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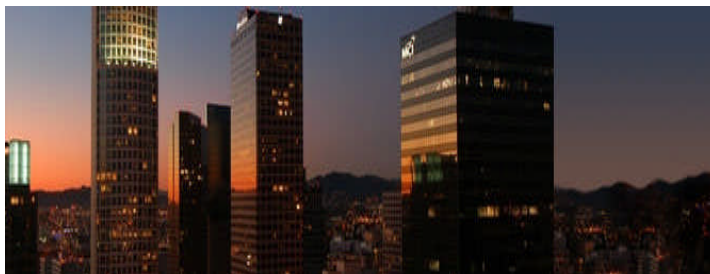
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On Wednesday, November 18, 2009, City Council's Housing, Land Use & Development Committee will host a panel discussion with tenant rights advocates to discuss possible changes to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO). A similar panel discussion with property owners is slated for December 2, 2009.

In 2007, City Council approved the commission of an economic study of the RSO and the results of that study were released earlier this year. Although many recommendations will strengthen the effectiveness of the ordinance, CCA is particularly concerned about one recommendation to eliminate the three percent floor on annual rent adjustments. This will severely hamper a property owner's ability to maintain and conduct capital improvements on his or her property.

We need your help to ensure that a balanced discussion takes place. Please consider sending a letter to the City Council and appearing to testify at the November 18th hearing. Staff Contact: CCA Senior Director of Legislative & Legal Affairs, Anh Nguyen.

Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.
City Hall, Room 1010
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Racing to the Top with Senator Gloria Romero and Education Secretary Glen Thomas

CCA participated in a special briefing with **State Senator Gloria Romero** and **State Secretary of Education Glen Thomas** to discuss how to make California more competitive for the federal "Race to the Top" education grants. This \$4.35 billion program, available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, is the largest pool of discretionary funding for education reform in U.S. history. "Race to the Top" provides an opportunity for California school districts to partner with the state and receive federal grant funds to implement innovative strategies to improve public education.

In order to be eligible for this funding, however, California must make several changes to state law, as well as several reforms to its public

STAFF BRIEFS

• At the invitation of Cynthia Ruiz, Public Works Commission President and fashion ambassador for Mayor Villaraigosa, CCA President & CEO Carol Schatz participated on the Fashion Advisory Board to discuss the economic impacts of the apparel industry on the local economy. CCA is committed to helping create a vibrant fashion scene in Los Angeles.

• CCA attended Metro's Regional Connector community update meeting to hear how Metro is preparing the Draft EIR, which will analyze project impacts. Metro will work with the community through numerous public meetings on project design and mitigation. The Draft EIR should be completed for public review and comment by summer 2010. Staff Contact: CCA Director of Government & Member Relations, Tracey Chavira.

• CCA testified before the City Planning Commission in support of several amendments to the LASED Specific Plan that will help facilitate the development of the first new office tower in Downtown in more than 15 years, as well as more office space and studio/production capabilities. The project will complement the existing mix of 24/7 uses at L.A. Live and help increase Downtown's competitiveness as a location for the entertainment industry. Staff Contact: CCA Senior Director of Legislative & Legal Affairs, Anh Nguyen.

EVENTS CALENDAR

DECEMBER 8

Holiday Party at Point Moorea at the Wilshire Grand Hotel

UPCOMING COMMITTEES

Open to Executive Level Members Only

DECEMBER 3

11:45 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Special Guest: Los Angeles Supervisor Don Knabe

Open to Executive and Business Advocacy Members Only

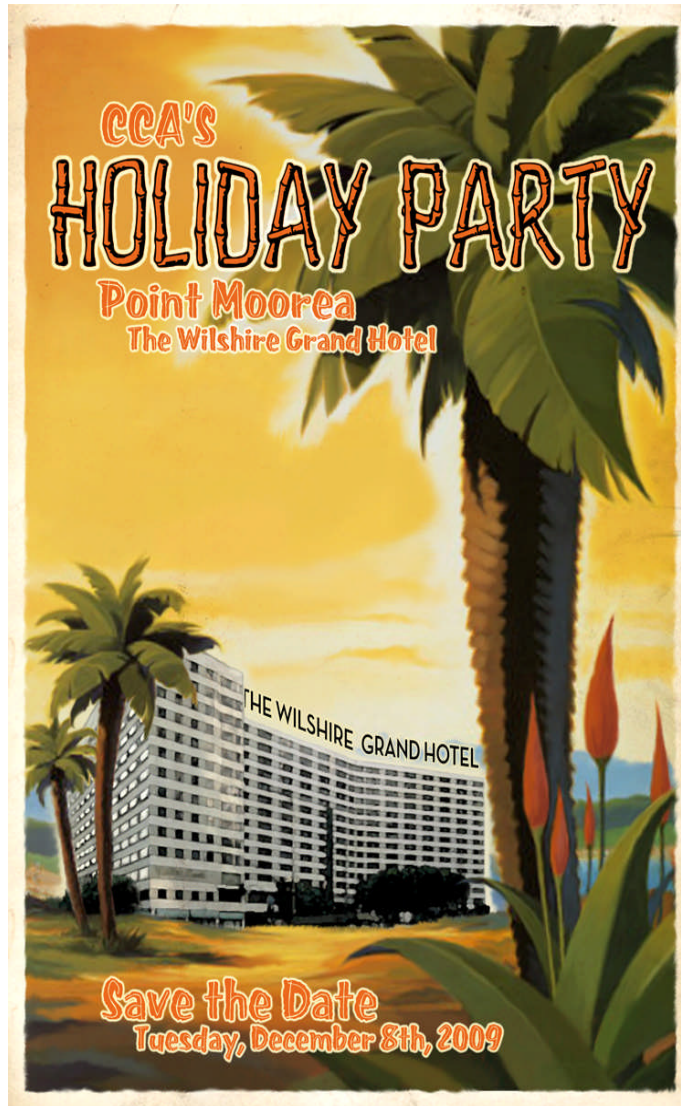
NOVEMBER 18

8:00 a.m.

Housing, Land Use & Development Committee
Topic: Low Impact Development Ordinance

education system. CCA recently supported SB X5 1 (Romero, Huff, Alquist, and Wyland), a bipartisan measure that aims to ensure our state's ability to compete for these stimulus funds by removing the "firewall" that prohibits the use of student data in teacher evaluations, authorizing greater use of data to improve instruction and student performance, and removing the cap on the number of charter schools. The State Senate voted to approve the measure this week, and it is now awaiting hearing by the State Assembly Appropriations and Education Committees before going to the floor.

An educated workforce is critical to increasing productivity and fostering innovation in our marketplace, and CCA will continue to support reforms to fix California's broken public education system.



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