



MEETING SUMMARY

Stakeholder Roundtable Pre-meeting Conference Call

January 20, 2011, 1:30-2 p.m.

CA Fwd held a conference call on January 20 with 25 stakeholders from various sectors (the list of participants is attached). The purpose of the call was to introduce participants to CA Fwd's Stakeholder Roundtable process and the issues that will be examined through that process.

Purpose of the Stakeholder Conversations. James Mayer, CA Fwd's executive director, described the Stakeholder Roundtable as a venue for exploring ways to restructure the relationships among the state and local governments to improve the results of essential public services. CA Fwd recognizes that improving the relationship between the state and local governments is a critical component of creating a governance system that is innovative and responsive. Jim explained that CA Fwd has convened a group of local government officials to develop a framework for a better state-local relationship. The Stakeholder Roundtable process will develop and discuss specific elements and options for implementing the framework.

CA Fwd is grateful that Governor Brown has prioritized the need to restructure the state-local relationship and will do everything it can to help lawmakers advance proposals in the short run that will result in better outcomes for Californians. At the same time, CA Fwd recognizes that re-engineering complex systems for public safety, education, health and human services and economic development will take some time. CA Fwd's expectation is that the stakeholder process will provide value to short-term decisions, as well as those that will be made over the next several months to develop a new, comprehensive governance model for California.

CA Fwd's Perspective on State-Local Structure. Sunne Wright McPeak, a CA Fwd Leadership Council member, thanked participants for joining the call, and expressed her appreciation of the brain trust represented by those participants. Sunne described CA Fwd's governance reform principles: 1) Improve government performance, 2) Move government closer to the people, 3) Invest in the future, and 4) Promote a more vibrant democracy. In the spirit of the fourth item, CA Fwd hopes to grow a wide circle of stakeholders to help shape reforms.

Sunne described how the work CA Fwd has done on budget and fiscal reform emphasizes the need to improve and change the relationship between state and local government, including all entities that implement state programs – counties, cities, school districts, community college districts and special districts. The cornerstone of this relationship is the imperative of achieving better outcomes for the people served and taxpayers – ultimately delivering a higher return on investment. The major commitments in the budget are education (including K-12 and higher education), health and welfare and the prison system. Sunne stated that generally the failures California makes in those first

two areas – education and health and welfare – result in a growing prison system. Sunne said that to restructure the relationship between state and local government, we want to look at the fiscal relationship and responsibilities, and how we reach agreement on better outcomes.

Sunne stated that the participants in the Roundtable process are crucial because some of the participants implement programs with state funding and others are pioneers in the integration and alignment of resources to get to results that matter for people. In addition, Sunne stated that we also want to gather evidence about what has been tried and what works. We are compiling as much of that information prior to our February 11 call and we hope that the participants on the call and other stakeholders will help us gather that information.

Calendar, Agenda and Process. Sunne listed the following in-person meetings in Sacramento that have been scheduled throughout the next few months, so that this process can provide timely and detailed input to policymakers:

Friday, February 11, 2011, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday, February 25, 2011, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday, March 10 and Friday, March 11, 2011, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday, March 31 and Friday, April 1, 2011, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In addition, these in-person meetings will be supplemented by work in between meetings, opportunities for online input, and for workgroups to take advantage of as much time and energy as participants want to offer.

Invitation for Pre-Meeting Input. John Maltbie, former San Mateo County CAO and advisor to CA Fwd, stated that prior to the February 11 meeting, CA Fwd staff will contact participants. In these conversations, CA Fwd will gather input on the following questions:

- What do you think is “broken” about the relationship between the state and local governments?
- What do you think is “broken” about the relationship among local governments?
- What would you do to create a better relationship between the state and local governments?
- What is the best way to get local governments to work together and share resources to advance common goals?

Stakeholders also are invited to submit their responses to these questions in writing prior to February 9 to stacy@cafwd.org. This input will be compiled and used to initiate the conversation at the February 11 meeting.

All information, resources and logistics related to the Stakeholder Roundtable are available at <http://www.cafwd.org/pages/stakeholders>.



PARTICIPANTS

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Stakeholder Participants:

(please contact stacy@cafwd.org if you have corrections to this list)

Jesus Andrade, Field and Campaign Organizer, National Council of La Raza

Dion Aroner, Partner, Aroner, Jewell and Ellis Partners

Glenn Backes, Policy Consultant, Ella Baker Center for Human Rights

Joaquin Beltran, President and Chief Executive Officer, Associated Students of California State University, Los Angeles

Linda Collins, Executive Director, Career Ladders Project

Jim Fox, Former District Attorney, San Mateo County

Joan Hancock, Board Member, Contractors' State License Board

Hans Hemann, Chief of Staff, Office of Senator Loni Hancock

Jennifer Ito, Project Manager, USC Program for Environmental and Regional Equity

Kathy Jett, Former Director, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Ted Lempert, President, Children Now

Debbie Look, Director of Legislation, California PTA

Randal Margo

Rita Mize, Director of State Policy and Research, Community College League of California

Geoffrey Neill, Legislative Analyst, California State Association of Counties

Samuel Odell-Smith, Planning Company Associates

Ernie Powell, Senior Manager of Advocacy, AARP

Thomas Powers, Former Chief Deputy, Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs

Jean Ross, Founding Executive Director, California Budget Project

Wayne Schell, President and CEO, California Association for Local Economic Development

Michele Siqueiros, Executive Director, Campaign for College Opportunity

Kris Stadelman, Director, NOVA Workforce Board

Connie Stewart, Executive Director, Humboldt State University

Dan Wall, Chief Legislative Advocate, County of Los Angeles

Rob Wassmer, Chair, California State University, Sacramento

CA Fwd Participants:

Bill Hauck, Leadership Council Member/President, California Business Roundtable

Sunne Wright McPeak, Leadership Council Member/President and CEO, California Emerging Technology Fund

John Maltbie, Policy Advisor/Former CAO, San Mateo County

Jim Mayer, Executive Director

Kate Martin, Project Support Supervisor