

Los Angeles Regional Policy Committee
January 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Introduction/Announcements – individual introductions conducted

Some State Policy while awaiting late arrivals. . .

We are in the 2d year of a two year legislative cycle, some bills from last year that died or were held may resurface; on the positive side Governor's budget does not have cuts to victims services. Governor's proposed budget shows a 388B shortfall and the LAO's calculates at 58B shortfall. While there is a budget gap; the percentage is not bad as it was in 2009; this time, state has reserve funds. The shortfalls in the Governor's budget might be filled by cuts to affordable housing, and the hope of filling in the \$200M VOCA fix will be a heavy lift. Remember that this is just a proposal, not the final budget. There's lots of room between here and final budget. There will be things that will be funded which are not currently being proposed to be funded. Assembly budget due 1/22, revised budget in mid-May, then there will be additional hearings.

Leadership has had 2 major changes; new speaker of Assembly Rivas and new President Pro Temp Mike McGuire. We have a shift in geographic power. Fortunately Jesse Gabriel will be new Assembly Budget Chair, and he has existing relationships with JFS and Haven Hills and sponsored gun violence bill last year.

Planning for the Year Ahead

Bill Chart

Nancy has a new job, but will retain her appointment as CD5 rep as a volunteer. However, will need a volunteer who can, or who has a paralegal or intern who can, maintain the bill chart. In the months ahead, Lan may have staffer who can help, but in the interim. . . graciously and generously, Stephanie W volunteers. However, if anyone else has capacity to support, feel free. Set up is a bit of work, but after that, it's a commitment of one afternoon in the beginning of the week of our monthly meeting during the legislative season.

Hybrid Option

Attendance has dropped significantly since we began meeting in person, dropping from attendance of 40 persons, to 12 people today. Interest exists in the community, however, in-person meetings are cutting into attendance. Consensus received that a remote option for participants, with facilitators only on site is acceptable to all. Melinda proposed County libraries as a meeting site, and

Lan will look into use of WeHo/BH/Culver City libraries, Hopefully by March. In the meantime, we are scheduled for City Hall in February, but will investigate the remote option at other locations. Nancy will be out in February, back in March.

Note that the DVC General Meeting in February will be moved from 3rd Tuesday to February 14 for a special meeting on Teen Dating Violence. Usually the new laws training that at February General Meeting will be offered as a remote special session this year. Stay tuned for dates/times.

Scheduling

Room surveyed to see if the 3rd Thursday of the month from 10am to 11:30 a.m. still works for everyone. Consensus, yes.

FINISHING State Legislative Issues

CPEDV may be bringing back medical mandated reporter bill that did not pass; it has been reintroduced with the same language. It will come back here both pros and cons. Our community is very split. Will remain neutral and track it.

There is potentially something in Failure to Protect world coming but turned into an octopus. Suggest there is some amending to do to go back to the original concept.

Discussion of bringing a Washington State electronic monitoring bill to CA.

Federal Issues

There seems to be a new budget deal; no VOCA fix. Some version, still significant shortfall. California Partnerships and National Network have action alerts pending.

Local

End Poverty Summit coming on February 1, 2024 @ 9am- noon

DVC meeting will be February 14, 2024 themed by Teen Dating Violence

This Friday is the CPEDV Regional Meeting, expect to discuss Finlayson matter

Emerging Issues

Finlayson

Matters not on the posted agenda (to be presented and placed on a future agenda):

Add the disclaimer back into the agenda

Public Comments & Announcements

Stephanie Mire moved jobs, new replacement will be Janice Johnson who comes with a lot of DV background. She would like to improve gun relinquishment legislation on the criminal side.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2024.