

**Agenda for
October 21, 2024 via Zoom**

1. **Opening Welcome**
2. **Approval of September Minutes:** Attached to Agenda package;
3. **Guest Speaker – State Senator Caroline Menjivar**, District 20; She will give a brief talk, prefers answering questions. Think of what you would like to ask the Senator at the meeting
(25-35 minutes)
4. **Guest Speaker – Nick Montano**, from Los Toros Restaurant; Building and Safety department and Al Fresco dining program. Reference CF #20-1097
(10-15 minutes)
5. **Rep reports:** City Council offices were asked about restaurants in their district related to the Al Fresco program.
5. **New business:**
7. **Adjournment**

Next Government Affairs Meeting

November 18, 2024

Last GA meeting of the Year



**GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2024**

Present: Richard Fisk, Florine Goodman, Scott Krassner, Jill Kline, Horace Heidt, David Honda, David Phelps, Dennis Zine, Diana Oganessian, Bonnie Bursk, Susie Herrera, Mirna Ezquivel, Nicole Richardson, Cindy Cleghorn, Kris Hough, James Roy, Jeanette Capaldi, Paula Cracium, Jose Rodriguez, Tammy Scher, Allen Budzichowski, Matthew Jacobs, Sherry Keowen, Colleen King, Bonnie Lallouz, Ashleigh Larson, Tom Ross, Denny Schneider, Hannah Lee, Bonnie Bursk, Sonia Campos Rivera, Jeanette Capaldi, Crystal Carr, Cindy Cleghorn, Elizabeth deCarteret, Marisol Espinoza, Julio Galvez, Victoria Garcia, Patrick Gibson, David Hernandez, Les Himes, Varant Majarian, Nick Montano, Tony Rodriguez, Emely Pineda, Mike Stafford, Andrea Rosenthal, Natalie Vartanian

Call to Order: Richard Fisk called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Minutes: August 19, 2024 - Richard mention two corrections to the August 19, 2024 Minutes: Prop 35 is actually a funding proposition for Medi-Cal and Prop 36, rolling back some prop 47 provisions was missing from the Minutes. Minutes were approved as amended

GUEST SPEAKER ASSEMBLYMEMBER PILAR SCHIAVO

Richard introduced Andrea Rosenthal, Representative for Assembly Member Pilar Schiavo, asking her for a short introduction of the Assemblymember.

Andrea stated that the Assemblymember lives in the San Fernando Valley and has completed the first year of her two-year term and will be on the ballot for re-election.

PILAR SCHIAVO, 40TH DISTRICT STATE ASSEMBLY Assemblymember Schiavo started by reminding everyone that her slogan "Hit the Ground Running" which she has done. She stated that she is very in tune to small businesses as she was raised in a small business family, so she understands their struggles.

She wants to let people know what Assembly Members can do, by being open to the public. She offers help with the State Franchise Tax Board. She has been working to bring resources back to the District, which has been overlooked, to help with jobs, school safety, domestic violence, homeless, health & housing and much more.

Retail Theft, for which she serves on a committee, and has learned the concerns of businesses and the public. Ten bills have been presented to help the police catch more

perpetrators, and add more tools to Prosecutors. One of those tools is allowing charges of thefts to be added together to reach \$950. Also, “take away to sell’ stolen goods, would require the seller to show proof of ownership of the items he is trying to sell. She did state that there are still concerns that this may not be enough to help businesses.

Will continue to do more to be able to support these efforts with holding meetings, such as the United Chambers of Commerce as well as collaborating and getting tips from perpetrators. More money is being allocated to CHP and LAPD to allow them to be able to do their jobs effectively.

Questions were asked regarding SB1174 (prohibit asking for I.D. to vote. Issues regarding the Veterans and it’s “red tape’, making it difficult, if not impossible, to accomplish the needs/concerns of Vets.

Concerns were shared about the voting of “homeless” and fairness to protect all voters.

Issues regarding help for small business in getting financing, many prohibited by the high interest rates, and high cost of insurance.

