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Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 15, 2021
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Held via Teleconference

Item 1: Call to Order Chair Ostroy called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

Item 2: Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum Roll call was taken, and the quorum requirement was met.

Present **1st District:** Farrell Chiles, Mike Gomez
 2nd District: Ronnie Jayne
 3rd District: Joan Patsy Ostroy, Michelle Katz
 4th District: Scott Houston, Mark Waronek
 5th District: Vivian Chan, Harry Leon

Absent **1st District:** Mark Ramos
 2nd District: Eugene Hale, Gregory Gorman
 3rd District: Eugene Willis Jr.
 4th District: Charline Sistrunk
 5th District: Daniel Deng

Staff Joel Ayala, Maggie Becerra, Keven Chavez, Elina Patatanyan, Sayuj Panicker
 (County Counsel), Francisco Mendez

Public None

Item 3: Approval of Consumer Affairs Advisory Commission (CAAC) Minutes

Commissioner Leon moved to approve the minutes of the CAAC meeting for May 20, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jayne. Motion was passed via voice vote, with Commissioner Gomez abstaining from the vote.

Item 4: Repeal of Executive Order N-29-20

Francisco Mendez, Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) Commission Services Liaison, shared information on the eventual repeal of Executive Order N-29-20, which suspended certain Ralph M. Brown Act provisions. Future updates on the status of the repeal will be shared at a future meeting.

Item 5: DCBA – Hero Pay and COVID-19 Vaccine Ordinances

Elina Patatanyan, Consumer and Business Affairs Representative III, shared information on two new ordinances, the Los Angeles County Hero Pay Ordinance and the Paid Leave for Expanded COVID-19 Vaccine Ordinance. Los Angeles County businesses and employers who violate these ordinances could be subject to an investigation by the DCBA Investigations Unit. Employees who believe they may be impacted are encouraged to reach out to DCBA via the website or general call-in number.

Item 6: CAAC Public Information Committee – Implementation of 2021 CAAC Goal Number 5

Commissioner Jayne, Chair of the Public Information Committee, shared that at the June 17, 2021, Public Information Committee meeting, the Committee unanimously moved to bring this agenda item to the next CAAC full meeting for further review, discussion, and input from the full Commission body. After the CAAC discussed this item, Commissioner Jayne moved that a standing item be created for all future CAAC full meetings that will meet 2021 CAAC Goal Number 5, in which based on a rotating schedule of Supervisorial Districts, Commissioners from each specific district will submit a report and present the report on the needs of their respective districts. After the presentation, the CAAC will determine how those needs can be met or how they are currently being met in Los Angeles County. Commissioner Ostroy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Item 7: CAAC Legislative and Public Information Committee Updates

Commissioner Jayne, Chair of the Public Information Committee, stated that the Committee reviewed Agenda Item Number 6: CAAC Public Information Committee – Implementation of 2021 CAAC Goal Number 5 and recommended that it be further reviewed by the CAAC full body, which was done earlier in the meeting. Commissioner Willis Jr., Chair of the Legislative Committee, was not available to provide the Legislative Committee update. Commissioner Chiles provided the update on behalf of Commissioner Willis Jr. Commissioner Chiles stated that the Legislative Committee did not meet due to failure to meet the quorum requirement.

Item 8: DCBA Department Update

Maggie Becerra, DCBA Deputy Director of Consumer Counseling, shared information on investigations made by the Department on consumer and immigration related services. One of which was against a group of individuals committing fraud and extortion against consumers of Los Angeles County. Joel Ayala, DCBA Chief Deputy, shared that there were two new motions by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) that may impact DCBA services. The first is to review the cannabis regulations and analyze if there are opportunities for Los Angeles County to operate a regulated and legalized market. The BOS is also reviewing the recently submitted proposals made by DCBA for additional funding through the American Rescue Plan (ARP). Further information will be shared at a future CAAC meeting.

Item 9: Future Agenda Items

- Information on the ARP proposals for DCBA programming
- Information on the review of cannabis regulations
- Update on Executive Order N-29-20
- Standing Item regarding 2021 CAAC Goal Number 5

Item 10: Public Comment

None

Item 11: Adjournment

Commissioner Jayne moved to adjourn the CAAC meeting. Commissioner Chan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 am.