



**Governance Task Force Minutes
Community Chambers Conference Room
December 8, 2004**

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

Members Absent: Shirley Concolino, Val Dolcini, Susan Gefter (Alt)

Staff Present: Kelly Stachowicz

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

1. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved as submitted.

2. Review Meeting Guidelines

3. Approval of Minutes – 11/10 and 11/17

November 10, 2004 minutes approved by consensus.

November 17, 2004 minutes correction -- Item 7-D – Direct Election of Mayor. Minutes approved as amended.

4. Members and Staff Communications

By consensus the Task Force changed the meeting dates as follows:

December 22, 2004 (Wednesday)

January 12, 2005 (Wednesday)

January 31, 2005 (Monday)

February 7, 2005 (Monday)

February 22, 2005 (Tuesday)

March 7, 2005 (Monday)

March 21, 2005 (Monday)

Report from Task Force on “This Week in Davis” TV programming.

Remarked that a letter to the Enterprise was not printed and suggested that the letter be resent in January.

5. Written Communications

The Task Force received in their packets two items: “A Look at the Choice Voting System” and a press release “UC Davis Students Win with Choice Voting” and Analysis of Choice Voting.

6. Public Communications

Lois Richter requested minutes of previous meetings. It was noted that minutes are posted on the city webpage.

Johannes Troost requested that agenda packets be available at the meeting for public review.

7. Continued Discussion of Groups Under Represented

a. Altering the Number of Council Members

Task Force considered an increase in the number of Council Members. Specify 7 members. Task Force will continue to fully deliberate on all issues before finalizing any recommendations to Council.

- b. Manner of Selecting the Mayor** - Methods of selecting the mayor were discussed, including the highest public vote getter, a rotation based on seniority, direct election of mayor, and majority vote of the Council. Task Force members reviewed concerns about direct election of mayor such as public viewing the mayor as having more authority than the Council, possibility of a candidates running for mayor and not being elected but would be a good council members.

Public Input: Richter suggested having a City Council slate and then separate selection asking which of the candidates would be the best mayor.

Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. to December 22. At the December 22 meeting, the Task Force would like to finish the discussion on selection of the mayor and alternative voting methods and start discussions on the influence of money in elections.