



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

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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All Department/District Heads

At its meeting held July 29, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“On May 14, 2002, I introduced a motion requesting the Board to oppose the ballot initiative that has since been officially titled Classification of Race, Ethnicity, Color and National Origin (CRECNO) Initiative. The motion regarding CRECNO (referred to earlier as the Racial Privacy Initiative and is sponsored by the American Civil Rights Coalition), included adopting the recommendation of the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations (CHR) to oppose the initiative because of its detrimental impact to the residents of the County of Los Angeles, and directing the CHR to inform the public of the Board’s opposition to CRECNO.

“At that time, the CRECNO Initiative had not yet been officially qualified to be placed on the ballot, and thus action by the Board of Supervisors on the motion was postponed. Subsequently, the initiative has qualified and was scheduled to be on the March 2004 ballot. However, the initiative will be on the ballot of the next Statewide election on October 7, 2003, due to the Governor Recall campaign.

“As mentioned in the motion of May 14, 2002, the passing of this initiative could have profound negative impact on the County of Los Angeles as it relates to the effectiveness and quality of services provided.”

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Rosalind Gold, representing the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials, Kimberly West-Faulcon, representing the NAACP, Zedar E. Broadous, Member of the Commission on Human Relations, and other interested persons addressed the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Molina, duly carried by the following vote: Ayes: Supervisors Molina, Yaroslavsky, Knabe, and Burke; Noes: Supervisor Antonovich, the Board took the following actions:

1. Went on record in opposition to the Classification of Race, Ethnicity, Color and National Origin (CRECNO) Initiative sponsored by the American Civil Rights Coalition which will be on the ballot of the October 7, 2003 Statewide election;
2. Adopted the recommendation of the Commission on Human Relations to oppose the initiative because of its detrimental impact to the residents of the County of Los Angeles; and
3. Instructed all Department/District Heads to work closely with the Commission on Human Relations to provide the public with information regarding the CRECNO Initiative, its specific requirements, and its impacts on the County.

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Each Supervisor

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