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Minutes of the CDA Government Affairs Council Meeting

Zoom Teleconference

May 8, 2023, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Welcome and Call to Order

- Call to Order: Chair Dr. Erin Shah called the meeting of the Government Affairs Council to order at 5:34 p.m. on May 8, 2023.
- Establishment of Quorum: Chair Dr. Erin Shah determined that a quorum was present. The following members were in attendance:

Dr. John Blake	Dr. Carliza Marcos
Dr. Letitia Edwards	Dr. Erin Shah, chair
Dr. Veronica Greene, vice chair	Dr. Dennis Song
Dr. Irene Hilton	Dr. Debra Woo
Dr. Kevin Keating	

Guests/Liaisons:

Dr. John Blake, ADA CGA liaison	Dr. Ariane Terlet, CDA immediate past president
Dr. Gerald Middleton, CDA PAC chair	Dr. Bruce Whitcher, Dental Board liaison

Staff:

Meghan Fetherston, legislative analyst	Jessica Moran, legislative advocate
Carrie Gordon, chief strategy officer	Brianna Pittman-Spencer, sr. government affairs director
Mary McCune, director, policy & CDA Foundation executive director	Alison Sandman, chief legal officer

- Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Regular Business

- AB 481 (Carrillo) Expanding RDA Licensure Pathways: The council received an update and discussed amendments to CDA’s sponsored bill, AB 481. The council approved the updated amendments via voice vote.
- AB 935 Update: The council received an update on a recently amended bill, AB 935 (Connolly) regarding flavored tobacco sales ban enforcement.
- Legislative Updates: The council received a verbal update on various budget and employment bills.
- Dental Plan Action Center Update: The council received a brief update on a new page on cda.org regarding dental plans and the information that could be found on that site.

Adjournment: The council meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2023 via teleconference.

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 Chair Signature

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