

**Los Angeles County  
Consumer Affairs Advisory Commission  
Meeting**

**Minutes**

**Wednesday, July 17, 2013**

**Present:** Dionne Faulk                      Karine Bagdasarian  
Stanley Rogers                      Joyce Ayvazi  
Vivian Chan                              Ronnie Jayne  
Dennis Arguelles

**Staff:** Brian Stiger  
Kirk Shelton  
Kristine Ovsepyan  
Clemente Mejia

**Excused:** Joseph Lee  
Helen Levin  
Ho-Jeong Eun

**Public:** Annabella Mazariegos  
Nadine Hays

**Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum:**

The Chair called the meeting to order at approximately 1:07 p.m. The quorum requirement was met during the entire meeting. The agenda was reviewed by the commissioners present.

*In accordance with the Brown Act, the agenda for the Commission Meeting was posted in advance on the outside door of the Department of Consumer Affairs (Room B-96), the meeting location (Cafeteria Conference Room), and online at <http://dca.lacounty.gov/Commission.htm>.*

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes for the meeting of May 15, 2013 were unanimously approved on motion by Commissioner Rogers and seconded by Commissioner Chan.

**Special Presentations:**

**Kristine Ovsepyan, Department of Consumer Affairs**

**Review of SB62 process**

- SB62 was initiated in 2009 by a Board Motion by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
- Authored by Senator Liu and sponsored by the County, the bill allows for a fee increase for the notifications that are mailed to homeowners and occupants when deeds, quitclaim deeds and deeds of trust are recorded and adds notices of default and notices of sale to the recorded documents that require notices to be mailed out
- 2010 - The bill was passed by the legislature, but was vetoed by Governor Schwarzenegger
- 2011 - SB62 was reintroduced and passed by the legislature and signed into law by Governor Brown
- The County is working on implementation of the law

**Review of the County's State Legislative Agenda process**

The County has a legislative agenda, which is Board approved policies, positions and priorities on State issues of County interest that the County may pursue without additional approval by the Board of Supervisors.

DCA reviews and tracks legislation pertaining to consumers and works with our CEO Analyst to identify a connection with the County Legislative Agenda. The CEO may send a letter of support or opposition based on the County Legislative Agenda if one exists. However, if a legislative agenda pertaining to the issue in question is not in place, the CEO must ask the Board to take a support or oppose position. DCA may also send a letter on behalf of our Department to support or oppose legislation. DCA may also request to update the County Legislative Agenda to include new issues pertaining to consumers.

**Subcommittee Updates:**

**Public Information Subcommittee**

**Commissioner Jayne – Subcommittee Chair**

Commissioner Jayne updated the Commission on the activities of the subcommittee. The subcommittee recommended to make the Public Information Subcommittee a standing subcommittee.

Commissioner Chan made the following motion, seconded by Commissioner Rogers:

***Make the Public Information Subcommittee a standing Subcommittee.***

The motion was unanimously passed by the commissioner present.

Chair Faulk will make new appointments to the Subcommittee at the next Commission meeting if any of the current Commissioners choose to step down from the Subcommittee.

**Foreclosure Subcommittee**

**Chair Faulk – Subcommittee Chair**

Chair Faulk updated the Commission on the activities of the subcommittee. A member of the public spoke.

Commissioner Jayne made the following motion, seconded by Commissioner Bagdasarian:

***Make the Foreclosures Subcommittee a standing Subcommittee.***

The motion was unanimously passed by the commissioner present.

**Administrative Services Subcommittee**

**Chair Faulk**

Chair Faulk updated the Commission on the activities of the subcommittee

**New Business:**

**None**

**Department Update:**

Director Brian Stiger provided an update on the Department to the Commissioners. Mr. Stiger announced the appointment of Kirk Shelton to Chief Deputy Director. He informed the commissioners that all Department staff received new computers provided by the CEO. The Director provided an update on the Court-Connected Mediation program that launched on July 2, 2013 and the expansion of the Consumer

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Education and Public Outreach unit. Also, the Director talked about the Departments role in spreading the word about Covered California, California's Healthcare Exchange.

Mr. Stiger answered questions from the commissioners.

The commissioners requested a presentation on Covered California at a future Commission meeting.

### **Public Comment:**

Two members of the public spoke to the Commission during public comment. They spoke about issues relating to homeowners' rights, foreclosures, and Local 721 Union. One written comment was submitted by a member of the public for review by commissioners relating to local utility rates

### **Chair's Final Remarks:**

Chair Faulk thanked the public for attending the meeting and sharing their input. She also thanked the Commissioners present for attending.

### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, **September 18, 2013**.

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:03 p.m.