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JANUARY 19
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Welcome Reception for Police Chief
Charlie Beck and Fire Chief Millage
Peaks

JANUARY 21
11:30 a.m.

General Membership
Meeting

UPCOMING COMMITTEES

Open to Executive Level
Members Only

JANUARY 7
11:45 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Open to Executive and
Business Advocacy
Members Only

JANUARY 5
8:00 a.m.

Transportation & Infrastructure
Committee

JANUARY 20
8:00 a.m.

Housing, Land Use &
Development Committee



Henry Danpour, Xyvest Holdings; Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa; and Sauli Danpour, Xyvest Holdings.

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CCA's Holiday Party, held at the **Wilshire Grand Hotel & Centre's Point Moorea**, was a huge success, with more than 300 people in attendance. Guests included **State Senator Gil Cedillo; Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa; Councilmembers Jose Huizar, Tom LaBonge, Jan Perry, Bill Rosendahl, and Greig Smith; Board of Public Works Commission President Cynthia Ruiz; Harbor Commissioner Kaylynn Kim; Planning Director Gail Goldberg; Community Development Department General Manager Richard Benbow; Bureau of Sanitation Director Enrique Zaldivar; and LAPD Commander Blake Chow.**

CCA thanks **Chris Park**, General Manager of the Wilshire Grand Hotel & Centre, for his tremendous hospitality. This marks the seventh year that the Wilshire Grand Hotel & Centre has hosted this event. We would also like to thank our title sponsors, the **Boeing Company** and **Chevron**, and our presenting sponsors, **Ansar Enterprises, BNSF Railway, Plains All American Pipeline, and Xyvest Holdings.**



R.J. Noonan, Lockton Insurance Brokers, Inc.; CCA President & CEO Carol Schatz; Chris Park, Wilshire Grand Hotel & Centre; and Gary Conrad, Howard Building Corporation.

STAFF BRIEFS

• CCA and a coalition of stakeholders met with the office of Councilmember Herb Wesson this week to discuss possible modifications to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance. CCA is particularly concerned about one recommendation to eliminate the three percent floor on annual rent adjustments. City Council's Housing & Community Economic Development Committee will host a panel discussion on the topic for the property owner and landlord community, including CCA, in February 2010. Staff Contact: CCA Vice President of Legislative & Legal Affairs, Veronica Perez.

• CCA welcomed James Okazaki, former Assistant General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, as a newly-appointed L.A. Streetcar Inc. Board Member, representing Council District Nine. The Board discussed recently-awarded contracts for a public relations firm to brand and market the Streetcar, a financial firm to design the assessment district, and a fundraising firm to coordinate fundraising efforts. Staff Contact: CCA Director of Government & Member Relations, Tracey Chavira.

• The Los Angeles Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the second and final phase of the Playa Vista development. Phase 2, known as "The Village" will add 2,600 residential units, a shopping center, office buildings, and parks. The Commission's vote is the first step in the new approval process required by a court ruling. The matter is expected to go before the full City Council in the coming weeks. CCA congratulates Executive Member Playa Vista on moving the project forward.

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CCA gathered top decision-makers from the City departments of Building & Safety, Engineering, Fire, Planning, Sanitation, Transportation, and Water & Power, as well as the County Health Department, to discuss obstacles to opening a business in Los Angeles, especially when faced with navigating up to 12 public agencies. The discussion focused on how public agencies can facilitate permits, licensing, inspections, and help new businesses to open and prosper in this tough economy. The group brainstormed about workable solutions to common problems that businesses experience when trying to open, and agreed that the sooner we can get businesses that are stuck in the pipeline up and running, the sooner we can begin to create new jobs and revenue. The public agencies will hold an internal meeting in the next few weeks, and reconvene with CCA in one month to present an action plan. Staff Contact: CCA Director of Government & Member Relations, Tracey Chavira.

A Special note from Steve Weston...

My wife, Jude, and I have received so many heartfelt cards, letters, e-mails and phone calls from folks at CCA responding to the death of our son, Mike, that we don't even know where to start in saying thank you. It has meant so much to us that so many of you have reached out to us in our time of sorrow. Your compassion and sympathy has helped us through this difficult time. Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers.

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