Other comments were directed to the fact that money to the CHP and LAPD to hire more officers, is not going to stop out of control crime. Our elected officials must pass laws, allowing law enforcement to actually do their job

Pilar answered that she is aware of many of these issues and agrees that it should be a focus. She is happy to help businesses encouraged them to contact her or their local representatives.

COUNTY & CITY MEASURERS ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT

The following Measurers were discussed and the United Chambers of Commerce Government Affairs Committee took a position and sent those findings to each Member Chamber for their approval or disapproval of the UCC G.A.’s decision. If the Chambers agree, this will become the official position of United Chambers of Commerce. (Descriptions have been condensed and full description is available at United Chambers of Commerce.

G; PROPOSED COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT LOS ANGELES COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE, ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY CHARTER AMENDMENT. Create an elected County Executive. Create an independent Ethics Commission establish a nonpartisan Legislative Analyst and increase the Board of Supervisors from five to nine member, with no additional taxes to implement. **VOTE: OPPOSED**

A: HOMELESS SERVICES AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING ORDINANCE, to require accountability and results, create affordable housing, support home ownership, provide rental assistance. Repealing Measure H tax and replacing it with a ½ cent sales tax, raising approximately \$1,076,076,350 annually **VOTE: OPPOSED**

E; COMSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND INFRASTRUCTURE ORDINANCE by levying 6 cents per square foot of certain parcel improvements. **VOTE: OPPOSED – (ONE VOTE TO SUPPORT)**

DD: INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. CHARTER AMENDMENT DD. **VOTE: OPPOSED**

US: LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS SAFETY AND UPGRADES MEASURE TO UPDATE SCHOOL FACILITIES SHALL LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MEASURERS BE ADOPTED authorizing \$9,000,000,000 in bonds levying 2.5 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation until approximately 2059. **VOTE: OPPOSED**

LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

HANNAH LEE (CD12 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHN LEE) Hannah mentioned that the ALPR Program has been placed in CD12 to help Law Enforcement with crime. **CONTACT:** Hannah.Lee@lacity.org

ASHLEIGH LARSON (CSUN) Ashleigh announced that the mayor's Small Business Summit has been postponed and will be reschedule. **CONTACT:** ashleigh.larson@csun.edu

JILL KLINE (CD3 COUNCILMEMBER BOB BLUMENFIELD) Jill mentioned the following events: L.A. OPTIMIZED 2.0 (Virtual – Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 3:00 P.M. and on Friday, September 27, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 19040 Vanowen Street "APPLICATION ASSISTANCE". **CONTACT:** jill.kline@lacity.org

DIANA OGANESYAN (SUPERVISOR BARGER) Diana mentioned that on Tuesday, September 17, there will be a Webinar regarding keeping Insurance Companies in California and on Sept 18 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. another Webinar regarding Property Tax and Fire Insurance. **CONTACT:** doganesyan@bos.lacounty.gov

DAVID HERNANDEZ David spoke about topics he will share on his radio show: "THE COST OF DOING BUSINESS & THE COST OF NOT DOING BUSINESS" - "NO MORE JAILS" and HOW THE HOMELESS SITUATION IS WORSE THAN EVER.

MARIAN JOCZ (UNITED CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE) Marian announced the Mayor's Lunch scheduled on October 30, 2024 at Skirball! For more information contact: marian@unitedchambers.org,

VICTORIA GARCIA (SAN FERNANDO CITY CHAMBER) Victoria introduced herself as a City Council Member in San Fernando (CD43) where she is up for re-election.

Meeting adjourned 1:45 p.m.
Minutes submitted by Florine Goodman, UCC Secretary

NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING – Monday, OCTOBER 21, 2024

Legislation – October 2024

Los Angeles City Council

21-0042-S9 (Raman,Hernandez) Asks for a report in 60 days with recommendations to ensure LAMC 151.09(C)(9) and 165.05(B)(5) can **better protect tenants from evictions**, especially in cases where landlords have filed eviction cases that are not legal. (Scheduled for 10-15 to approve request)

24-1217 (Blumenfield, Rodriguez) Motion asks for a report in 60 days with a plan to implement **changes to the business tax** that are within the Council's authority to act. (Scheduled for 10-15 to approve request)

