

# Minutes for the Monterey County Commission on Disabilities



## Minutes

**MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2003 2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM**

*MONTEREY COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES*

*AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE CENTER*

*1432 ABBOTT STREET - SALINAS, CA 93901*

**I. CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Garcia called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS/GUEST SPEAKER****A.** Commissioners Present - Alma Almanza, Roger Baez, Merryl Carr, Stanley Cook, Fred Crummey, Barbara Flynn, Juan Garcia, Tim Meroney, Richard Smith, John Villalpando, **B.** Commissioners Absent - Bertha Alfaro, Bill Cornelius, and Charlene Wiseman.

**C.** Commissioners Excused - Anna Foglia, James S. Gunter, John Pinio, Carol A. Ryan, and Byrl Smith.

**D.** Guests, Members of the Public, & Staff - Kalah Bumba, Shawn Clark, and Denika Dallimore.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA & MINUTES**July 21st Minutes:Com. Meroney had a correction for the July 21st minutes; he should be marked excused. Vice-Chair Flynn should also be marked excused. Com. Almanza also had a correction under New Business; should read "Commission on Disabilities" instead of "Commissions" in general. Com. R. Smith moved to approve the minutes. Com. Almanza seconded the motion. Motion passed 10/0/0. June 30th Minutes:Kalah Bumba suggested to number the pages and to add Elliott Robinson to list of guests present. She also had a correction under Public Comments; should read "Ombudsman Program" instead of "office program". Com. Flynn moved to approve and Com. Almanza seconded the motion. Motion passed 10/0/0.**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**Com. Meroney commented on lawsuits in Carmel stating that half a dozen were settled for about \$8,000 - \$10,000 each.Chair Garcia introduced Shawn Clark, Campaign Manager for Yes on Measure Q, which is the Natividad half-cent sales tax. Mr. Clark asked for any endorsements, letters, etc. in support of Measure Q. Mr. Clark's campaign is also requesting the Board of Supervisors change the election date for Measure Q and not have it voted on October 7th because of the gubernatorial recall election. Com. Crummey asked if there is an active party in opposition and Mr. Clark stated that there is not. Mr. Clark did mention there is a libertarian group that is not very active because they believe they do not have to do anything. Mr. Clark

also noted a misrepresentation in the newspaper that the Salinas Chamber of Commerce voted against Measure Q. Mr. Clark stated this was incorrect and that the Chamber voted not to endorse. Com. Flynn asked whether tax would go towards closed programs. Mr. Clark did not have an answer but believed the tax would go towards those programs currently open. Com. R. Smith asked about the structural and billing problems Natividad has faced in the past. Mr. Clark stated these problems are being addressed. Vice-Chair Flynn stated Commission cannot take action on this as it is not on agenda and suggested putting it on agenda for the next meeting.

Presentation by Denika Dallimore (CCCIL) Highlights: There were 10 million vision impaired people who were not able to vote in the Presidential Election of 2000, according to the US Census of 2000. The General Accounting Office reported that 84% of polling places across the country had at least one barrier to accessibility and of those 84%, 67% had barriers that completely prevented people with disabilities to vote. The Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act (VAEHA) was the first federal statute (in early 1980's) that attempted to deal with issue of voting accessibility. Then came the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Help America Vote Act of 2002, and the Accessible Voting Technology Act of 2002. There have been voting accessibility improvements such as on-line mailing list for announcements, election staff members as specialists in voting access, providing training on new equipment for people with disabilities and seniors, and providing training for election staff on access/usability features of new systems. For more information on voting accessibility log onto: [accessibility@co.monterey.ca.us](mailto:accessibility@co.monterey.ca.us) <http://www.dredf.org/votingguide.htm> <http://www.bazelon.org/issues/voting/legalstrategies.htm> <http://www.accessiblesociety.org/topics/voting>

Com. Crummey stated this is the type of information the Commission should be discussing and that we should hear from the County's Registrar of Voters. Mr. Tony Anchundo, Registrar of Voters Director, was scheduled to make a presentation at this meeting however he was not yet present. Vice-Chair Flynn asked regarding the statistics on disabled people vs. general public who vote. Denika responded she is working on statistics with Mr. Anchundo and can provide them at a future date. Com. Crummey suggested to advertise information on accessibility, such as on our website and asked Chair Garcia to make sure Mr. Anchundo shows up at next meeting. Mrs. Bumba thanked Denika for her presentation and commented on privacy issues. Mrs. Bumba suggested logging onto League of Women Voters at [www.lwrsmartvoter.org](http://www.lwrsmartvoter.org).

V. APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS Status on Kalah Bumba's appointment: Doris Jones, aide to Supervisor Edith Johnsen, will be submitting an application for Mrs. Bumba's appointment to the Board of Supervisors.

VI. OFFICER REPORTS

**A. CHAIR** - Chair Garcia had nothing to report.

**B. VICE CHAIR** - Com. Flynn had nothing to report.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS Unmet Transportation Needs - Com. Almanza and Com. Cook had nothing to report other than the report that had already been emailed to Chair Garcia.

Website - Com. R. Smith stated Rudy approved budget from EO Office to publish and manage the website. EO Staff will answer emails, phone calls, and publish agenda and minutes on the website. Com. R. Smith sent all commissioners a list of links via mail and asked for suggestions as to additional links to add. Kristen Aldrich is the new contact person from IT in charge of our website. Chair Garcia agenda'd to see the

website at next meeting. Legislative Committee - Com. Cook had nothing to report. Public Relations Committee - Chair Garcia had nothing to report. VIII. OLD BUSINESS Commission on Disabilities Annual Report - Copies of the Equal Opportunity Advisory Commission Annual Report were distributed among commissioners. Chair Garcia agendaized further discussion on the annual report for the Sept. 29th meeting. Chair Garcia stated he spoke to Supervisor Armenta about a training session on the annual report. Chair Garcia also stated he requested an extension for the annual report from the Board of Supervisors. List of key city personnel to contact for various disability issues - Chair Garcia stated this involves the names of ADA coordinators from each city. Com. R. Smith suggested to have this list of names and emails on the website. Discuss 2003 - 2004 Goals - Chair Garcia stated goals should be to have accessible polling places and an ad-hoc committee to assess services available for businesses as far as disability issues are concerned. Com. R. Smith also expressed the need for committees. There was a consensus to have a retreat or some forum to decide what issues we want to tackle. Com. R. Smith asked to have list of meeting dates on next agenda and suggested that Rudy Asunsolo provide someone to facilitate a meeting on how to organize committees and tackle goals. Mrs. Bumba suggested we look at General Plan and the facilitation that goes on there, out of the Training and Leadership Center, and consider having a facilitator from that office. Com. Meroney offered a meeting location in Carmel for retreat. Mr. Tony Anchundo walked in, stated he had been on the phone with the Department of Justice for last 2 ½ hours and apologizes for being late. Mr. Anchundo gave a brief update on elections. Mr. Anchundo's presentation was agendaized for October meeting. IX. NEW BUSINESS Workshop on Building Regulations - Com. Villalpando stated this topic is too broad, needs to be narrower. Com. Almanza suggested chairing the next 2 items on the agenda to the next meeting. Com. Villalpando asked to have Commission Roster updated since he could not get a hold of Chair Garcia. Chair Garcia stated his number as being (831) 422-9102, however this was a wrong number. X. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION/FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMISSION Nothing to report. XI. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m. by Chair Garcia.