

- I. Introductions/Announcements - Nancy Volpert, Co-Chair stayed with the meeting despite a miserable cold and Minty Siu-Kootnikoff, Co-Chair read the meeting protocols which were as follows:

Meeting Protocols -Before we begin this meeting, please be reminded that this is an open and public meeting. Therefore, anything discussed is not protected by any type of confidentiality. Any client identifying information should not be presented. Please avoid discussion of personal cases as well. If you need additional resources, please contact the co-chairs after this meeting.

II. Overview of the Legislative Process

Nancy provided an overview of the CA legislative process and explained with these attached slides. The materials are used with permission and attribution and asks that you properly attribute these slides should you share them.

With the overview, Nancy explains from her soapbox that advocates can make a difference, we are the experts in the field and can make a difference even without money and our work has long term impact. Participation matters and it is important to have legislators who reflect our values and sometime this year, **Nancy and Adam will present on the vital role of electoral participation.**

III. 2025 Legislation & Policies

- a. State – No bill chart yet, but we’ll have one by February meeting. If you had access last year, you’ll have access this year; if you didn’t, please contact Nancy nancy@progadvisors.com or Minty msiu-kootnikoff@thepeopleconcern.org for access to this year’s chart; some bills to keep an eye out for are **CPEDV’s Reclaim Act** about litigation abuse; and CHIRLA’s **Keep Courts Safe** Act to allow remote appearance; **Abuser registry similar to Tennessee**
- b. Federal – Gail “volunteers” to research a court decision about VAWA; CoC NOFO on hold; federal funding full of uncertainty
- c. Local – DVC announces it is waiting to hear back from County Counsel about bylaw revision, DVC agreed to move from a Council model to a Coalition model to allow more meeting flexibility; DVA announces that executive retreat was held on Monday and a strategic action plan was developed and available on their listserv Please email Michael hidalgopersonamichael@gmail.com directly if you have comment.

IV. Emerging issues

License Plate tracking – **next month. . .**

California Healthy Youth Act no follow up. . . **next month?**

Cal VCB- Michael reports that CalVCB denials up from 10% in 2021 to 30% in 2025, with more applicants denied for lack of cooperation. He and Pallavi had a discussion with Chris from CPEDV to look into how CalVCB can make better decisions; Paloma may collaborate to add her research on the HT side

IV. Follow up on items from previous meeting

- a. DVC bylaws – see above

- b. COPRAC – pre service solicitation is pending with the Supreme Court. This is an illustration of policy changes that can be effectuated outside the legislative process (similar to CalVCB)
- c. DV/Sex Workers/HT – concerns over passage of AB379 which recriminalizing loitering; this year monitoring AB1245 which hopes to secure the supply chain against forced labor/human trafficking; County of LA has a proclamation that this month is Trafficking Awareness Month

V. Matters not on posted agenda and public comment

- a. FVAP new laws training on 1/20/26; 1/25/26 self defense class offered at the NoHo Police Station;
- b. Emerging issue for next time: **deceitful marketing for dissolutions – Steph Baliff**

VIII. Reminder to complete DVC committee meeting survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C8MC8V9>

IX. Next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2025 at JFS Hope offices