

Minutes For April 8, 2005 Senator Machado

SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
Round Table Meeting with Senator Mike Machado
Solano County, California

April 8, 2005

M I N U T E S

The Solano County Board of Supervisors met on the 8th day of April 2005 in the Solano County Administration Conference Room, 6th Floor, Fairfield, California at 9:08 A.M. Present were the following representatives.

Solano County

Barbara R. Kondylis, Chairwoman
Duane Kromm, Supervisor
John M. Vasquez, Supervisor
Mike Reagan, Supervisor
Michael D. Johnson, County Administrator
Dennis Bunting, County Counsel
Myra Chirila, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

Senator Machado's Office

Senator Mike Machado
Jody Fujii, Chief of Staff
Victor Francovich, District Representative

Susan Cohen, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer
Birgitta Corsello, Department of Resource Management
Ann Cousineau, Library Director
Dennis Covell, Department of Child Support Services
Patrick Duterte, Department of Health & Social Services
Gail Feldman, Sr. Mgmt. Analyst, County Administrator's Office
Veronica Ferguson, Department of General Services
Gemma Grossi, Chief Probation Officer
Quang Ho, Assistant County Administrator/Budget Officer
Simona Padilla-Scholtens, Auditor-Controller
Carole Paterson, UC Cooperative Extension
Ira Rosenthal, Information Services/Registrar of Voters
John Taylor, Deputy County Administrator
Skip Thomson, Assessor/Recorder

Members of the Public

Steven Chappel, Suisun Resource Conservation District
Donald Tipton, Unincorporated Vallejo
Paul Yoder, Legislative Advocate for Solano County

Agenda Item No. 4 Welcome/Introductions

Chairwoman Kondylis of the Solano County Board of Supervisors welcomed Senator Mike Machado and his staff on behalf of the County, and referred to an Agenda Submittal dated April 8, 2005, incorporated herein by reference, noting Senator Machado's current legislation.

Agenda Item No. 5 Information Discussion And Public Comment

Senator Machado thanked the Board for the opportunity to have a conversation, noting challenges on local government. Senator Machado indicated that he has been touring his district to

meet local government representatives, businesses and CEO's regarding what to look at and expect for the short and long term, and to hear how we can work together and possibly find solutions. Senator Machado noted that he believed that the State can no longer, nor should they have done in the beginning, looked at other levels of government as the source of funding. Senator Machado stated that the budget would challenge the resources that are available for essential services for children and youth, the aged, blind and disabled, and other amenities that we count on in our society as being part of a civilized educated community like library's and schools; that is not to mention the impacts that Solano County is struggling with in terms of trying to maintain the essential services at the local level. Senator Machado indicated that he felt it was important to understand what's important to our communities where we feel our obligations are and to develop a partnership. Chairwoman Kondylis noted that Solano County had a list of concerns and voiced her concerns with In-Home Supportive Services.

Responding to Chairwoman Kondylis' concerns, Senator Machado noted that he felt that eventually the Governor would moderate his stance because of the redirected costs and also the effect it would have on the quality of life, not only of the person receiving the services, but the family as a whole and how that affects the community.

Supervisor Reagan voiced concerns regarding Medicare.

Senator Machado noted that California was a donor state, and one of the primary reasons for that is that the poverty level has gone down relative to other states; therefore, when the benefits from the Federal government get distributed California is at the end of the line rather than the beginning. Senator Machado noted that just in the Governor's program alone, he was proposing moving 90,000 – 100,000 medical recipients off the roll. At the same time, there are county health services that are having difficulty maintaining their clinics and county hospital services.

Supervisor Kromm voiced concerns regarding Medical premiums.

Senator Machado referred to a bill that would equalize the amount that one would have to spend down if they fall in the gap between being able to be a medical recipient.

Solano County presented areas of interest as outlined in the agenda submittal dated December 7, 2004, incorporated herein by reference, noting Solano County – 2005 Legislative Platform Priority Items – Level One 1) Sexual Abuse of Children; 2) County Surveyor; 3) Design-Build; 4) Childcare Fund; 5) Social Services Overpayment Errors; and Trial Court Funding, which County Administrator Michael D. Johnson added as Item 6.

Agenda Item No. 6
Adjournment

Chairwoman Kondylis thanked everyone for their participation. Senator Machado noted that he was impressed with Solano County's progressiveness in a whole variety of issues.

This meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

BARBARA R. KONDYLIS, Chairwoman
Solano County Board of Supervisors

MICHAEL D. JOHNSON, Clerk of the
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Myra Chirila, Deputy Clerk