



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held January 9, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Chief Administrative Officer's recommendation to approve updated policies and proposals for the first year of the 2007-08 State Legislative Session which seek to minimize the adverse impact of State actions on the County, achieve greater flexibility over the use of State funds, secure State assistance whenever possible, especially from non-General Fund sources, and promote the growth of the State and local economy; and instruct the Chief Administrative Officer, affected departments, the Legislative Strategist, and the County's Legislative Advocates in Sacramento to work with the County's Legislative Delegation, other counties and local governments, and interest groups to pursue these policies and proposals.

Dr. Bruce A. Chernof, Director of Health Services, responded to questions posed by the Board.

After discussion, Supervisor Molina made the following statement:

"Yesterday, Governor Schwarzenegger presented his proposal for health care reform in California. While there are positive aspects to this plan that seeks to balance benefits and responsibility, that intends to fix a system that has left 6.5 million working people uninsured, I remain concerned about the stability and viability of a safety net for the most vulnerable members of our community. This is especially true in light of the Governor's almost simultaneous proposal to roll back the welfare system cutting off tens of thousands of children and their families.

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“Additionally, Assembly Speaker Fabian Nuñez and Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata have also presented health care reform proposals that require careful analysis.

“How will the Governor’s proposal affect the delivery of health care services in the County? What additional costs, benefits, or burdens will it produce? Should the County support this proposal or should the County support the Nuñez or Perata proposals? What will be the impact of families losing aid? These are all questions that require an immediate analysis and response if the County is to participate effectively in any health care and welfare discussions with the State.

“I therefore move that the Board:

1. Direct the Director of Health Services and the Chief Administrative Officer to work collaboratively to analyze the fiscal and programmatic impact of the Governor’s health care proposal, Assembly Speaker Fabian Nuñez’ proposal and Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata’s proposal on Los Angeles County and prepare a report with specific recommendations;
2. Direct the Director of Public Social Services, in conjunction with the Chief Administrative Officer and the California Welfare Directors Association, to assess the County impact of the Governor’s welfare proposal and prepare a report with specific recommendations; and
3. Direct the Director of Health Services, Director of Public Social Services and the Chief Administrative Officer to present these reports within two weeks at the January 23, 2007 Board meeting.”

Further, Supervisor Yaroslavsky made a motion to add a new section to the Chief Administrative Officer’s aforementioned recommendations updating the policies and proposals for the first year of the 2007-2008 State Legislative Session as follows:

Attachment I, Justice and Public Safety, 6.1 General, Section 13. Support legislation to enable law enforcement to implement vehicular forfeiture ordinances related to racing, rallying and exhibitionist driving on local roads, streets, and highways.

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After further discussion, on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Directed the Director of Health Services and the Chief Administrative Officer to work collaboratively to analyze the fiscal and programmatic impact of the Governor's health care proposal, Assembly Speaker Fabian Nuñez' proposal and Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata's proposal on Los Angeles County and prepare a report with specific recommendations;
2. Directed the Director of Public Social Services, in conjunction with the Chief Administrative Officer and the California Welfare Directors Association, to assess the County impact of the Governor's welfare proposal and prepare a report with specific recommendations; and
3. Directed the Director of Health Services, Director of Public Social Services and the Chief Administrative Officer to present these reports within two weeks at the January 23, 2007 Board meeting.

Further, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Molina, and carried by the Board, the Chief Administrative Officer's attached recommendations updating the policies and proposals for the first year of the 2007-2008 State Legislative Session were adopted with the following changes:

1. Add a new section as follows:

Attachment I, Justice and Public Safety, 6.1 General, Section 13. Support legislation to enable law enforcement to implement vehicular forfeiture ordinances related to racing, rallying and exhibitionist driving on local roads, streets, and highways;

2. A "No" vote was recorded for Supervisor Knabe on the following:

Attachment I, Section 4.6 – Public Health Item 22: Support proposals that would reduce exposure to secondhand smoke (SHS) including: 2) reducing involuntary exposure to SHS in multi unit housing complexes;

Attachment I, Section 4.6 – Public Health Item 23: Support proposals to increase tobacco cessation services including mandating cessation services be covered as part of employee health benefits; and

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3. Supervisor Knabe abstained from voting on the following:

Attachment I, Section 4.6 – Public Health Item 22: Support proposals that would reduce exposure to secondhand smoking (SHS) including: 3) Protecting children from involuntary exposure to SHS while riding in cars.

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Attachment

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