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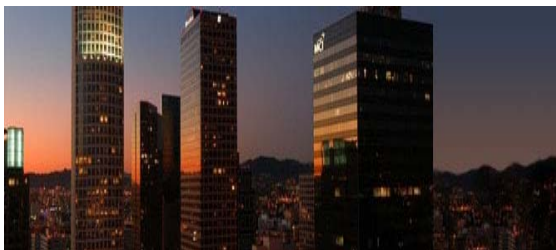
## UPCOMING COMMITTEES

Open to Executive Level members only

SEPTEMBER 4th  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Open to Business Advocacy and Executive Level members only

SEPTEMBER 17th  
HOUSING, LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
Important Inclusionary Zoning update will be provided. Please note early 7:30 a.m. start time.



## City Ethics Commission Recommends Stringent Overhaul of Municipal Lobbying Ordinance

The City Ethics Commission recently released a set of proposed revisions to the Los Angeles Municipal Lobbying Ordinance that, if approved, will greatly increase the number of those who must register as lobbyists. Amongst other problematic recommendations, one particular revision would require individuals to register with the City Ethics Commission *before* engaging in any direct communication with a city official. This departs drastically from current law requiring individuals to register only if 30 or more hours are spent engaging in lobbying activities within a three month period. Failure to abide by the new "one dollar, one contact" registration threshold would subject the individual to civil action by either the City Attorney, City Ethics Commission, or even a private third-party citizen. Furthermore, badges would be issued to identify lobbyists, and they would be required to be worn on city property, at all city-sponsored events, and at other events when engaged in lobbying.

The recommendations are scheduled to be discussed before the City Ethics Commission on September 5, 2008. CCA will submit a letter and testify in opposition, and propose an exemption for those who routinely communicate with city staff and officials during the land use permitting process. For further information, please contact CCA's Vice President of Legislative & Legal Affairs Veronica Perez Becker.

## CCA Tours San Diego's Gaslamp Quarter

CCA was among a Los Angeles delegation led by L.A. Director of City Planning Gail Goldberg to tour San Diego's Gaslamp Quarter and study its economic development and trolley system. The group, which included Councilmember Jose Huizar and Councilmember Jan Perry, met with City representatives and stakeholders in planning, transportation, and urban design who helped turn the once blighted area into a thriving and bustling entertainment zone. The group discussed challenges and how L.A. can benefit from San Diego's experience as we work together to revitalize the historic Broadway corridor.

CCA thanks Ms. Goldberg for inviting us, Jessica Wethington McLean, Executive Director for the Bringing Back Broadway initiative, who will be incorporating the lessons learned from San Diego into a coherent plan for

## STAFF BRIEFS

• CCA wrote a letter in support of SBXX 1, which would ensure allocation of existing water bond funds approved by voters in 2006. A large portion of the funds would go towards conservation and flood control projects in Southern California and the Central Valley, which would improve the water supply to Los Angeles. Staff Contact: Tracey Chavira.

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Downtown L.A., and Councilmember Huizar for leading the initiative.

## **CCA's Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Tackles Water Bond**

CCA's Transportation & Infrastructure Committee welcomed **Tim Brick**, Chairman of the **Metropolitan Water District of Southern California**, to discuss the Safe, Clean, Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2008. The \$9.3 billion water bond, which will appear on the November 2008 ballot, would provide funding for storage and local resource development projects. Particularly important among the projects are infrastructure improvements to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, which supplies a significant amount of Los Angeles' water.

The Committee declined to vote on the water bond but expressed support for investment in water projects using existing water bond funds approved by voters two years ago. These projects include restoration of the Delta and remediation of groundwater basins in Los Angeles. CCA thanks Mr. Brick for joining us.

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