



**Governance Task Force Minutes  
Community Chambers Conference Room  
February 22, 2005**

**Members Present:** Gerald Adler (Vice Chair), Val Dolcini, John Garamendi, Susan Gefter, Ted Lascher, Michael Levy (Chair), Jon Li, Nick Mariano, Joan Poulos

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Bette Racki, Zoe Mirabile

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Meeting called to order by Chair Levy at 7:04 p.m.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Agenda approved by consensus.

**2. Approval of Minutes – January 31 and February 7, 2005**

Task Force directed staff to amend February 7, 2005 minutes by adding item to Advisory Commissions as follows: “d” - Recommend additional detail in Commission minutes regarding public comments. Minutes approved by consensus.

**3. Task Members and Staff Communications**

Poulos distributed a memo regarding suggestions for Task Force recommendations. Memo will be included as written communication in March 7, 2005 agenda packet.

Li distributed a report from ASUCD regarding choice voting. Report will be included as written communication in March 7, 2005 agenda packet.

Vice Chair Adler questioned the mechanics of implementing preference voting.

Chair Levy reported on his presentation of Task Force deliberations and next steps to City Council on February 8, 2005.

**4. Written Communications**

A. Davis Enterprise article from Rich Rifkin regarding governance reforms (submitted by Dolcini).

B. Enabling resolution for City/UCD Student Liaison Commission.

**5. Public Communications**

Bob Richard introduced himself as a visitor from Marin County where he is an advocate for choice voting.

Frank Maurer spoke in support of choice voting and relayed information on an upcoming DCTV program on the topic (scheduled for airing March 3, 2005).

**6. Discussion of Charter City Status**

Question and Answer Session with Peter Detwiler, Senate Local Government Committee Consultant, regarding general law cities versus charter cities. Detwiler explained that general law cities have the capacity to increase City Council size to 7 or 9 members, implement district elections and direct election of Mayor, however, municipal elections must be consistent with state law. In order to determine whether state law allows choice voting, Detwiler suggested requesting a Legislative Counsel or Attorney General opinion.

Task Force raised the question of permission of Utility District status by a general law city. Further research will be required to determine the answer.

**Adjournment.** Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.