

**City of Beverly Hills**  
**Legislative Committee Meeting Notes**  
**May 5, 2009**

**Participants:**

Jimmy Delshad, Vice Mayor  
Dr. William Brien, Council Member  
Katie Lichtig, Staff  
Cheryl Friedling, Staff  
Cmdr. Theresa Taylor, Staff  
Aaron Kunz, Staff

**SB 39** - The Committee reviewed the legislative status of Senate Bill 39, legislation introduced by Senator Benoit designed to modify the recent 'Van Horn' State Supreme Court decision.

Specifically, this measure would enact the 'Good Samaritan Protection Act' that provides that volunteer disaster service workers would be offered personal liability immunity when acting under the scope of their responsibilities under the authority of a governmental emergency organization ( e.g., a municipality. )

The City's legislative lobbyist in Sacramento updated the Committee regarding SB 39's passage in the Senate Judiciary Committee by a 5-0 vote that day, and apprised the Committee of the process going forward regarding the legislation.

**AB 139** - The Committee received an update on the status of AB 139, legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Julia Brownley regarding a ballot measure fee proposal to fund pollution and urban runoff initiatives for the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. It was noted that the County Flood Control District cannot currently fund the cost for projects as required for compliance under the Federal Clean Water Act.

**Voter Identification** - The issue of voter identification was discussed, noting that there has been interest from individual Councilmembers in exploring options for the City to support efforts which require voters to provide proof of identification when voting at the polls. Two bills in the State Legislature (SB 370 and AB 1415) which addressed this issue failed passage in their respective committees; a statewide proposed ballot initiative (SAFE – Secure and Fair Elections) is being prepared for the June, 2010 ballot.

Staff indicated that the City's current Legislative Platform does not include the issue of voter identification. Staff will bring the issue forward before the City Council for discussion at a later date.

**Federal Stimulus Funding** - The Committee received an update regarding the City's efforts to secure funding through a variety of federal and state grantee agencies, particularly in the following categories:

- Facility renovation
- Fire station renovation/fire prevention programs
- Broadband technology and disaster recovery
- Water infrastructure replacement and water conservation
- Street infrastructure repair and maintenance
- Social services programs
- Library community outreach

**Legislative Advocacy Program - Lobbyist Contracts** – Staff presented information regarding the June 30, 2009 expiration of the contracts for the City's lobbying firms. The Committee authorized staff to move forward with the City's legislative advocacy program and to develop an RFP process to solicit candidate firms (including incumbent firms) and review submissions. Vice Mayor Delshad and Councilmember Brien offered to participate in the process.

The meeting concluded at 4:10 p.m.

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