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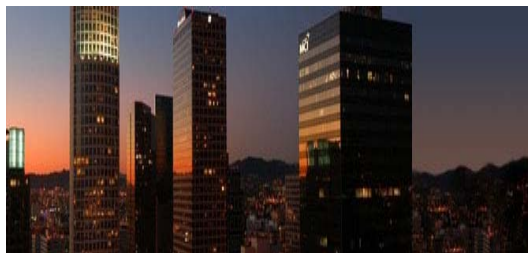
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Open to Executive Level members only

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

Open to Executive and Business Advocacy Level members only

JUNE 18th



CCA Helps to Defeat SB 1165 (Kuehl) on Senate Floor

CCA joined forces with other business organizations to help defeat SB 1165 (Kuehl), a bill that would have put a five-year shelf life on EIRs and required more public disclosure of draft environmental documents.

CCA's VP of Legislative & Legal Affairs, **Veronica Perez Becker**, joined forces with other business organizations to meet 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 have required 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 would have delayed and complicated the project review process and increased costs at a time when our housing market can least afford it. In addition, SB 1165 would have put a five-year shelf life on EIRs. This expiration date would have applied even if there were no changes to a project, new information, or change in circumstances.

CCA Endorsements for June 3 Election

The June 3, 2008 Primary Election is almost upon us! CCA has made several key endorsements for this election:

[L.A. County Supervisor, District 2 Councilmember Bernard Parks](#)

CCA has endorsed Los Angeles City **Councilmember Bernard Parks** in his bid for election to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, District 2. Although **State Senator Mark Ridley-Thomas** has been a strong leader and worked positively with CCA, we believe Councilmember Parks is the best candidate in the field, with a long record of successful leadership in Los Angeles.

Parks has been integral to the growth of the Los Angeles area economy and most recently worked with CCA to establish a Business Retention & Attraction Task Force, which focused on ways to increase investment within our city limits. He has strongly opposed some misguided initiatives that would have driven away local businesses and the good jobs they create in our community. He also has proven his

STAFF BRIEFS

- CCA's Director of Legislative & Legal Affairs, Anh Nguyen, participated in a Quimby Task Force meeting organized by Councilmember Jan Perry. In the meeting, the Department of Recreation & Parks demonstrated its new Geographic Information System (GIS), which will allow the Department to strategically align Quimby dollars to the areas of greatest need.

- CCA's Vice President of Legislative & Legal Affairs, Veronica Perez Becker, and CCA's Director of Government Affairs, Tracey Chavira, attended the Los Angeles Police Foundation's 47th Medal of Valor Ceremony. The Medal of Valor is LAPD's highest honor and is awarded to officers who distinguish themselves with bravery and heroism above and beyond the call of duty.

- CCA's President & CEO, Carol Schatz, and CCA's Director of Government Affairs, Tracey Chavira, attended the 2008 KCET Visionary Award Gala to honor CCA members Tim & Bernadette Leiweke. Their support of arts, culture, healthcare, and education ensure that all Angelenos enjoy a better quality of life. CCA congratulates the Leiwekes on this well-deserved honor.

- CCA is pleased that the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Pacific L.A. Marine Terminal, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CCA Executive Member Plains All American Pipeline, has just been released after a four-year review process. The proposed project would include construction and operation of a new marine terminal, new tank farm facilities, and pipelines connecting the marine terminal and tank farms to local refineries. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**JOINT HOUSING, LAND USE &
DEVELOPMENT AND URBAN
DESIGN COMMITTEES
Special Presentation: Grand
Avenue Civic Park**

**JUNE 25th
PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH &
HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE
Special Presentation: Los
Angeles County Homeless
Prevention Initiative**

expertise in the areas of budget policy and public safety.

Propositions 98 & 99: Oppose

CCA's Executive Committee voted to oppose both Propositions 98 & 99. These ballot initiatives place more restrictions on the government's power of eminent domain. In particular, both propositions propose to limit the government's ability to take property and transfer it to a private party. Whereas Proposition 98 prohibits the taking of all private property for private use, Proposition 99 is more singularly focused in prohibiting the taking of single-family homes. Proposition 98 also purports to limit and phase out rent control in California. Critics note, however, that drafting errors in Proposition 98 could severely limit the government's ability to acquire land and water to develop public water projects.

CCA opposed the measures because California's protections against abuse of the eminent domain power are already among the most stringent in the nation. In addition, eminent domain, when carefully applied, is an important tool in the government's efforts to promote urban redevelopment projects and reduce blight in our neighborhoods.

and the Port of Los Angeles will be receiving public comment on the Draft EIR over the next 60 days. If you would like more information, please contact CCA's Director of Government Affairs, Tracey Chavira, at 213-624-1213.

CCA IN THE NEWS

"The tenants are gone,' said Carol Schatz, CEO of the Downtown Center Business Improvement District, which encompasses the Bristol Hotel. 'Whatever happens in that property needs to reflect current market conditions and the current state of the neighborhood. I think a boutique hotel would work there, or mixed-income housing. Low to moderate-income housing could also work.'" May 26, L.A. Downtown News, "The Bristol Eyesore," by Anna Scott.

"It's a reflection of downtown coming of age and becoming a true city,' said Carol Schatz, chief executive of the Central City Association of Los Angeles, a downtown advocacy group that spearheaded the program.' If cabs are moving freely about downtown and not just parked in long lines at some venues, I think you'll see employees on their lunch break take a cab elsewhere. It will also be a great boon to our residents because if they've gone to a nightclub and they don't want to drive and it's a little far to walk, they'll be able to hail a cab.'" May 26, Los Angeles Business Journal, "All's Fare," by Richard Clough & Gabriela Gonzalez.

"The bottom line is, \$4 million talks, and (Ridley-Thomas) can't walk away from it," said Parks supporter Carol Schatz, president of the Central City Assn., a downtown business advocacy group." May 28, Los Angeles Times, "Ridley-Thomas still raking in union-related money," by Jean-Paul Renaud.

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