

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CONSUMER AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION

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Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 17, 2022 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: Mark Waronek

5th District: Vivian Chan, Harry Leon

Absent 1st District: Mark Ramos

2nd District: None 3rd District: None

4th **District**: Charline Sistrunk 5th **District**: Daniel Deng

Staff Rafael Carbajal, Joel Ayala, Francisco Mendez, Sayuj Panicker (County Counsel),

Lindsay Sturman (LCI Guest Presenter)

Public None

Item 3: Approval of Consumer Affairs Advisory Commission (CAAC) Minutes Commissioner Leon moved to approve the minutes of the CAAC meeting for November 18, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gorman. Motion to approve was passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Item 4: 2022 CAAC Elections

The CAAC held their annual elections for Commission Chair and Vice-Chair. The election began with the voting process for Chair. Voting was conducted via roll call vote and the CAAC unanimously voted to elect Commissioner Joan Patsy Ostroy as Chair of the CAAC. The election process continued with voting for Vice-Chair of the CAAC. Voting was conducted via roll call vote and the CAAC voted to elect Commissioner Gregory Gorman as Vice-Chair of the CAAC. The newly appointed Chairs thanked the Commission for their continued support.

Item 5: Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors – CAAC Sunset Review Francisco Mendez, Commission Services, shared information on the Sunset Review process for the CAAC, which aims at assessing the mission, goals, and accomplishments of the CAAC from 2018-2021. Commissioners were urged to submit their Sunset Review Questionnaires to the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors before the February 25, 2022, deadline.

Item 6: 2022 CAAC Committee Interest Card

Francisco Mendez shared the 2022 Committee Interest Card to gauge Commissioner interest in serving on either the Legislative and/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: 2021 CAAC Annual Report

In accordance with the Chief Executive Office Commission Manual, the CAAC established the procedure for drafting the 2021 CAAC Annual Report. Based on the requirement, Commissioner Ostroy moved that the 2021 Annual Report be delegated to Public Information Committee, where the Committee will draft the report and present the draft version at the May 2022 full body meeting for final approval. Commissioner Katz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Item 8: CAAC – Letter of Support to Combat Food Insecurity in Los Angeles County

The Letter of Support to Combat Food Insecurity in Los Angeles County, as drafted by Commissioner Jayne, and reviewed by the Public Information Committee, was presented to the CAAC for final approval. Commissioner Leon moved that the letter be approved for signature from the Chair as presented. Commissioner Ostroy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved via roll call vote.

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

Commissioner Katz began the agenda item by introducing Lindsay Sturman, representative from the Livable Communities Initiative. Ms. Sturman presented a comprehensive report regarding the need for affordable housing options in Los Angeles County that take into consideration increased access to alternative methods of transportation, upgrading businesses to accommodate al fresco dinning, and improving traffic conditions.

Item 10: CAAC Legislative and Public Information Committee Updates

Commissioner Jayne, Chair of the Public Information Committee, stated that the Committee drafted the Letter of Support that was approved in an earlier agenda item. Commissioner Leon, Chair of the Legislative Committee, stated that the Committee had nothing to report.

Item 11: DCBA Department Update

Due to time constraints, the Department update was tabled for a future Commission meeting.

Item 12: Future Agenda Items

- AB 361 (if needed)
- Commission Goal Number 5
- Runaway Medical Costs for Consumers

Item 13: Public Comment

None

Item 14: Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.