

MINUTES

LEAGUE OF ARIZONA CITIES AND TOWNS

SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, December 16, 2010
League of Arizona Cities and Towns
1820 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Robert Strain, Mayor, Sierra Vista
Bob Rivera, Mayor, Thatcher*
Alan Krieger, Mayor, Yuma

**Not in attendance*

President Walkup called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

1. INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Mayor Walkup welcomed people and then turned to Executive Director Ken Strobeck, who introduced three new League staff members: Joni Hoffman, General Counsel; Rene Guillen, Legislative Associate; and Jim Ogsbury, Legislative Director. Jim gave an overview of his background and his outlook for the session.

2. DISCUSSION OF SHARED REVENUE STRATEGY & MESSAGES

Mayor Walkup called on Ken, who presented Tom Belshe to give an overview of a recent municipal budget survey that the League conducted. Tom went through the survey, highlighting shared revenue and public safety. Over time public safety occupies more of the budgets as shared revenue has gone down over the last few years. There also was discussion on "administration" as that term is misunderstood by the public. It includes essential services that are mandated by state and federal laws.

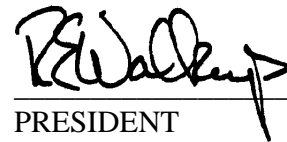
Discussion ensued as to how to use the results of the survey. It was decided to more broadly focus on what cities and towns have done to respond to the economy, and how cities and towns are home to economic activity in the state. The League is working with a public relations agency to develop strategy based on a public opinion poll that it is commissioning.

The committee discussed a variety of ideas and positions on working with the Governor and the Legislature. Local elected officials will reach out to their delegations with proactive messages and the League will draft a Resolution declaring its intent to work with the Governor and the Legislature in a collaborative partnership.

President Walkup adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



PRESIDENT