

North Los Angeles County Regional Center
Government & Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2024

Present: Anna Hurst, Cathy Blin, Curtis Wang, Michael Costa, Nicholas Abrahms, Sharmila Brunjes, Vivian Seda, Jennifer Koster, Juan Hernandez – Committee Members

Kimberly Visokey, Chris Whitlock, Cristina Preuss, Evelyn McOmie, Gabriela Eshrati – Staff Members

Michelle Heid- Legucator, Andrew McElhinney, Leticia Garcia – Board Member, Lori Walker- SDLAC - Guests

Absent: James Henry, Kelsi Levingston

I. Call to Order & Introductions

Curtis Wang called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

II. Public Input

No public input

III. Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

M/S/C (C. Blin/V. Seda) To approve the agenda as presented

B. Approval of Minutes from the March 20, 2024 Meeting

M/S/C (J. Hernandez/V. Seda) To approve the Minutes as presented.

IV. Committee Business

A. Selection of Committee Chair and Co-Chair

Evelyn McOmie announced that Curtis Wang has volunteered to Chair the Committee Meeting for the evening, which requires a vote from the Committee. There were no additional volunteers.

M/S/C (J. Koster/V. Seda) To approve Curtis Wang to Chair the Committee meeting as presented.

B. Committee Vision for New FY

Evelyn shared that this discussion would be for current Members to consider and make recommendations for the vision for the Committee for the next FY. Michelle Heid noted that there are plans for Community Training, possibly in August, and a Candidate Forum in October. Michelle pointed out that the Candidate Forum will highlight 2 candidates running in a particular district in a non-biased manner rather than advocate for a specific candidate.

Cristina Preuss shared a booklet created by Michelle Heid that contains specific information about current legislators and candidates, their contact information, and the areas in which they serve/running to serve. Cristina will condense the booklet to the information pertinent to NLA and then will distribute it to Board Members.

Anna Hurst proposed that each Committee member join a regional team and attend 2 legislative events, introduce themselves and be participating members of the event. The discussion will continue and be finalized by the incoming Committee Members in the new FY.

C. Legislative Visits

This item was addressed in the previous section.

V. Report Outs/Discussions

A. Social Media Analytics Report: March and April 2024 – Chris Whitlock

Chris reviewed the information as presented in the packet for March and April Highlights include:

March (Instagram)

Total Followers: 1,120
Public Comments Received: 5
New Followers: 32
Posts: 151
Total Engagements: 1,048

April (Instagram)

Total Followers: 1,175
Public Comments Received: 8
New Followers: 58
Posts: 168
Total Engagements: 964

March (Facebook)

Total Followers: 6,968
Public Comments Received: 26
New Followers: 32
Posts: 151
Total Engagements: 1,048

April (Facebook)

Total Followers: 6,984
Public Comments Received: 17
New Followers: 16
Posts: 370
Total Engagements: 1,382

March (X, formerly Twitter)
Total Followers: 513
Impressions: 3,774

April (X, formerly Twitter)
Total Followers:513
Impressions:3,767

It was noted that the categories for the tables were missing from the report; Chris will ensure that they are included in the next report.

B. Legucator Report- Michelle Heid

Michelle reviewed the information as presented in the packet for the April Report Highlights include:

Legislative Update

The Spring Recess has come and gone, with legislators spending the last week of March in their districts and resuming the session on April 1st. This is a busy time in the legislature as bills are heard and budget negotiations are in full swing. Members of the legislature are grappling with a state budget deficit which is estimated to be from \$38-73 billion. Solutions discussed include proposed cuts such as delaying the final phase of the provider rate increase and using \$12.2 billion of the state's "rainy day fund." There have been some positives for our community, including the Chair of Senate Budget Subcommittee #5 (Corrections, Public Safety, Judiciary, Labor and Transportation), Senator Aisha Wahab agreeing to all the cuts proposed in Budget Sub #5 to save the rate reform delay proposed in Budget Sub #3. Additionally, Assemblywoman Stephanie Nguyen (D10) sent a Budget Request Letter to the Chairs of the Assembly and Senate Budget Subcommittees requesting that the service provider rates not be delayed. The letter is being circulated in the Legislature, and more signatures are being added every week.

Legislature Budget Committee Hearings

The Assembly and State Senate budget subcommittees have been hard at work discussing the Governor's January Budget and addressing the large state budget deficit.

Legislative Calendar

March 21st, 2024 – Spring Recess begins upon adjournment

April 1st, 2024 – Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess

May 15th, 2024 – Governor's "May Revise" Budget deadline

June 15, 2024 – Deadline for Legislature to pass a budget bill

2024 GENERAL ELECTION AND CANDIDATES

Included in the report is a list of candidates running for Federal and State offices in the NLACRC catchment area in the November 5th, 2024 General Election. All seats in the House of Representatives, odd-numbered California Senate districts, and all Assembly districts are up for election. With redistricting and term limits, NLACRC will

have at least 3 new legislators at the state level. The top two vote-getters, regardless of political party, will be on the November ballot for seats in the U.S. House Congressional races and the State Senate and Assembly. Local municipalities and county races (such as LA County Supervisors) may be decided by a simple 50% + 1 vote. Primary Election Results in the packet are as of March 26th, 2024. The Secretary of State will certify election results on April 12th, 2024.

Michelle recommended that the Committee consider highlighting Districts 43 and 44, or other close races, new legislators and what part of the catchment area is being covered.

VI. Review of Meeting Action Items

- A. Send the Legislator booklet to Board Support for distribution to the Board (Cristina Preuss)
- B. Revise the Social Media Report to ensure that table categories are visible. (Chris Whitlock)

VI. Board Meeting Agenda Items

- A. Minutes from the May 15, 2024 Meeting

IX. Announcements / Information / Public Input

- A. Next Meeting: TBD
- B. Committee Attendance

X. Adjournment

Curtis Wang adjourned the meeting at 6:44 pm.

Submitted by:

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Executive Administrative Assistant

(The majority of these minutes are taken from the Minutes Service submission and reviewed/edited as presented herein by NLACRC staff.*

