noes - Ross Viselman

Absent - Mark Ramos, K.W. Tulloss, Eugene Willis Jr, Patrick Wilson, Patsy Joan Ostroy, Daniel Deng

Please see attached approved Commission Goals.

Item 6: DCBA Legislative Update

Wason Fu, DCBA Senior Policy Analyst, provided an update on Assembly Bill 539 which aims at providing affordable and accessible credit to consumers by establishing an annual interest rate cap on personal loans. Mr. Fu went on to describe the harsh rates that high cost lenders charge on loans above \$2,500 and the need to impose caps to prevent families from financial harm. Currently the bill is progressing through the Senate.

Following the presentation, Commissioner Chiles motioned to delegate the Chair to write a letter of support for AB 539 on behalf of the Commission to the Director of DCBA and the Chief Executive Office of LA County (CEO). Commissioner Chan seconded. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes - Farrell Chiles, Mike Gomez, Ronnie Jayne, Ross Viselman, Charline Sistrunk, Vivian Chan, Harry Leon, Marcel Rodarte

Absent - Mark Ramos, K.W. Tulloss, Eugene Willis Jr, Patrick Wilson, Patsy Joan Ostroy, Daniel Deng

Item 7: Department Update

Maritza Gutierrez, Supervisor for Consumer Counseling, presented information on the Parks After Dark Program currently running throughout LA County. Ms. Gutierrez also noted that DCBA has received a prestigious award from the National Association of Counties (NACo) for the Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) program. Finally, Mrs. Gutierrez outlined the current outlook for counseling services and the objective of cross-training counseling staff across all topics within consumer protection to better serve the public.

Director of DCBA Joseph Nicchitta provided updates on Assembly Bills 1753, 549 and 1106. Additionally, Director Nicchitta stated that DCBA is currently in the process of strategic planning and is trying to expand the wage enforcement and investigations program.

Chief Deputy Director Joel Ayala shared that the Department is working on a permanent ordinance for rent stabilization that would include mobile parks. A brief update on ICE raids within LA County was also mentioned.

Item 8: Committee Update

Commissioner Jayne mentioned that the Committees are currently working on a series of future events to be held throughout the supervisorial districts.

Item 9: Future Agenda Items

Commissioners requested the following future agenda items:

- In-District Meeting
- PIO Update
- Internet Accessibility and Empowerment

Item 10: Public Comment

None

Item 11: Adjournment

Commissioner Chiles motioned to adjourn the CAAC meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jayne. The CAAC meeting was adjourned at 12:17 P.M.