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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



J. Peter Devereaux, Harley Ellis Devereaux; William H. Fain, Johnson Fain; Mark Griffith, Leo A. Daly; Scott Johnson, Johnson Fain; Scott Hunter, NBBJ; Amber Hawkes, Torti Gallas and Partners, Inc.; Ron Schafer, RNL; Patrick Spillane, IDS Real Estate Group.

CCA Architects Discuss Emerging Business Opportunities in U.S. and Abroad

Noted architects **J. Peter Devereaux** of **Harley Ellis Devereaux**, **William H. Fain** of **Johnson Fain**, **Mark Griffith** of **Leo A. Daly**, **Amber Hawkes** of **Torti Gallas and Partners, Inc.**, **Scott Hunter** of **NBBJ**, and **Ron Schafer** of **RNL** gathered this week at CCA's General Membership meeting to discuss how the architecture industry is adapting to the new contracted global economy. Moderated by **Scott Johnson** of **Johnson Fain**, the panelists all echoed one common theme: the need to diversify business, both in terms of geographic markets and project types. With private sector projects at a standstill, architecture firms are looking to the public sector and international markets for additional work, especially China. The panelists presented examples of current projects, which ranged from opportunities with the Los Angeles Community College District to large-scale infrastructure and wetland restoration projects in China. Although much of Europe and the United States are struggling to withstand the economic downturn, China's second and third tier cities are still growing at an unimaginable pace. Panelist William Fain remarked, "There is no recession in China. