



**Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Legislative Advocacy Forum  
March 28, 2018 Agenda**

Jim Vigdor, Presiding

8:00 a.m. Simi Valley Chamber Boardroom

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| I.   | Call to Order   | Jim Vigdor   |
| II.  | Self-Introductions  |  |
| III. | Approval of Minutes   | Jim Vigdor   |
| IV.  | May Meeting Date Change   | Jim Vigdor   |
| V.   | <u>Legislative Updates</u>  |  |
|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Congresswoman Brownley</li><li>• Congressman Knight</li><li>• Senator Stern</li><li>• Assemblyman Acosta</li><li>• Supervisor Foy</li><li>• City of Simi Valley</li><li>• U.S. Chamber of Commerce</li><li>• Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce</li><li>• Southern California Edison</li><li>• Simi Valley Unified School District</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Daniel Dominguez</li><li>John Bagnall</li><li>Morgan Culbertson</li><li>Taylor Criddle</li><li>Brian Miller</li><li>Brian Gabler</li><li>Vartan Djihanian</li><li>Samantha Shapiro</li><li>Rudy Gonzales</li><li>Jason Peplinski</li></ul> |

Other Agencies:

Cal State Channel Islands, Job & Career Center, Metropolitan Water District,  
Southern California Gas

- VII. Other Business

Next Meeting: April 25, 2018 8:00 a.m.

- VIII. Adjourn

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Meeting Minutes – February 28, 2018

Present: Jason Peplinski, Brian Gabler, Rana Ghadban, Jim vigdor, Camille Cordova, Rudy Gonzales, Amy Corneau, Samantha Shapiro, John Bagnall, Kat Shepherd, Jeff Sommer, Mike McDonnel, Daniel Dominguez, Morgan Culbertson, Melanie Vollbrecht

Call to Order – 8:06 AM

**Approval of Minutes** – Rudy Gonzales made a motion to approve the minutes from January. Camille Cordova seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Legislative Updates:**

**Congresswoman Brownley** – Daniel Dominguez reported on behalf of Congresswoman Julia Brownley. The Congresswoman is hosting an art competition for high school students in the district; winners will receive a trip to Washington, D.C. and have their art hung in the Capitol. The Congresswoman is also planning to host a passport fair the first or second weekend in April.

**Congressman Knight** – John Bagnall reported on behalf of Congressman Knight. The Congressman was in town last week and met with several business leaders. He is focused on aerospace, small business and veterans. He mentioned HR 3978 to make it easier to receive mortgage insurance. HR 4279 is regarding small business funding and expanding investment opportunities. The Congressman will have a conference with local law enforcement agencies on ways to better protect the schools.

**Senator Stern** – Morgan Culbertson reported on behalf of Senator Stern. SB 1281 The Juvenile Gun Safety Act will remove the loophole that allowed for juvenile records regarding gun prohibitions to be sealed; the rest of a minor's records would be sealed, but the specific gun prohibition part of the record would remain unsealed until the person was 30. SB 1380 is working to disclose chemicals related to Aliso Canyon. SB 1350 is an initiative to create a fund eligible to receive the greenhouse gas funds. Morgan mentioned working on a fact sheet related to all the new laws regarding undocumented citizens and the rights of businesses. There were questions about SB 993 (sales tax on business services), AB 2069 (medical cannabis protection), AB 1745 (clean car act 2040), AB 1886 (single use plastic straws), SB 937 (lactation accommodations), and SB 1343 (sexual harassment training).

**City of Simi Valley** – Brian Gabler reported for the City of Simi Valley. He reported on a property tax assessment change regarding commercial and industrial space vs. residential space. He discussed the recreational marijuana use in the City; currently you can't use other than what the state allows within the city. A few businesses have contacted the city who would like to use CBD in their products. The council will likely talk about marijuana again in the next month or so. The Economic Development committee has been discussing issues of homelessness related to business and the City has discussed working on a fact sheet of what businesses can do to protect themselves against crime. The City has also awarded the Chamber funds to continue the Shop Simi Valley First program.

**Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce** – Samantha Shapiro reported for the Simi Valley Chamber. The Chamber is tracking the following bills: AB 2482 related to a flexible workweek schedule based on 40 hours rather than 8 hours a day; AB 2455 regarding home care aide registries; AB 1745 regarding the clean cars 2040 act. The Simi Valley Chamber will host a breakfast talk with Ron Eidshaug, Vice President of Congressional and Public Affairs for the US Chamber on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM. The

Chamber's State of the City event will be held on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 AM at the Wood Ranch Golf Club.

**Southern California Edison** – Rudy Gonzales reported for Southern California Edison. Regarding the wildfires, some are trying to see if Southern California Edison is at fault. The fire investigation is still ongoing. As a result of the wildfires, utilities are a big target. Edison has started to think about the liabilities and implementing public safety power shutoffs in areas with a lot of wind. They are looking at criteria for this. They have also published a Clean Power and Electrification Pathway white paper to respond to the requirement for emissions by 2030.

**Simi Valley Unified School District** – Jason Peplinski reported for the Simi Valley Unified School District (SVUSD). AB 2067 would require all school districts to hire an armed security guard for every campus, but it does not include funding for that. AB 2756 regarding charter and private high school regulations; SVUSD supports. AB 2808 regarding career technical education is supported by SVUSD. SB 1203 regarding school of choice and district of choice; SVUSD opposes.

Adjourn – 9:20 AM