



## County of Santa Barbara Meeting of the Legislative Program Committee

### MINUTES

Date: Thursday, January 5, 2012

Time: 9:00AM – 10:30AM

Place: **Board of Supervisors Conference Room, Fourth Floor**  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara

Committee Members: Salud Carbajal, First District Supervisor  
Doreen Farr, Third District Supervisor  
Chandra L. Wallar, County Executive Officer  
Robert Geis, Auditor-Controller  
Dennis A. Marshall, County Counsel

**Present: All members**

### Public Comment

Persons may address the Committee on any matters listed on the agenda. Each person is limited to a 3-minute Public Comment time period.

- Kathy Staples addressed the Committee regarding the 3-minute time limit for Public Comment and the idea that members of the public should not be limited in terms of public access, and commended the Committee for placing economic development at the top of the list of 2012 Legislative Principles.
- John Linn, Mayor of the City of Lompoc, addressed the Committee regarding approval of the prioritization of economic development as number one on the list of 2012 Legislative Principles.
- Regan Candelario of the City of Guadalupe addressed the Committee regarding Guadalupe's support of economic development as the top 2012 Legislative Priority, and Guadalupe's appreciation of County support.
- Supervisor Carbajal addressed the Committee regarding the elimination of the 3-minute Public Comment time limit.
- Supervisor Carbajal addressed the Committee regarding the need to re-examine the continuation of process improvement for the Planning & Development department.
- Supervisor Farr addressed the Committee regarding the importance of collaboration, especially with the University of California, Santa Barbara.

**Motion made by Supervisor Carbajal, seconded by Supervisor Farr, that the Legislative Program Committee remove the 3-minute Public Comment time limit from all future agendas and institute a 3-minute time limit as needed.**

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 5-Supervisor Carbajal, Supervisor Farr, Chandra Wallar, Robert Geis, and Dennis Marshall**

**Action Items:**

1. Approve minutes from the December 12, 2011 meeting.

**Motion made by Supervisor Carbajal, seconded by Supervisor Farr, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2011 meeting as amended to reflect 3-0 votes instead of 3-2 votes, as Supervisor Farr and Chandra Wallar were absent.**

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 4-Supervisor Carbajal, Chandra Wallar, Robert Geis, and Dennis Marshall**

**Abstention: 1 - Supervisor Farr**

2. Review & Discuss Priorities for 2012

- No. 1) Cachuma Lake Boater Safety and Enforcement Financial Aid

**Motion made by Chandra Wallar, seconded by Supervisor Carbajal, to include this item in the 2012 Legislative Platform.**

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 5- Supervisor Carbajal, Supervisor Farr, Chandra Wallar, Robert Geis, and Dennis Marshall**

- No. 4) District Attorney Legislative Enhancement

Chandra Wallar addressed the Committee regarding enforcement difficulties and unintended consequences. Dennis Marshall addressed the Committee regarding the need to distinguish between abuse and neglect. Supervisor Carbajal requested that the DA's office work with Social Services on the issues raised.

**Motion made by Supervisor Carbajal, seconded by Supervisor Farr, to approve strengthening penalties for abusers but remove additional language until further researched, and include this item in the 2012 Legislative Platform contingent upon the following amendments.**

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 5- Supervisor Carbajal, Supervisor Farr, Chandra Wallar, Robert Geis, and Dennis Marshall**

The District Attorney is proposing to strengthen penalties under Penal Code 273 for child abusers and impose probationary periods and programs, ~~in addition to making it a crime to fail to report child abuse that causes great bodily injury to a child under 8.~~

- No. 5) Highway 154 Safety

**Motion made by Supervisor Farr, seconded by Supervisor Carbajal, to include this item in the 2012 Legislative Platform.**

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 5- Supervisor Carbajal, Supervisor Farr, Chandra Wallar, Robert Geis, and Dennis Marshall**

- No. 10 and No. 11) Land Use: Housing Element/Land Use: Housing Element Regional Housing Need  
Supervisor Farr directed staff to re-work No. 10 and No. 11 as a general statement addressing the County's need for a better solution without tying it down. Supervisor Carbajal directed staff to include language similar to, "In meeting the County of Santa Barbara's affordable housing needs, we need a more flexible approach." Supervisor Carbajal directed staff to return to the Committee with an Action Item addressing the issues raised by Jeff Hunt regarding the way that HCD reviews Housing Elements.

