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Message from the President—Dick Johanson

Last week was incredible for its exhibition of what can be done when people of concern and commitment for our quality of life, particularly as it lays the foundation for our children, becomes a cornerstone in building a stronger tomorrow for all who live in this great Central Valley. Our cultural institutions, from the majors such as the Zoo, the Metropolitan Museum, the Philharmonic, Artes Americas, the Afro-American Museum, and the Art Museum to those who are or can become an integral part of our smaller communities such as the Selma Arts Center, the Kerman Arts Council and the Shaver Lake Historical Society have united in a never before seen spirit of cooperation to work toward passage an Arts to Zoo 2000 initiative on the November ballot. Individuals and organizations who normally work on a fee only basis are volunteering their skills to join the campaign. Throughout this county individuals who care are surging forward wanting to know how they can be a part of this great effort. The Fresno Business Council has fully endorsed support of the passage of Arts to Zoo 2000. If you want to know how you can help, contact Deb or Barbara or me and we'll find a much-needed spot for you. There is excitement in the air . . .

Business Council Reviews By-laws

As part of the Business Council renewal that has been taking place over the past several months, the Board appointed an ad hoc by-laws committee to review the by-laws, streamline where necessary, and make recommendations on suggested revisions to the Board. **Mike Wilhelm** (McCormick Barstow) and **Jim Shekoyan** (Baker Manock and Jensen) have done a masterful job on this task. The executive committee has reviewed the recommendations, which will go to the Board in September. If approved by the Board, the changes will go to the entire membership for their vote.

Dr. Terry Kershaw Selected as Dean of Instruction and Student Services for the North Centers

Congratulations to **Terry Kershaw** on his promotion to Dean of Instruction and Student Services for the North Centers of the State Center Community College District. Terry has served as project coordinator at the State Center Consortium for the past eight years and in that position has worked closely with the business community in school-to-career activities. Terry has also participated on the Business Council's Education Committee – he and his staff have partnered with the Council on several projects including *Orientation to Business Day* and the *Stay in School Partnership* at Calwa Elementary School. We wish Terry well in his new position and know from our experience that the Madera, Clovis and Oakhurst centers will benefit greatly from his involvement with them.

Public Safety Committee Appoints New Chair

In 1997, the Crime Committee reinvented itself as the Public Safety Committee under the leadership of co-chairs **Jim Shekoyan** (*Baker, Manock and Jensen*) and **Mahlon Buck** (*Johnsey Insurance Agency*). At that time, the committee wanted to direct its energies at addressing the problems of at-risk youth. One effort focused on trying to find jobs for the young men participating in the *Hope Now for Youth* program. The Committee was also instrumental in developing a "*Stay in School*" program at Calwa Elementary School. This project evolved from the Business Council's alliance with the school in a joint effort to combat truancy and delinquency by encouraging students to stay in school. The committee's most recent initiatives involve working with other agencies to develop job-training opportunities for graduates of the boot camp and working with Sheriff Pierce to establish a Sheriff's Advisory Committee. The Public Safety Committee recently appointed **Ralph Goldbeck** (*Carlin Manufacturing*) to take over as chair of committee in January 2001. Many thanks to Jim and Mahlon for their dedicated leadership and welcome to Ralph in his new role as chair.

Business Council Staff Relocates in New Office

For several years now, Business Council executive director **Deborah Nankivell** has been housed in the offices of *Deloitte & Touche* (FBC member *Ken Newby*), while assistant director **Barbara Steck** has telecommuted from Clovis. Because of commute distances and an increased need for technical support, Barbara has moved to a new location within the offices of *Professional Exchange Services Corporation* (FBC member *Cynthia Downing*) at 4747 N. First Street, Suite 140. Among other benefits, the new location will also provide a consistent meeting place for monthly Business Council Board Meetings. Stop by and see the new office if you're in the neighborhood.

Activities & Events

Wednesday, September 6 at 7:30 a.m.—Education Committee (McCormick Barstow)

Wednesday, September 20 at 7:00 a.m.—Public Safety Committee (Manco Abbot)

Wednesday, September 13 at 4:00 p.m.—Public Affairs Committee (Baker, Manock & Jensen)

Invited Guests: Rich Rodriguez & Sarah Reyes

Thursday, September 14 at 4:00 p.m.—Board of Directors (Fresno Business Council office)

September 17 through September 19—Civic Entrepreneur Conference—Office Closed