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Moderator: Tom Gilmore, Gilmore Associates

JUNE 19th
SAVE THE DATE!
Reception Welcoming The Honorable Karen Bass, Speaker of the California State Assembly

Additional Details to Follow

JULY 15th
SAVE THE DATE!
2nd Annual Chiefs of Staff Reception

UPCOMING COMMITTEES

Open to Executive Level members only

JULY 10th
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Special Guest: Gene Block, UCLA Chancellor

Open to Executive and Business Advocacy Level members only

JUNE 18th



Water & Power 101 with David Nahai of the LADWP

CCA welcomed **Los Angeles Department of Water & Power (LADWP)** CEO & General Manager **H. David Nahai** to our Executive Committee meeting hosted by **Peter Zen** at the **Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites**. Mr. Nahai discussed the Mayor's "Securing LA's Water Supply" plan, which was approved by the LADWP Board of Commissioners. This plan will improve short-term and long-term water conservation, invest in water-efficient technology and water recycling, and improve groundwater supply.

Mr. Nahai also discussed the necessity of the recent rate increases approved by the City Council. CCA supported the rate increases due to the need to improve the City's aging water and power infrastructure. We look forward to supporting Mr. Nahai and LADWP's efforts to meet the City's water and power needs.

CCA thanks the Westin Bonaventure and Peter Zen for graciously hosting this meeting and Mr. Nahai for joining us.

Parks Proceeds to Runoff with Ridley-Thomas in County Supervisor's Race

Despite being outspent by \$4.4 million, Los Angeles City Councilmember **Bernard C. Parks** will proceed to a runoff with **State Sen. Mark Ridley-Thomas** in the race for 2nd District County Supervisor on November 4th. Ridley-Thomas received 45% of the vote in the June 3rd primary and Parks received 40%.

Parks totaled \$900,000 in campaign spending, and Ridley-Thomas spent \$800,000, which does not include \$4.4 million spent by a coalition of labor unions on his behalf. Despite the disparity in spending, Parks' finish reflects a strong position in the upcoming runoff. As stated by CCA's President & CEO Carol Schatz in a recent Los Angeles Times article: "The fact that Bernard Parks was a mere 5 percentage points behind someone who had five times the money indicates someone who has incredible strength. I think the message came through in the end that special interest money -- and unions are special interests -- should be objectionable to any community."

CCA has long-standing relationships and respect for both candidates. CCA will be contacting you shortly about the need to raise money for Parks' candidacy as we go into the general election.

STAFF BRIEFS

- CCA hosted the monthly Streetcar, Transportation & Parking Committee meeting to discuss funding strategies for the streetcar, parking needs on Broadway, and the proposed Regional Connector routes. If you would like more information on the Committee, please contact CCA's Director of Government Affairs, Tracey Chavira, at 213-624-1213.

- The Los Angeles Planning Department has begun a set of code studies to explore reforming the Zoning Code and invited CCA to participate in the process. CCA has formed a working group on this issue and convened its first meeting this week. The group discussed, among other things, whether Downtown-specific code changes should be included in the revisions. The working group will continue to work with Planning staff to ensure that code changes reflect the needs of the development community.

- CCA's President & CEO, Carol Schatz, attended the local swearing in ceremony for Assembly Speaker Karen Bass at L.A. Trade Tech.

- The City of Los Angeles recently released its Green Building Program brochure. CCA worked closely with the City to ensure the workability of this policy. The City's Green Building Program brochure can be found via the following link:

[Building a Green Los Angeles](#)

- CCA's Downtown Parks Working Group held its initial meeting to discuss the "Downtown Parks Master Plan." At the request of Los Angeles Department of Recreation & Parks, the group will submit its formal recommendations once completed. Preliminary

**JOINT HOUSING, LAND USE &
DEVELOPMENT AND URBAN
DESIGN COMMITTEES**

Special Presentation: Grand
Avenue Civic Park

JUNE 24th

**TRANSPORTATION &
INFRASTRUCTURE**

Special Presentation:
California High-Speed Rail
Authority and The Downtown
Los Angeles Freeway Study

JUNE 25th

**PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH &
HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE**

Special Presentation: Los
Angeles County Homeless
Prevention Initiative

conversations centered on
identifying boundaries of study,
necessary demographic data,
determination of entitlements,
building consensus among
property owners, and defining
park uses.

• CCA is delighted to welcome
summer intern Valentina
Martinez. Valentina, a senior at
Pitzer College, will be working
closely with the legislative team
on legislative and policy issues
affecting Downtown and the Los
Angeles region.

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