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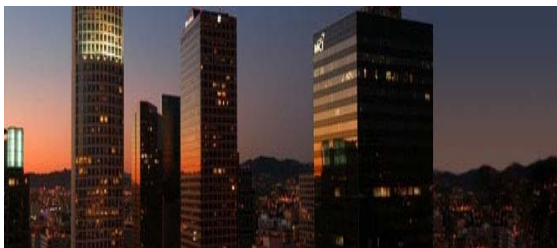
UPCOMING COMMITTEES

Open to Executive
Level members only

OCTOBER 2nd
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.



CCA's Executive Committee Endorses Councilmember Jack Weiss for L.A. City Attorney

This month's CCA Executive Committee, held at the exquisite Hanover Building, voted to endorse **Councilmember Jack Weiss** for Los Angeles City Attorney. With an excellent track record in land use and public safety issues while on the City Council and prior experience as a U.S. Attorney, the Committee believes he will bring great leadership to the Office.

The Committee also moved to support Measure Q, the \$7 billion bond measure for the Los Angeles Unified School District that would be used to repair and renovate schools. Another local initiative, Measure R, which would increase the county sales tax by a half-cent to fund transportation projects, was also supported on the conditions that 1) Governor Schwarzenegger's proposed state sales tax hike is dropped from the budget; and 2) the Governor does not veto AB 2321 (Feuer), a bill that would authorize Metro to place Measure R on the ballot. The Committee opposed Proposition 7, a measure that would place new requirements and conditions on all electric utilities in California. Proposition 7 is poorly drafted, fatally flawed, and will ultimately halt the development of renewable energy sources.

The Committee also welcomed **Cynthia Ruiz**, President of the **Los Angeles City Board of Public Works**, who gave a presentation on the Board's goals and accomplishments during her leadership. Some of the Board's goals are to make Los Angeles the cleanest big city in the nation, to encourage recycling with its "zero waste" plan, and to improve efficiencies within City government. The Board has been successful in removing trash from public right-of-ways more expeditiously. CCA looks forward to a continued partnership with the Board of Public Works to make Downtown a clean and safe place to live, work, and play. We thank Ms. Ruiz for joining us and the Hanover Company for hosting this event.

Ethics Commission Considers Sweeping Changes to Lobbying Ordinance

CCA testified at the City Ethics Commission in opposition to a set of proposed revisions to the Los Angeles Municipal Lobbying Ordinance that, if approved, would greatly increase the number of those who must register as lobbyists. The

STAFF BRIEFS

• CCA wrote a letter in support of designating a Collections Sheriff for the City of LA, which would help resolve the City's revenue problems. The Sheriff could collect up to a half-billion dollars in aging debts that currently reside on the City's balance sheets. CCA argued that this revenue could be used to address some unmet demands for City services, such as a greater police presence in Downtown. Staff Contact: Melissa Fertig.

CCA IN THE NEWS

"We're not a 24-7 market yet,' says Carol Schatz, president and CEO of the Central City Association, which operates the Downtown Center Business Improvement District (BID), 'but places are rocking all day into the early morning hours.'" September 1, 2008, *Retail Traffic*, "L.A. Close-Up."

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onerous recommendations include implementing a “one dollar, once contact” threshold for registration, giving third parties the right to sue for violations of the ordinance, exempting certain nonprofits from the lobbying rules, and requiring lobbyists to wear identification badges when on City property and at City-sponsored events. In addition to opposing such changes, CCA proposed an alternative definition for “lobbyist” and ways to better enforce the current law. The Ethics Commission took public comment, but did not take any action on the matter. They will continue the discussion at the next meeting of the Ethics Commission in mid-October. Staff Contact: Veronica Perez Becker.

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