**Motion made by Supervisor Farr, seconded by Supervisor Carbajal, to direct staff to draft a comprehensive brief that expresses the County's needs and suggested solutions.**

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 5- Supervisor Carbajal, Supervisor Farr, Chandra Wallar, Robert Geis, and Dennis Marshall**

- No. 14) Social Services Child Welfare Services  
Kathy Gallagher addressed the Committee regarding it being more fiscally responsible to invest in front-line services. Chandra Wallar stated that No. 14 fits well under the existing Legislative Priority.

**Motion made by Supervisor Carbajal, seconded by Supervisor Farr, to support these efforts.**

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 5- Supervisor Carbajal, Supervisor Farr, Chandra Wallar, Robert Geis, and Dennis Marshall**

- County of Santa Barbara Top Legislative Priorities
  - ⇒ Transportation Priorities (Funding Requests):
    1. Highway 101 Widening (Regional)
    2. Hollister Avenue (Local)
    3. Roadway Treatment & Drainage
      - ✓ Off system bridge funding
      - ✓ Pavement preservation
      - ✓ Old town Orcutt
      - ✓ Purisima Road
      - ✓ Refugio Road
      - ✓ Union Valley Parkway

**Motion made by Chandra Wallar, seconded by Robert Geis, to approve the 2012 Legislative Transportation Priorities as ranked above, and to include the additional 6 priorities in the 2012 Legislative Platform.**

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 4- Supervisor Farr, Chandra Wallar, Robert Geis, and Dennis Marshall**  
**Absent: 1 - Supervisor Carbajal**

- ⇒ Non-Transportation Priorities (Federal Funding Requests)
  1. Santa Maria River Levee
  2. Lower Mission Creek
  3. Lake Cachuma Capital Improvements
  4. Safety Improvements Public Beach Access
    - ✓ Goleta Beach County Park

- ✓ Veterans Memorial Building – Santa Barbara and Lompoc
- ✓ Historic Santa Barbara County Courthouse
- ✓ Santa Barbara Health and Human Services Campus Upgrades
- ✓ Parks/Open Space
- ✓ Resource Recovery Park/Conversion Technology

**Motion made by Chandra Wallar, seconded by Supervisor Farr, to approve the 2012 Legislative Non-Transportation Priorities as ranked above, and to include the additional 6 priorities in the 2012 Legislative Platform.**

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 4- Supervisor Farr, Chandra Wallar, Robert Geis, and Dennis Marshall**

**Absent: 1 - Supervisor Carbajal**

- Gaming Compacts

**Motion made by Supervisor Farr, seconded by Chandra Wallar, to add Gaming Compacts to the 2012 Legislative Platform.**

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 4- Supervisor Farr, Chandra Wallar, Robert Geis, and Dennis Marshall**

**Absent: 1 - Supervisor Carbajal**

- Resource Recovery:

**Motion made by Supervisor Farr, seconded by Dennis Marshall, to add Resource Recovery to the 2012 Legislative Platform.**

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 4- Supervisor Farr, Chandra Wallar, Robert Geis, and Dennis Marshall**

**Absent: 1 - Supervisor Carbajal**

3. Proposed 2012 Meeting Calendar - No action taken.

**Motion made by Supervisor Farr, seconded by Dennis Marshall, to adjourn meeting.**

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 3- Supervisor Farr, Robert Geis, and Dennis Marshall**

**Absent: 2 - Supervisor Carbajal, Chandra Wallar**

**The next meeting:**

Monday, February 6, 2012 (*Noted for minutes: Meeting was canceled*)

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