



**FRESNO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Presiding:  
Ruth Evans, Chair  
Brian Domingos, Vice Chair**

Committee:	Government Affairs Council
Chairperson:	Ruth Evans
Vice-Chair:	Brian Domingos
Meeting Date/Time:	March 13, 2015
Meeting Place:	Fresno Chamber of Commerce
Committee attendees:	Ruth Evans, Sieg Fischer, Bill Avakian, Brian Domingos, Randy Dhindsa, Victoria Salisch, Lydia Zabrycki,
Committee absences:	Nick Amendola, Cam Maloy, John Taylor, Lorraine Salazar, Al Smith, Larry Fortune, Ryan Jacobsen, Scott Miller, Debbie Hunsaker, Austin Ewell
Staff:	Rachel Eslick

**CALL TO ORDER**

- Chair Ruth Evans called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. With fewer than half the GAC present, Ruth explained that the meeting would proceed and recommendations for action would go to the Executive Board for final decision.

**ISSUE PRESENTATION**

**A. Californians for Affordable & Reliable Energy (CARE) Project**

Alison MacLeod of KP Public Affairs spoke about a coalition of organizations, businesses and Chambers that are concerned with the volume of climate change legislation. She pointed out the roughly 65 existing laws that deal with electricity mandates and emission reductions, and their unknown impacts on the economy. The CARE coalition is highlighting the fact that California doesn't have a long-term energy plan and one that analyzes the economic impacts of climate change legislation should be developed before more laws are passed. Some of the negative impacts of current laws are being seen in the manufacturing and construction industries. There is room for growth in green jobs, but not enough to offset the jobs lost in other industries.

*Brian Domingos made a motion to recommend joining the CARE coalition. Victoria Salisch seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.*

## LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

- B. **HS 692 (McClintock) Default Prevention Act** support  
*Randy Dhindsa made a motion to recommend supporting this bill. Sieg Fischer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*
- C. **AB 1389 (Patterson) Fair Contracts for California Farmworkers** support  
*Brian Domingos made a motion to recommend supporting this bill. Sieg Fischer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*
- D. **AB 842 (Patterson) Double Payments for Health Care Coverage Fix** support  
*Lydia Zabrycki made a motion to recommend supporting this bill. Brian Domingos seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*
- E. **AB 612 (Patterson) Minimum Franchise Tax Reduction New Businesses** support  
*Brian Domingos made a motion to recommend supporting this bill. Randy Dhindsa seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*
- F. **AB 483 (Patterson) Professional Licenses: Initial Licensure Fees** support  
*Brian Domingos made a motion to recommend supporting this bill. Randy Dhindsa seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*
- G. **AB 263 (Patterson) Hazardous Material Testing Methods** support  
*Brian Domingos made a motion to recommend supporting this bill. Randy Dhindsa seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*
- H. **AB 335 (Patterson) Air Resources Board Minor Violation Program** support  
*Sieg Fischer made a motion to recommend supporting this bill. Brian Domingos seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*
- I. **SB 127 (Vidak) Streamline Environmental Review Process** support  
*Brian Domingos made a motion to recommend supporting this bill. Sieg Fischer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*
- J. **SB 8 (Hertzberg) Taxation on Service Industry Businesses** oppose  
*Ruth Evans made a motion to recommend opposing this bill. Brian Domingos seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*
- K. **SB 203 (Monning) Safety Warnings for Sugar Sweetened Beverages** oppose  
*Brian Domingos made a motion to recommend opposing this bill. Randy Dhindsa seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*
- L. **SB 32 (Pavley) Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: emissions limit** oppose  
*Brian Domingos made a motion to recommend opposing this bill. Sieg Fischer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*
- M. **SB 350 (De Leon) Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015** oppose  
*Victoria Salisch made a motion to recommend opposing this bill. Randy Dhindsa seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*
- N. **AB 67 (Gonzalez) Double Pay on the Holiday Act of 2015** oppose  
*Brian Domingos made a motion to recommend opposing this bill. Sieg Fischer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.*

## **ISSUE TRACKING UPDATE**

Staff provided an up-to-date list of issues the GAC has taken positions on so far in 2015 at the local, state and federal levels. As elected leaders vote on the issues, their votes are recorded on the sheets. The updated tracking sheets are now available online on the Fresno Chamber's website. The tracking sheets will be included in every GAC packet to improve communication between the Chamber and the offices of our elected officials.

City positions – 2  
County positions – 2  
State positions – 8  
Federal positions – 3

## **CHAIRS REPORT**

Ruth Evans encouraged attendance at Eggs & Issues with District Attorney Lisa Smittcamp on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and the golf tournament on May 4<sup>th</sup>. She also mentioned a small group from the GAC would be heading to Sacramento on April 6-7 to meet with local elected representatives and a larger group trip is being planned on May 27<sup>th</sup> to coincide with Cal Chamber's Leg Day.

## **ADJOURNED**

- **Meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.**