

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONSUMER AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 19, 2017

Item 1: Call to Order

Chair Dennis Arguelles called the meeting to order at 10:33 A.M.

Item 2: Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum

Roll call was taken and the quorum requirement was met.

Present	Dennis Arguelles, Vivian Chan, Farrell J. Chiles, Ho-Jeong Eun (10:37), Mike Gomez, Ronnie Jayne, Joan P. Ostroy, Mark Ramos, Ross Viselman (10:40)
Absent	Karine Bagdasarian, Susan Jerich, Joseph Lee, K.W. Tulloss
Staff	Joel Ayala, Amanda Hernandez, Chavon Smith
Public	None

Item 3: Approval of Minutes for the November 17, 2016

Commissioner Chiles moved to approve the minutes for the November 17, 2016 Consumer Affairs Advisory Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gomez. Motion passed unanimously, with one abstention.

Item 4: 2017 Consumer Affairs Advisory Commission Meeting Dates

Commissioner Ramos moved to approve the 2017 meeting dates of the Consumer Affairs Advisory Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ostroy. During discussion, the following recommendations were made:

- Change March 2017 meeting to regular meeting in the Hall of Administration, instead of an in-district meeting.
- Hold May 2017 in 4th Supervisorial District
- Hold July 2017 in 5th Supervisorial District

The motion to approve the 2017 meeting dates, with amendments, passed unanimously.

Item 5: Chair and Vice Chair Election

The Commission reviewed the nominations submitted for 2017 Chair and Vice Chair.

Three candidates were nominated for Chair: current Chair Dennis Arguelles, Commissioner Gomez, and Commissioner Jayne. Chair Arguelles declined his nomination. Commissioner Gomez and Commissioner Jayne each accepted their nomination for Chair.

There were four candidates nominated for Vice Chair: Commissioner Gomez, Commissioner Jayne, Commissioner Ostroy and Commissioner Ramos. Each candidate accepted their nominations for Vice Chair.

Item 6: Election Results and Transfer of Gavel

There were 9 commissioners present, and after voting was completed, Commissioner Jayne was elected Chair of the Consumer Affairs Advisory Commission in a 5-4 vote.

Following the results of the Chair election, Commissioner Jayne, Commissioner Ostroy, and Commissioner Ramos withdrew their names from consideration for Vice Chair. Commissioner Gomez was elected Vice Chair of the Consumer Affairs Advisory Commission, receiving 9 votes.

2016 Chair Dennis Arguelles passed the gavel to the newly elected Chair Ronnie Jayne.

Item 7: 2016 Annual Report

The Commission was presented a revised draft of the 2016 Annual Report, originally reviewed in November 2016, from DCBA Commission Services staff. Commissioner Arguelles moved to approve the 2016 Annual Report, Seconded by Chair Jayne. During discussion the following recommendations were made:

- Commissioner Viselman requested that the placement of the “Key Accomplishments in 2016” section be moved toward the front of the report.
- Commissioner Chiles made suggestions on formatting and grammatical corrections
- Commissioner Gomez requested that the Commission’s interests in Women’s Issues be included in the Key Accomplishments section.

Item 8: Committee Assignments

Commission Members received Committee Interests Cards from DCBA Commission Services Staff to collect responses from Commissioners interested in serving on one or more of the Commission’s standing committees.

Item 9: Upcoming Commissioner Trainings

DCBA Commission Services Staff presented a calendar and outline of upcoming trainings for commissioners, including the Department’s New Commissioner Orientation held in January 2017, and the mandatory County Policy of Equity and Cultural Diversity Awareness trainings to be held in March 2017.

Item 10: Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Gomez requested an agenda item on consumer protections for seniors targeted by the online gambling industry

Commissioner Chan requested an agenda item on fake non-profit organizations

Commissioner Eun requested an update on the VITA program for the next Regular Meeting in March 2017

Item 11: Public Comment

Commissioner Ramos made an announcement about the Labor United Against Cancer Run, Walk and Wellness Fair. The event will be held Saturday, March 4, 2017 at Civic Center Park in San Dimas.

Item 12: Adjournment

The Consumer Affairs Advisory Commission meeting was adjourned at 11:58 A.M.