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Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 18, 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 10:35 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: Gregory Gorman, Ronnie Jayne
 3rd District: Michelle Katz, Joan Patsy Ostroy
 4th District: Scott Houston
 5th District: Vivian Chan, Harry Leon

Absent **1st District:** Mark Ramos
 2nd District: Eugene Hale
 3rd District: None
 4th District: Charline Sistrunk, Mark Waronek
 5th District: Daniel Deng

Staff Maggie Becerra, Sayuj Panicker (County Counsel), Scott Tretter, Francisco Mendez

Public None

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

Commissioner Gomez moved to approve the minutes of the CAAC meeting for September 23, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jayne. Motion to approve was passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Item 4: 2022 CAAC Meeting Calendar

Francisco Mendez, Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) Commission Services Liaison, shared the 2022 CAAC Meeting Calendar. The meeting calendar was unanimously approved via roll call vote with no changes or comments made.

Item 5: 2022 CAAC Nomination and Election Procedures and Guidelines Overview

Francisco Mendez provided an overview of the nomination and election process for the selection of CAAC Chair and Vice-Chair in calendar year 2022. The deadline to submit nominations was set for December 17, 2021, with the election taking place January 20, 2022.

Item 6: 2022 CAAC Committee Interest Card

Francisco Mendez presented the 2022 Committee Interest Card to gauge Commissioner interest in serving on either the Legislative or Public Information Committees. Commissioners who wish to join a Committee, or serve as Chair, are urged to submit their card when as soon as possible.

Item 7: Updated Information on Assembly Bill (AB) 361 as Related to the Los Angeles County COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for Commissioners

Francisco Mendez shared information on AB 361 which allows Commission meetings to continue via teleconference until the state of emergency is declared ended by the Board of Supervisors. Along with AB 361, the County of Los Angeles has implemented a COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for Commissioners that requires Los Angeles County employees to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Commissioners were urged to submit their proof of full vaccination as soon as able.

Item 8: DCBA – Rent Stabilization Program – Los Angeles County COVID-19 Tenant Protections Resolution

Scott Tretter, Consumer and Business Affairs Representative III for DCBA, shared updated information on the Los Angeles County COVID-19 Tenant Protections Resolution, previously known as the Los Angeles County Eviction Moratorium. Among the shared updates, data and metrics on call volume, inquiries received, and a general roadmap was also shared.

Item 9: CAAC – Standing Item: Commissioner Report on Supervisorial District Needs

Commissioner Jayne provided a comprehensive report regarding the availability of affordable food options and the need to implement pilot programs to fight food insecurity in Los Angeles County. From the report, Commissioner Houston moved that Chair Jayne, with assistance from Commissioner Ostroy, draft a letter of support to address food insecurity in Los Angeles County, to be reviewed by the CAAC Public Information Committee, and presented at the next full CAAC meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jayne. The motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Item 10: CAAC Legislative and Public Information Committee Updates

Commissioner Jayne, Chair of the Public Information Committee, stated that the Committee received a presentation on the DCBA Office of Immigrant Affairs Immigration Services Map and received a DCBA public outreach update. Commissioner Leon, Chair of the Legislative Committee, stated that the Committee had nothing to report.

Item 11: DCBA Department Update

Maggie Becerra, Deputy Director of Consumer Counseling for DCBA, shared information on investigations conducted by the Department on violations made against an individual that provided legal services to Los Angeles County residents without proper legal licenses. Ms. Becerra also shared information on the price gouging website as related to the Dominguez Channel Odor Emergency Event in November.

Item 12: Future Agenda Items

- Elections
- Committee Interest Card Reminder
- Annual Report
- Letter of Support to Combat Food Insecurity
- AB 361 (if needed)
- Commission Goal Number 5
- Rising Medical Costs

Item 13: Public Comment

None

Item 14: Adjournment

Commissioner Leon moved to adjourn the CAAC meeting. Commissioner Chan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.