

LARP MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 17, 2024

Introductions/Announcements – Nancy Volpert, Co-Chair and Minty Siu-Kootnikoff, Co-Chair – Thanks for joining us an hour early. Next month we'll be back to regular schedule. Thank you also for your adaptability as we changed our physical site for this month as well..

Meeting Protocols -Before we begin this meeting, please be reminded that this is an open and public meeting. Therefore, anything discussed are not protected by any type of confidentiality. Any client identifying information should not be presented. Please avoid discussion of personal cases as well. If you need additional resources, please contact the co-chairs after this meeting. Nancy acknowledges a grammatical error in the disclaimer.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

State: Nancy notes that she has split the bill chart into two versions. The Final chart and the chart that includes dead bills. If you are receiving this year's bill chart, your email will be included to receive next year's 2025 Bill chart.

Review bill chart for final updates. Note that only a few bills will have a substantive impact on our clients. Still a successful year for legislation in light of a very bad budget year.

Federal: new federal fixes approved, but note that the federal fixes proposed are things that have already been implemented in CA. There has been no movement on the VOCA fix. Congress passed short term funding though the election to avoid a government shutdown and is punting the government budget to the next legislature.

****VOTE**** encourage clients, friends, and coworkers to vote for themselves and for those who can't vote. November 5, 2024 is Election Day, but you can vote NOW; mail ballots have been sent out. Early in person voting starts on October 26. For those who miss the October 21 online/mail deadline for voter registration, Adam reminds everyone that CA allows for same day in person registration on Election Day. Adam Seiden is your contact for your voting questions, or visit www.allforkids.org/advocacy.

Local: the Human Trafficking Report to City Council has not yet been submitted. The Preventing Homelessness Report will hopefully be submitted in the next couple of weeks.

III. EMERGING ISSUES/FOLLOW UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS – let us know by 5th day of month

Minty wanted to talk about law firms soliciting TRO defendants before they are served and the jeopardy in which that places victims. She will follow up directly with the people who have experiences with this. Kate reports that this issue was discussed at CSI and the viable fix would be a change of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pallavi announces her office's October 29 DVAM event,
<https://shorturl.at/r1xsW>

Nancy reminds folks of the DVC's surveymonkey regarding this meeting
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C8MC8V9>

And also provides more nonpartisan voting links

<https://www.politico.com/interactives/2024/california-ballot-measures/initiative-guide/?nname=california-playbook&nid=00000150-384f-da43-aff2-bf7fd35a0000&nrid=a69def67-8642-48f1-a449-90a58f27fd30&nlid=641189>

<https://www.californiachoices.org/>

<https://cavotes.org/easy-voter-guide/>

<https://www.lavote.gov/home/voting-elections/current-elections/find-my-election-information>

VII. NEXT MEETING is scheduled for November 21, 2024 at Bea's Room in Santa Monica at the regular time of 10 am.