



**Governance Task Force Minutes
Community Chambers Conference Room
January 12, 2005**

Members Present: Gerald Adler (Vice Chair), John Garamendi, Susan Gefter (Alt), Ted Lascher, Jon Li, Nick Mariano, Joan Poulos

Members Absent: Shirley Concolino, Val Dolcini, Michael Levy (Chair)

Staff Present: Bette Racki, Zoe Mirabile

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Adler at 7:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved by consensus.

2. Approval of Minutes – December 8 & 22, 2004

Minutes approved by consensus.

3. Members and Staff Communications

Task Force directed Lascher to invite Peter Detwiler, Senate Local Government Committee Consultant, as a speaker for discussion of charter city status.

Adler provided a Sacramento Bee article “Consider Alternate Systems of Voting.” Article will be distributed with January 31, 2005 agenda packet as a written communication.

4. Written Communications

None.

5. Public Communications

Chris Jerdonek offered to present and/or provide a written summary of mayoral selection alternatives under the choice voting system for the January 31, 2005 meeting. Task Force concurred.

6. Tentative Agenda for Remainder of Task Force Term

Review of memo from Chair Levy regarding proposed timeline of discussion topics as follows:

January 31: Independent Campaign Spending (postponed from 12/22/04)
Neighborhood Associations & Other Groups/Public Participation

February 7: Commissions – Sphere of Influence/Selection Process/Proper Roles

February 22: Charter City Status

March 7: Motions/Recommendations on All Items Previously Discussed and Any Missed Issues Determined by Task Force

March 21: Consider and Ratify Final Report

Task Force approved proposed timeline, with the provision that Subcommittees may be formed for specific research and/or additional meetings may be scheduled as necessary.

Date scheduled for discussion topic *Charter Status* to remain flexible (either February 7 or 22) dependent upon speaker availability.

7. **Discussion Topics**

A. Term Limits for Council Members.

Task Force unanimously approved recommending against term limits, effectively removing topic from any further discussion or action.

B. Limited Conditional Public Financing.

Chris Jerdonek reported that a UC Davis student group, Democracy Matters, supports public financing.

Task Force unanimously approved recommending against limited conditional public financing, effectively removing topic from any further discussion or action.

C. Contribution Limits

Task Force unanimously approved recommending against modifying the \$100 campaign contribution limitation, effectively removing topic from any further discussion or action.

Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.