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**- Committee Members -**  
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**Government Relations Committee MINUTES**  
**Monday, November 17, 2014 - 6:30 PM**  
**Kittridge Elementary School**  
**13619 Kittridge Street**  
**Valley Glen, CA 91401**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call - Meeting called to order at 6:42 p.m. Quorum with J. D'Antonio, R.Pisani, J.Price. V.Viereck, S.Myrick absent.
  2. Approval of Minutes for October 28, 2014 - Motion to approve by J.Price, 2<sup>nd</sup> R.Pisani - approved by unanimous vote
  3. General Public Comments on non agenda items (see rules above) - none
  4. Committee Member Comments on non agenda items - none
  5. Presentation by Liz Amsden regarding the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and support of the City Council Resolution to oppose the Fast Track process in connection with the TPP - Council File CF 14-0002-S4 - Discussion and motion by J.Price to table until more in depth review by committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> R.Pisani - motion passed with ayes by J.Price and R.Pisani, nay by J.D'Antonio.
  6. DONE staffing shortage and discussion regarding the Budget Advocates request to the Mayor, the City Council and the C.A.O. to release 7 "Emergency Appointment" positions to DONE to hire more staff - discussion and motion to support by J.D'Antonio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R.Pisani, passed by unanimous vote.  
**Motion:** The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the Budget Advocate's letter dated 11/10/2014 and the Board Of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) letter dated 11/12/2014, requesting 6 new Exempt or Emergency Appointment positions be allocated to DONE. DONE is severely under staffed with only 1 supervisor and 5 field staff to cover and support 95 neighborhood councils and has experienced a 70% cut in staff since 2004. (Council File 14-0600-S142)
- Community Impact Statement** (Council File 14-0600-S142) - The Greater Valley Glen Council supports 6 new Exempt or Emergency Appointment positions be allocated to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). DONE has experienced a 70% cut in staff since 2004 and has reached the point where it may not be able to fulfill its Charter mandated responsibilities to foster and support Neighborhood Councils.
7. Discussion regarding the the requirements by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) for Neighborhood Council funding - J.Price made motion to table due to no additional information, R.Pisani 2<sup>nd</sup> - passed by unanimous vote
  8. Review of Barham off-ramp closure, 101 Southbound - Discussion and suggestion we should stay neutral on the issue. Motion to table by R.Pisani, J.Price 2<sup>nd</sup>, J.D'Antonio voting nay. Motion passed.
  9. Update on: DWP Advocacy Committee - no update
  10. Discussion regarding Government Relations committee future scheduling: committee determined that there would be no meeting in December; next meeting agenda items: J.D'Antonio recommended ACE pilot program
  11. Adjournment - motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.by J.D'Antonio, R.Pisani 2nd