COMMITTEE ON BINATIONAL REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES (COBRO)

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Tuesday, April 6, 2004

3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

+2. MEETING SUMMARY OF MARCH 2, 2004 (PP. 5 – 9) APPROVE

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS
(Each speaker limited to three minutes.)

4. CHAIR AND MEMBER’S REPORTS INFORMATION

CONSENT AGENDA

+5. STAFF REPORT (PP. 10 – 11) INFORMATION

A. Upcoming Events
B. Online Registration for Summer Conference (Tim Sullivan)

REPORTS

6. REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

In its last meeting, the Chair called for a subcommittee to review the status of leadership and membership in COBRO. The subcommittee will present its recommendations.

7. 2004 BINATIONAL SUMMER CONFERENCE WORKING GROUP REPORT (Paul Ganster)

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Paul Ganster will give the Committee an update on the status of the 2004 SANDAG Binational Summer Conference.

8. REPORT ON U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES (CIS) AS PART OF CONSOLIDATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (Ms. Debra Rogers)

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

The new San Diego District Director of the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) office, Ms. Debra Rogers, will discuss the reorganization of the Department of Homeland Security and her office’s role in naturalization and residency adjudications.
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The Committee’s next meeting is Tuesday, May 4 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in a location in Baja California (To be announced).

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