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NOTICE OF MEETING

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On Wednesday, March 30, 2016, the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a public hearing on occupational licensing in California. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers of the City Hall located at 9770 Culver Blvd. in Culver City.

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This is the Commission's second hearing on occupational licensing. At this hearing, the Commission will examine occupational licensing from the perspective of the people affected by it. The Commission will hear from licensees and a representative of an industry trying to become licensed about the health, safety and accountability provided by licensing. The Commission will then hear about the impact of occupational licensing on job seekers, including former offenders, immigrants and veterans. Finally, the Commission will consider the role of the Department of Consumer Affairs in occupational licensing.

At the hearing, the Commission will first hear from representatives of the California Nurses Association and the Professional Beauty Association, who will discuss the need for occupational licensing. An industry leader then will discuss the importance of licensing to the interior design industry. The next panel features senior staff attorneys for the National Employment Law Project and A New Way of Life Reentry Project, who will discuss the challenges former offenders face while attempting to become licensed. The Commission then will break for a business meeting and lunch. After the break, the policy chair for IMPRINT and director of the Welcome Back Initiative will discuss the impact occupational licensing has upon immigrants. The regional state liaison from the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Military Community and Family Policy will discuss the implications licensing has for veterans and their spouses. The final witness will be the director of the Department of Consumer Affairs, who will discuss the department's role in occupational licensing.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the hearing. The Commission also encourages written comments. The Commission will hold its business meeting at approximately 11:30 a.m. in the Cathedral Room, on the 3rd Floor of City Hall in Culver City. Members of the public can also access the business meeting in Suite 805 of 925 L Street in Sacramento, or at Suite 899 of 1415 L Street in Sacramento.

All public notices for meetings are on the Commission's website, www.lhc.ca.gov. If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Commission Executive Director Carole D'Elia at (916) 445-2125 or littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov by Wednesday, March 23, 2016.



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Public Hearing on Occupational Licensing in California

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

**Mike Balkman Council Chambers, City Hall, 9770 Culver Blvd.
Culver City, CA**

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Public Hearing: 9:30 a.m.

The Licensees' Perspective

1. Jane Schroeder, Regulatory Policy Specialist, California Nurses Association
2. Myra Irizarry Reddy, Government Affairs Director, Professional Beauty Association

Why an Industry Wants To Be Licensed

3. Deborah Davis, President & CEO, Deborah Davis Design

Licensing Former Offenders

4. Michelle Natividad Rodriguez, Senior Staff Attorney, National Employment Law Project
5. CT Turney, Senior Staff Attorney, A New Way of Life Reentry Project

Break for Business Meeting and Lunch: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Licensing Immigrants

6. José Ramón Fernández-Peña, MD, MPA, Associate Professor, Health Education, San Francisco State University; Policy Chair, IMPRINT; Director, Welcome Back Initiative

Licensing Veterans and Military Spouses

7. Laurie Crehan, Ed.D., Regional State Liaison, Southwest, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Military Community and Family Policy

The Role of the Department of Consumer Affairs in Occupational Licensing

8. Tracy Rhine, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Consumer Affairs

Public Comments



State of California

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Business Meeting

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

City Hall, Cathedral Room

9770 Culver Blvd., 3rd Floor

Culver City, CA 90232

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The Commission will consider agenda items I-V at approximately 11:30 a.m. The precise time will vary depending upon the testimony of witnesses and will be determined at the discretion of the chair. Members of the public will have an opportunity to make comments about Commission agenda items during the meeting.

- I. Election of Officers
- II. Business Meeting Minutes from February 4 and March 3, 2016
- III. Subcommittee Reports and Project Selection
- IV. Implementation
- V. Reports from the California State Auditor's Office