

BEFORE THE
FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
TO THE
CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE
ORGANIZED PURSUANT TO THE
CALIFORNIA STEM CELL RESEARCH AND CURES ACT
REGULAR MEETING

LOCATION: AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA

DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2011
3 P.M.

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ROLL CALL	3
CONSIDERATION OF AUGMENTATION OF THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIR TO FUND, AS NECESSARY, CONTRACT FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS SUPPORT	4
PUBLIC COMMENT	NONE

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3 P.M.

CHAIRMAN GOLDBERG: LIKE TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER. MELISSA, WOULD YOU CALL THE ROLL PLEASE.

MS. KING: I WILL. ROBERT BIRGENEAU. FLOYD BLOOM.

DR. BLOOM: HERE.

MS. KING: MARCY FEIT. MICHAEL GOLDBERG.

CHAIRMAN GOLDBERG: HERE.

MS. KING: BOB KLEIN. TED LOVE. PHIL PIZZO. DUANE ROTH. DAVID SERRANO-SEWELL. JEFF SHEEHY.

MR. SHEEHY: HERE.

MS. KING: OS STEWARD.

DR. STEWARD: HERE.

MS. KING: AND ART TORRES.

MR. TORRES: HERE.

MS. KING: WE DO NEED THREE MORE FOR A QUORUM; BUT IF WE DON'T END UP HAVING A QUORUM, WE CAN PROBABLY GET A SENSE OF THE COMMITTEE.

CHAIRMAN GOLDBERG: OKAY. I'D LIKE TO PROCEED TO ITEM NO. 3 AND ASK SENATOR TORRES TO ELABORATE ON THE ISSUE.

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1 MR. TORRES: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. PRIOR
2 TO MY ARRIVAL IN MARCH OF 2009, THE INSTITUTE HAD
3 NEGOTIATED AN RFP AND THEREBY AWARDED A CONTRACT TO
4 A LOBBYING FIRM IN WASHINGTON, D.C., THE PODESTA
5 GROUP. I WORKED WITH THEM DURING A PERIOD OF TIME,
6 AND THE BOARD HAD AUTHORIZED 240,000 FOR THAT
7 CONTRACT. AT THE END OF THE DAY --

8 MR. HARRISON: HELLO. IT'S JAMES.

9 MS. KING: THANKS SO MUCH, JAMES.

10 MR. TORRES: AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE
11 ONLY SPENT ABOUT HALF OF IT, SO I PROBABLY DID A
12 PRETTY GOOD JOB IN OVERSIGHTING THE ACTIVITIES OF
13 THE LOBBYING FIRM.

14 WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO, AND BOB KLEIN
15 SUPPORTS THIS EFFORT -- SORRY HE COULDN'T BE HERE,
16 BUT IT IS HIS WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TODAY -- THAT WE
17 AUGMENT THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIR BUDGET TO 180,000 TO
18 FUND THIS NECESSARY ONE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR FEDERAL
19 GOVERNMENT RELATION SUPPORT AND, UPON APPROVAL BY
20 THE BOARD AS A WHOLE, THAT WE WOULD ISSUE AN RFP TO
21 SEE WHAT EMERGES AND WHAT COULD EMERGE AS A
22 POTENTIAL REPRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD THAT
23 WOULD WORK FOR US IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

24 I'VE BEEN MONITORING OBVIOUSLY SACRAMENTO,
25 BUT ALSO OTHER STATES AS WELL, MINNESOTA, OKLAHOMA,

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1 WISCONSIN, AND OTHERS, WHERE THERE HAVE BEEN
2 EFFORTS, AND GEORGIA, WHERE THERE HAVE BEEN EFFORTS
3 IN THIS AREA. AND AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK SENATOR AL
4 FRANKEN WHO HELPED US OUT WITH THE MINNESOTA
5 LEGISLATION IN TALKING TO THE GOVERNOR THERE. BUT I
6 THINK WE REALLY NEED SOME EYES AND EARS IN D.C. TO
7 MONITOR SOME ISSUES. AND THAT WAS RAISED EARLIER IN
8 OUR SUBCOMMITTEE EARLIER THIS WEEK, LEGISLATIVE
9 SUBCOMMITTEE, JUST ON HOW WE WEREN'T AWARE OF THE
10 PATENT LEGISLATION THAT WAS THERE, THE VOTES THAT
11 HAVE BEEN TAKEN, ETC.

