

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

RECEIVED  
CITY CLERKS OFFICE  
CITY OF SACRAMENTO

**COMMITTEE NAME:** LAW AND LEGISLATION  
**MEETING DATE:** May 7, 1996  
**MEETING TIME:** 1:00 P.M.  
**LOCATION:** 915 I Street, 2nd Floor, Council Chambers

JUL 5 9 59 AM '96

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 P.M. by Deborah Ortiz, Chairperson.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Committee Members Fargo (arrived at 1:05 p.m.), Steinberg, Waters, Ortiz  
Absent: None

---

1.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

None

2.0 STAFF REPORTS

2.1 **Legislative Update**

---

Recommendation of Staff: For Committee Information

Michael Coleman, Sr. Management Analyst, mentioned one bill in particular to watch out for. That bill is AB 3053 which would abolish our construction tax - very critical bill.

2.2. **Ordinance amending Title 61 of the Sacramento City Code relating to Public Nuisance Abatement**

---

Recommendation of Staff: Approve Staff Recommendation and Forward to City Council

Committee Action: Approved and Forwarded to City Council

Larry Salerno, Code Enforcement Manager, said that this recommendation makes some modifications to some of the terminology in the ordinance that would enable the Code Enforcement Division to more efficiently enforce the codes. There is no financial impact.

\*\*\*\*\*

Bruce Cline, City Attorney, mentioned that there are two other changes that are not included in this report.

Diane Balter, City Attorney, said that the two other changes are technical changes where the term "junk and debris" is used in two other sections and should have been deleted.

Committee Member Steinberg, concerned about the change in Subdivision "n" in Section 61.04.401 - is that change redundant to the Social Nuisance Code? City Attorney Cline said "he thinks it compliments the Social Code, simply another tool to use".

A motion was made by Committee Member Waters, seconded by Committee Member Fargo, to approve staff recommendation and forward to City Council for full review. The motion was carried by a 4-0 vote.

### 2.3 SB 1465 (Johannessen) General Assistance Programs

---

Recommendation of Staff: Oppose Legislation

Committee Action: Approved Recommendation

Michael Coleman, Sr. Management Analyst, gave an overview of SB 1465. SB 1465 would free counties of their obligation to support on general assistance, those individuals who have been disqualified from public assistance programs. This bill puts the City in a difficult situation. In Sacramento county the large burden on what's going to happen in welfare reform will effect the City and not County incorporated areas so much as the City. The City wants to be supportive of the counties and their efforts to protect their programs. It's unfortunate to be put in a position of having to oppose a bill that is being supported by the counties. However, this bill would potentially harm the City quite dramatically if folks are left with no means of assistance.

Curtis Child, Lawyers for Civil Justice, said that Congress eliminated eligibility for individuals who receive Social Security, SSI disability benefits on the basis of drug addiction or alcohol. The number of individuals who would be effected in Sacramento county is 4,000 SSI recipients and individuals who receive SSI and Social Security together, and about another 500 who are Social Security recipients would lose their eligibility along with their dependents. He urged the Committee to oppose this legislation.

Darrell Steinberg, wanted to know where we come down when it comes to having to cut other health or homelessness programs for people with disabilities and or opposing this legislation. Mr. Child said that also before the Board of Supervisors is their application that they made to the Mandates Commission that would authorize them to reduce the general assistance benefits down to \$211. He doesn't think the choice has to be between those competing benefits.

\*\*\*\*\*

Cheryl S. Davis, Sacramento County Dept. Of Human Assistance, says the County has been expecting this legislation for some time. They have put together a team to assess and assist people affected by this legislation to get them back on SSI or reapply for SSI on another disability. Effective June 1 the County will start tracking down these people and bringing them back to have a medical review done. The County is preparing financially for about 680 people to drop off completely from assistance January 1, because they won't qualify for another disability. The County Board of Supervisors supports this legislation.

A motion was made by Committee Member Steinberg, seconded by Committee Member Fargo, to approve staff recommendation. The motion was carried by a 4-0 vote.

\*\*\*\*\*

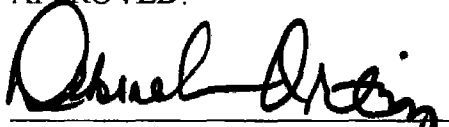
**ADJOURNED** - There being no further business to come before the Law & Legislation Committee, the meeting was adjourned at the hour of 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



\_\_\_\_\_  
Aline Soto, Committee Secretary

APPROVED:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Deborah Ortiz, Committee Chair

\*\*\*\*\*