

Patrick O'Donnell, Chair  
Vice Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal, Vice Chair  
Tonia Reyes Uranga, Member



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## FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

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At 3:30 p.m., Chair O'Donnell called the meeting to order.

### ROLL CALL

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Also present: Tom Modica, Manager of Government Affairs; Gloria Harper, City Clerk Specialist.

**Councilmembers** B. Lowenthal and O'Donnell  
**Present:**

**Councilmembers** Reyes Uranga  
**Excused:**

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1. [08-0133](#) Recommendation to approve the State Legislation Committee minutes for the meeting of Wednesday, November 28, 2007.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal, seconded by Councilmember O'Donnell, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - B. Lowenthal and O'Donnell

**Excused:** 1 - Reyes Uranga

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2. [08-0134](#) Recommendation to review and discuss the City Manager's proposed changes to the 2008 State Legislative Agenda and send recommendation to City Council.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Tom Modica, Government Affairs Manager, gave a staff report and responded to questions.

Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal spoke

Tom Modica, Government Affairs Manager, continued with the staff report.

A dialogue ensued.

Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal spoke.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Tom Modica, Government Affairs Manager, continued with the staff report.

A dialogue ensued.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Ron Alsop, Director of Government and Public Affairs, Water Department, spoke.

Samara Ashley, Director of Government Affairs, Harbor Department, spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal spoke.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Tom Modica, Government Affairs Manager, spoke.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal spoke.

A dialogue ensued.

Samara Ashley, Director of Government Affairs, Harbor Department, spoke.

Phyllis O'Connor, President, League of Woman Voters, spoke.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal, seconded by Councilmember O'Donnell, to adopt the 2008 State Legislative Agenda and send recommendation the City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - B. Lowenthal and O'Donnell

**Excused:** 1 - Reyes Uranga

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3. [08-0135](#)

Recommendation to discuss the State Budget Update.

Tom Modica, Government Affairs Manager, gave a staff report and responded to questions.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal, seconded by Councilmember O'Donnell, to receive and file. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - B. Lowenthal and O'Donnell

**Excused:** 1 - Reyes Uranga

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4. [08-0136](#)

Recommendation to discuss Health Insurance Bills Updates.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Tom Modica, Government Affairs Manager, gave a staff report and responded to questions.

Councilmember S. Lowenthal spoke.

Phyllis O'Connor, President, League of Women Voters, spoke.

Sharon Weissman, Senator Oropeza's Chief of Staff, spoke.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal spoke

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal, seconded by Councilmember O'Donnell, that this item be continued. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - B. Lowenthal and O'Donnell

**Excused:** 1 - Reyes Uranga

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5. [08-0137](#) Recommendation to review and discuss the State Legislative deadlines for Bill introduction, and discuss potential Bill ideas.

Tom Modica, Government Affairs Manager, gave a staff report and responded to questions.

Chair O'Donnell spoke.

**A motion was made by Vice Mayor B. Lowenthal, seconded by Councilmember O'Donnell, that this matter be receive and file. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - B. Lowenthal and O'Donnell

**Excused:** 1 - Reyes Uranga

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Members of the public are invited to address the Committee.  
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Harvey Cochran, Long Beach resident, spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

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At 4:30 P.M., there being no objection, Chair O'Donnell declared the meeting adjourned.