



**Government Affairs Committee
Business Council Meeting
January 19, 2022
12:00 p.m.
Ridge Creek Golf Course
Dinuba Chamber of Commerce**



Sen. Melissa Hurtado



Assemb. Devon Mathis



Supv. Eddie Valero



Mayor Linda Launer

**DINUBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Minutes

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Vision Statement: Collaborative partnership between business, government, community organizations, and the public - all working together for a better more prosperous community.

Mission Statement - It is our mission to promote, retain, and educate the business community, ensure stability and growth and to strengthen our local economy to make Dinuba a better place to live, work, and play.

CALL TO ORDER – Reda Bennani, Chair of GAC

ROLL CALL / INTRODUCTIONS

Reda Bennani, Linda Duran, Jose Trevino, John Powell, Joe Garcia, Sandy Sills, Eddie Valero, Anthony Reyna, Octavio Montejano, Yvette Travino, Armando Longoria, Shawn Matsumoto, Daniel James via Zoom, Rachel Ray vis zoom, Eric Coyne via zoom, Michael Washam from Tulare County Resource Management Agency

NEW BUSINESS

I. Representatives Reports

a. Senator Melissa Hurtado's office – Eric Coyne Via Zoom

- a. Working with the city to identify the needs as we prepare for next year's budget
- b. Committee will be sending a letter of opposition for AB 1400 and ACA 11

b. Assemblyman Devon Mathis office – Rachel Ray Via Zoom

- a. State has finalized redistricting maps
- b. Discussion of the Gov Budget
- c. Discussion regarding AB1400 and ACA 11

c. Tulare County Supervisor - Eddie Valero

- a. Covid positivity test rate 32% Mask mandate that was extended to February 15, 2022, for all indoor public settings
 - i. County has one of 5 laboratories in California for Covid testing
 - ii. Vaccine Update: 238,887 residents are fully vaccinated 53.5% of those eligible
49.6% of total county population
15.7% of youth 5-11 have received at least 1 dose of vaccine and 9.0% are fully vaccinated

- b. Continued attention is given to offering homelessness assistance. Sequoia village is entering phase 2.
- c. How we incarcerate juvenile offenders will be changing.

d. City of Dinuba Report – Daniel James Via Zoom

- a. Working with the Chamber on Grants specific to Downtown
- b. Discussed Redistricting
- c. Adding another code enforcement officer
- d. Adding additional smart cameras downtown

II. Building Permit Process -Discussion Regarding the Permitting Process for Developers. Mr Trevino lead a discussion of concerns that he had with the head of the County Permits department. Possible remedies were offered. Follow up with be given by the department head, Michael Washam Tulare County Resource Management Agency

III. JOB Killer bills of 2022-

AB 1400(Kalra, Lee and Santiago), ACA 11(Kalra and Lee) Government-Run Health Care: Penalizes employers, eliminates individual choice, and results in hundreds of billions of dollars in new taxes on all Californians and California businesses by creating a new single-payer government run, billion-dollar health care system. (Single payer health care is not free health care). If any of these bills were enacted, California's top personal income tax rate for individuals and sole proprietors -already the highest in the country- Would increase by 2.5%, ACA11 would implement a payroll tax of 1%. Proponents of the measure recently indicated that the cost of tax increases required for this single payer health care to be between \$160 -\$170 billion. These tax increases necessary to finance AB1400 would detrimentally impact California businesses and discourage companies from growing.

Discussion to offer a letter in opposition took place and was unanimously agreed upon by the committee. Letter will be submitted by the end of January.

IV. Adjourn meeting

Next Meeting February 16th, 2021

February GAC meeting will be the Yearly crime report by TC Sheriff Dpt and Dinuba PD

March GAC meeting. Guest speaker Tulare County District Attorney Tim Ward