23-0002-S155 (Soto-Martinez) Resolution to have the **City of Los Angeles support Proposition 33** also known as the Justice for Renters Act. (Scheduled for 10-15 to approve request)

20-1074-S6 (Raman, Padilla) Motion asking for a report to address the **lack of enrollment in the AI Fresco** program. Report should include: pathways to extend temporary Use Authorization; Fee reduction Program; City's inefficiencies,... (Council approved report request, dated 9-17)

24-1097 (Hernandez, McOsker) Motion to address the feasibility of offering **sponsorship of visas** to candidates for City jobs. (Council approved report request, dated 10-9)

24-0626 (Hutt) Report within 30 days relative to clarifying the legal implications of **parking removal** in dense over-parked neighborhoods where ADU's are replacing existing tenant parking. (Council approved report request, dated 10-9)

19-1235 (Wesson) Approve funding in the amount of \$460,000 for consultant services for a Phase 1 study related to the formation of a **public bank serving the City of Los Angeles**. (Council approved consulting services dated 6-21-23; this item is coming up again with most Councilmembers in favor of establish a Los Angeles public bank)

State Legislation

These are bills that have been listed on this handout in the last few months that reached the Governor's desk. **Final status is in red.** <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/home.xhtml>

AB 2499 - (Schiavo) Unlawful **employment practices: discrimination for time off**. Amends several provisions of existing law related to employee time off for jury duty, crime victims and witnesses, among other amendments. (Signed into law 9-29)

SB 1193 - (Menjivar) This bill **prohibits the sale of leaded aviation gasoline**, phasing it out beginning January 1, 2026. Allows counties to opt-out. (Signed into law 9-22)

AB 2943 - (Rivas-Zbur) **This** bill would make it a crime for any person to possess property that was acquired through **one or more acts of shoplifting** from a retail business, and the person has intent to sell, and the aggregate value of the possessed property exceeds \$950. (Signed into law 8-16)

AB 2903 – (Hoover) Requires state-run **homelessness programs to annually report** cost and outcome data to the California Interagency Council on Homelessness. (Vetoed 9-25)

SB 1174 – (Min) **Prohibits** local governments from **requiring voters to show ID** at polling places. (Signed into law 9-29)

AB 2586 - (Juan Carrilo) Requires the University of California system to **hire undocumented immigrant** students who cannot get work permits. (Vetoed 9-25)

AB 1840 – (Arambula) Allows **undocumented** people to apply for the state's first-time **home buyer's assistance**. (Vetoed 9-6)

AB 2863 - (Schiavo) Requires that a consumer be able to cancel an automatically **renewed subscription** in the same manner that the consumer used to subscribe to the continuous service in the first place. (Signed into law 9-24)

AB 2424 - (Schiavo) This bill adds procedural **requirements to the foreclosure process**, intended to help a borrower find assistance in navigating the foreclosure process (Signed into law 9-20)

SB 1103 - (Menjivar) **Tenancy of commercial real properties**: agreements: operating costs. (Signed into law 9-30)

AB 52 - (Grayson) This bill would provide **Income tax credit** for Manufacturing equipment. (Vetoed 9-20; because it would have a significant impact on the state's general fund)

AB 1755 – (Kalra) For used car owners, shortens the length of time someone has to file a **lemon law lawsuit** and requires them to notify the manufacturer in writing about car problems before filing lawsuit for warranty violations. (Signed into law 9-29)

AB 1775 – (Haney) Legalizes Amsterdam-style **cannabis cafes**. (Signed into law 9-30)

SB 1053 – (Blakespear) **Bans** any kind of **plastic grocery bags** at checkout. Customers would need to use either a reusable bag from home or a paper option provided at the point of sale. (Signed into law 9-22)

SB 969 – (Wiener) Creates zones where businesses can **sell alcohol on streets and sidewalks**. (Signed into law 9-29)

SB 961 - (Wiener) Requires all new **cars** starting in 2030 to be equipped **with speed-limiting technology** to alert drivers when they're going too fast. (Vetoed 9-28)

AB 98 – (Juan Carrilo) Sets new **restrictions for warehouses** and trucking routes that store and move cargo, goods and products. (Signed into law 9-29)