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Economic and Community Development Task Force

May 20, 2020

Meeting called to order at: 12:45 p.m.

Task Force Members Present:

- Michael Hecht
- Mackenzie Ledet
- Larkin Simpson
- Scott Martinez
- Camille Manning-Broome
- Troy Wayman
- Mike Busada
- Chris Massingill
- Michael Williamson
- Flozell Daniels
- Quentin Messer
- Chris DeGuelle
- Jan Moeller
- Ramesh Kolluru
- Michael Olivier
- Adam Knapp
- Odell Riley

- Agenda and Roll Call
 - The meeting was called to order, and a quorum was verified. It was posted to the Zoom chat box that comments, questions, and feedback were welcomed.
- Co-Chair Michael Hecht asked Mackenzie Ledet and Ileana Ledet to provide an overview of the pre-existing coronavirus matrix document.
 - Ms. M. Ledet thanked Ms. I. Ledet, Rachel Shields, and Dino Paternostro for their help with the matrix. It is created to help identify legislative instruments relevant to our report recommendations that will be helpful as we prepare for current and future legislative sessions. Dino Paternostro spent a lot of time supporting the gathering of the matrix information, particularly on the historical legislation.
 - Ms. I. Ledet commented that we used a lot of information from the RESET document that was put together by CABLE, Committee of 100 and PAR. We also have the GNO, Inc. Reform for Louisiana's Future document. We looked at some of the challenges identified in those reports and potential solutions discussed, and wanted to present those to the group today. Ms. I. Ledet highlighted specific sections of the matrix including: workforce development, infrastructure, legal climate, coastal restoration, pension reform, and criminal justice. She asked for the Task Force's feedback on these potential solutions, especially going forward.
- Mr. Hecht called on Camille Manning-Broome to provide a summary and overview of the post-coronavirus opportunities document. He also reiterated that the Task Force goal is to take the 3 reports: Reopening, Pre-Coronavirus Challenges, and Post-Corona Virus Opportunities, and add to each a Legislative Matrix, to submit to the RLC.
 - Ms. Manning-Broome thanked the Task Force members who contributed to the document. The purpose of Louisiana's economy is to support our people and ensure that our residents are able to meet basic needs and maintain an acceptable quality of life. Our goals for recovery are focused on building a future that provides this quality of life for all. Due to the major long-term shifts, such as climate change and demographic changes that we are already experiencing our needs in the future will be markedly different than those of the past. In order to be successful strategies for building our economy should be focused on the needs today and tomorrow, but a shared vision for our future as well. To achieve this, we will have three overarching concepts through the vision, guiding principles and recommendations: building power through social equity, innovation, sustainability and resilience.
- Ms. Manning-Broome, Gay LeBreton, Ramesh Kolluru, Mackenzie Ledet, and Jan Moeller provided an overview of the report's key sections:
 - Education & Workforce Development
 - Transportation and Other Infrastructure
 - Technology & Innovation
 - Business Prospects in the New Normal
 - Domestic Manufacturing

- Value-Added Industry
 - Reinvestment and Redevelopment
 - Fiscal Policy and Reform
- There was substantial discussion about the document amongst the Task Force members, and Mr. Hecht thanked the writers for an extraordinary depth of work in a short period of time.
 - Mr. Hecht proposed a motion to approve the minutes from the prior meeting on 5/15/2020 with the amendment that Chris Massingill's name be added to the attendance list – he was present, but left off the list in error. The motion was endorsed with the amendment first by Mr. Massingill, and second by Ms. Manning-Broome. The motion passed.
 - Mr. Hecht asked the Task Force members to submit any new elements that should be introduced as soon as possible. We will strive to have our matrix documents in final draft form by Friday, 5/22.
 - Mr. Martinez commented he thought this was a very good discussion around the draft documents and he thanked the Task Force members for their work which is very comprehensive, especially given the timeline that was involved in developing it.
 - Mr. Hecht asked Ms. Shields for comment on the Task Force's next steps.
 - Ms. Shields commented that the RLC ECD Task Force will reconvene on Friday, 5/22 at 12:45 PM.
 - As a reminder, the Secretary encouraged the Task Force members to join the RLC budget workshop meeting at 2PM on Thursday, 5/21.
 - Mr. Hecht asked for public comment. There was none.
 - Mr. Hecht and Mr. Martinez thanked the RLC members in attendance and the meeting was adjourned.