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JUNE 19th
SAVE THE DATE!
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Bass, Speaker of the California
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Additional Details to Follow

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

Open to Executive
Level members only

JUNE 5th
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Special Guest: H. David Nahai,
Chief Executive Officer &
General Manager of LADWP

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JUNE 18th
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Jon Mukri, General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Recreation & Parks, and Barry A. Sanders, President of the Los Angeles Board of Recreation & Parks Commissioners.

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This week CCA's Housing, Land Use & Development Committee welcomed **Barry A. Sanders**, President of the Los Angeles Board of Recreation & Parks Commissioners, and **Jon Mukri**, General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Recreation & Parks, for a pointed discussion about **Quimby fees** and the need for more parks and recreational activities in Downtown.

Recently, Mr. Mukri and the Department have faced increased criticism because of its lack of proper Quimby fee allocation, accounting and reporting. Quimby fees are special assessments paid by residential developers to be used for park projects within a two-mile radius of the collection site. Since 2003, **\$120 million** of Quimby fees remain unspent citywide, with **\$15.9 million** unspent in Downtown. Committee members posed incisive questions to Mr. Mukri and his staff about how Quimby allocation decisions are made, stressing the need for more input from a broader range of Downtown stakeholders to ensure that parks are located in the most-populated areas of Downtown.

CCA welcomes the Department of Recreation & Parks' outreach efforts and has formed a working group to determine where the best opportunities for parks and recreation exist in Downtown. CCA will also continue to advocate that the Quimby radius should not be enlarged to ensure that the communities that embrace the increased density of new residential developments continue to reap the benefits of more green space. CCA thanks Mr. Sanders & Mr. Mukri for joining us.

To view the Department of Recreation & Parks March 2008 – Quimby Quarterly Report, please follow this link:

[March 2008 - Quimby Quarterly Report.](#)

STAFF BRIEFS

- CCA's President & CEO, Carol Schatz participated in a panel this week at the Los Angeles Streetcar Workshop entitled "Ok, But What About?" Carol Schatz joined other Downtown leaders to pose questions to the national streetcar experts regarding incentives for private investment, the role of regional transportation agencies, and the effect of the streetcar on Downtown's existing streetscape.

- CCA's Director of Government Affairs, Tracey Chavira, testified before the State Senate Energy, Utilities & Communications Committee expressing concern over the potential cost impacts of AB 32 implementation. CCA recognizes the importance of addressing greenhouse gas emissions, however implementation could cost the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power up to \$750 million.

- CCA's Director of Government Affairs, Tracey Chavira, participated in a meeting with Councilmember Smith regarding the possible public disclosure of the seismic standards of many buildings in the City. This comes in response to Councilmember Smith's motion instructing City departments to work with the building industry to identify and inventory concrete non-ductile construction and non-shear-wall parking structures; determine the risk level and categorize these structures; and identify funding that might be available to address this risk.

- The Planning Department has begun work on updating the Central City Community Plan. To assist in this effort, CCA is organizing a small group to meet with Planning staff and discuss recommended changes to the Plan and long-range growth

strategies for Downtown. If you are interested in participating in this effort, please contact CCA's Director of Legislative & Legal Affairs, Anh Nguyen, at 213-624-1213.

CCA IN THE NEWS

*Jamison [Properties, Inc.] currently has representatives on the Fashion District and Downtown Center business improvement districts and is a member of the Central City Association. "Jamison has been a very strong supporter of the Downtown renaissance," said CCA President Carol Schatz. As for the BIDs, she added, "I think Dr. Lee sees that they do make a huge difference in the areas where he owns property." May 19, **Los Angeles Downtown News**, "The Quiet Tycoon," by Anna Scott.*

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