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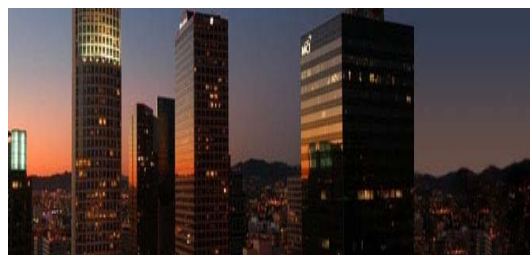
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Barry Sanders, President of the
Board of Rec & Park



Chief Bratton Delivers LAPD Report Card to CCA Executive Committee

CCA welcomed **Los Angeles Police Chief William J. Bratton** to our Executive Committee meeting hosted by the **Metropolitan Water District (MWD)** at the Sheraton Los Angeles Downtown Hotel. Chief Bratton reiterated his commitment to the Safer Cities Initiative and will continue to place officers where they are most needed. The drop in total violent crime in Downtown is largely attributable to the Chief's intimate understanding of Downtown's unique safety issues, especially around Skid Row. The Chief expressed dismay at the construction of a comprehensive homelessness services facility on the ground floor at 5th and Main, as it would perpetuate the institutionalization of Skid Row. CCA will stand with Chief Bratton to oppose this site and find an alternate location.

CCA and the LAPD have enjoyed a long-standing partnership to revitalize Downtown through improving public safety and quality of life for its residents, workers, and visitors. While this is the largest budget shortfall the City has seen in decades, Chief Bratton assured us that he and Mayor Villaraigosa will reach their goal and hire 1,000 new officers by 2010. Despite the budget, more resources will be allocated to continue to improve public safety. CCA thanks MWD and **Gilbert Ivey** for hosting this meeting, and Chief Bratton for joining us.

CCA's Executive Committee voted to oppose both Propositions 98 and 99. Both propositions propose limiting government's authority to take property through eminent domain and transfer it to private parties.

CCA Lobbies Sacramento on SB 1165 (Kuehl)

CCA's VP of Legislative & Legal Affairs, **Veronica Perez Becker**, joined forces with other business organizations and met with **State Senators George Runner and Alex Padilla**; **Assemblymembers Felipe Fuentes, Anthony Portantino, and Cameron Smyth**; and the staff of **Speaker Elect Karen Bass**, and **State Senators Sheila Kuehl and Gil Cedillo** in Sacramento to express opposition to SB 1165. SB 1165 would require that any preliminary draft environmental documents shared with the lead agency and the project applicant also be made available to the public. This additional public review will delay and complicate the project review process and increase costs at a time when our housing market can least afford it. Furthermore, SB 1165 would put a shelf-life on EIRs. The expiration date would

STAFF BRIEFS

• CCA's Director of Government Affairs, Tracey Chavira, convened a meeting with Councilmember Jose Huizar's Office, Metro, and the Historic Downtown BID to discuss how a modern streetcar system can complement the Regional Connector and contribute to improved regional mobility.

• 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.

• It is CCA's understanding that the City is proposing to raise entitlement fees by 20%, effective July 1. This increase comes in response to a request by City Council during last year's budget hearings to implement full cost recovery by the Planning Department. A fee study is being conducted and it is anticipated that full cost recovery may be set in place by next year. CCA is working with Planning to determine the impact this increase will have on an already unsteady housing market, and to ensure that increased fees will lead to more efficient service and shorter turnaround times by Planning staff.

• CCA is continuing to monitor progress of the City's "mixed-income housing" (inclusionary zoning) ordinance. This ordinance could require developers to include mandatory affordable housing within residential developments and comes at the request of Mayor Villaraigosa. CCA, along with other stakeholders, is finalizing

**Commissioners and Jon Mukri,
General Manager of Rec & Park**

apply even though there are no changes to the project, new information, or change in circumstances. CCA will continue to work with other business organizations to lobby against SB 1165.

its housing production paper which proposes ways to create mixed-income communities without disincentivizing investment. We will continue to work with the Mayor and City Council to develop a constructive and workable policy.

CCA IN THE NEWS

"Central City Association President Carol Schatz added, 'Dodger Stadium, from our point of view, is the northern edge of Downtown. It will be a great resource for the Downtown community."

Apr. 28, Los Angeles Downtown News, "Team Owner Announces Plans for \$500 Million Stadium Renovation," by Anna Scott.

"We support green building," said Veronica Perez Becker, vice president of legislative affairs for the Central City Association. "However, these standards are very new. More time for implementation would be better." Apr. 28, *Los Angeles Downtown*

News, "Law Imposes Strict Environmental Standards on New Buildings," by Anna Scott.

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