



**Governance Task Force Minutes  
Community Chambers Conference Room  
January 31, 2005**

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

**Members Absent:** John Garamendi, Nick Mariano

**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 12, 2005**

Minutes approved by consensus.

**3. Task Members and Staff Communications**

Task Force directed staff to reserve alternate meeting locations for February 22 and March 14, 2005.

Chair Levy will deliver an oral presentation to City Council on February 8, 2005. Presentation will include a brief overview of discussion topics and schedule of future activities: Task Force recommendations and final report.

Vice Chair Adler submitted publication *Single Transferable Voting in New Zealand*, Warwick Lampp, electionz.com Ltd. Publication will be included as written communication in agenda packet for February 7, 2005.

Lascher confirmed Peter Detwiler, Senate Local Government Committee Consultant, as a guest speaker regarding Charter City Status on February 22, 2005.

**4. Written Communications**

- A. Sacramento Bee article “Consider Alternate Systems of Voting” submitted by Vice Chair Adler.
- B. Resignation letter from Task Member Shirley Concolino.
- C. Correspondence from Davis Citizens for Representation regarding options for selecting the mayor in conjunction with choice voting for council.
- D. Agenda from Fair Political Practices Commission Meeting of January 20, 2005. Relevant discussion item: St. Croix Opinion Request – San Francisco Ranked-Choice Voting.

**5. Public Communications**

Ken Bloom proposed Task Force consider rescheduling City Council elections to November, instead of June, as there could be a better turnout from student voters.

Chris Jerdonek presented a summary of mayoral selection alternatives under the choice voting system, as detailed by correspondence from Davis Citizens for Representation.

Stephen Sosnick and Ken Bloom spoke in support of choice voting with Mayor selection by instant run-off voting.

**6. Neighborhood Associations & Other Groups/Public Participation**

Question and Answer Session with ASUCD Student Body President Kalen Gallagher. Gallagher spoke of the need for more student representation on City Council, other governmental committees/boards/commissions and community groups.

Donald Cohen-Cutler spoke of alleged racial profiling of students by the Police Department.

Avi Singh spoke of the lack of extended parking as a student issue.

Joseph Stewart, Donald Cohen-Cutler and Avi Singh spoke in support of choice voting and rescheduling City Council elections to November.

Task Force agendaized further discussion of *Public Participation* for February 7, 2005.

**7. Review of Independent Campaign Spending and Reporting Requirements** (deferred from 12/22/04)

A. Independent Expenditures and Elections Ordinance Revisions (McDonough, Holland & Allen Memo dated 6/29/04).

B. Ordinance No. 2172 – Requiring Additional Disclosure on Independent Expenditure Communications and Clarifying Independent Expenditure Reporting Requirements (adopted 7/27/04).

C. Correspondence from Kevin Wolf regarding recommendations for Task Force priorities (written communication from 11/10/04 agenda).

D. Discussion of Draft Additional Elections Ordinance Proposals (submitted by Chair Levy).

Following discussion, Chair Levy withdrew proposal of changes to Elections Ordinance.

**Adjournment.** Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.