12 SO I THINK THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL, BUT, OF
13 COURSE, SUBJECT TO AN RFP AND SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY
14 THE BOARD.

15 CHAIRMAN GOLDBERG: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
16 ARE THERE QUESTIONS FROM ANY OF THE CIRM MEMBERS ON
17 THE CALL? OR THE ICOC MEMBERS?

18 DR. BLOOM: NO.

19 CHAIRMAN GOLDBERG: HEARING NONE, I'D LIKE
20 TO POLL THE PUBLIC AT ANY OF THE SITES. DR. BLOOM,
21 IS THERE ANY PUBLIC AT YOUR SITE?

22 DR. BLOOM: THERE IS NO PUBLIC HERE.

23 CHAIRMAN GOLDBERG: DR. STEWARD?

24 DR. STEWARD: NO PUBLIC.

25 CHAIRMAN GOLDBERG: OKAY. IN SAN

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1 FRANCISCO ANY PUBLIC COMMENT? OKAY. HEARING NONE,
2 PERSONALLY I SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL THAT WAS MADE AND
3 WOULD POINT OUT THAT IN A BUDGET OF \$18.5 MILLION,
4 THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I THINK WE CAN ABSORB.
5 HISTORICALLY WE'VE BEEN RUNNING AT ABOUT 5 PERCENT
6 UNDER BUDGET, AND THIS WOULD CERTAINLY BE WITHIN
7 THAT AMOUNT. SO I'M HEARTILY SUPPORTIVE FROM A
8 POLICY STANDPOINT AND ALSO CAN SUPPORT IT FROM A
9 BUDGETARY STANDPOINT.

10 IN TERMS OF QUORUM, DO WE NEED TO TAKE A
11 VOTE ON THIS, JAMES, BECAUSE I KNOW WE DON'T HAVE A
12 QUORUM?

13 MR. HARRISON: WELL, IF WE DON'T HAVE A
14 QUORUM, MICHAEL, WE CAN'T TAKE ANY ACTION. YOU CAN
15 GET A SENSE OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

16 CHAIRMAN GOLDBERG: GET A SENSE OF
17 SUBCOMMITTEE AND THEN WE CAN MOVE THIS FORWARD AT
18 THE ICOC.

19 MR. HARRISON: RIGHT. THE BOARD WILL MAKE
20 THE FINAL DETERMINATION IN ANY EVENT.

21 CHAIRMAN GOLDBERG: SURE. SO I GUESS I'D
22 LIKE TO ASK JEFF FOR HIS VIEWS ON THIS.

23 MR. SHEEHY: I HAVE NO OBJECTION. IT
24 HELPS SENATOR TORRES IN HIS EFFORTS IN D.C. I THINK
25 IT'S SOMETHING THAT SHOULD HELP AND WE SHOULD BE

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1 SUPPORTIVE OF.

2 CHAIRMAN GOLDBERG: DR. BLOOM?

3 DR. BLOOM: I'M IN FAVOR OF THIS. THIS IS
4 A GOOD IDEA.

5 CHAIRMAN GOLDBERG: DR. STEWARD.

6 DR. STEWARD: I AM TOO.

7 CHAIRMAN GOLDBERG: IS THERE ANYONE ELSE
8 THAT I FAILED TO ASK WHO'S ON THE PHONE? OKAY. I
9 THINK I'LL REFLECT OR ASK YOU TO REFLECT TO THE
10 BOARD THAT THE SENTIMENT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE WAS
11 FAVORABLE AND SUPPORTIVE AS PROPOSED. AND THAT IF
12 THERE'S -- DO YOU HAVE --

13 MS. FERGUSON: JUST ONE QUICK QUESTION.
14 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE '11-'12 BUDGET, CORRECT?

15 CHAIRMAN GOLDBERG: YES.

16 MS. FERGUSON: NOT '10-'11?

17 CHAIRMAN GOLDBERG: THAT'S CORRECT.

18 MS. KING: STARTING JULY 1.

19 MR. TORRES: THAT WAS MARGARET FERGUSON.

20 CHAIRMAN GOLDBERG: THAT IS MARGARET
21 FERGUSON. SO IS THERE ANY FURTHER BUSINESS THAT
22 ANYONE WOULD LIKE THE SUBCOMMITTEE TO CONSIDER?
23 HEARING NONE, I CALL THE MEETING CLOSED.

24 (THE MEETING WAS THEN CONCLUDED AT
25 3:16 P.M.)

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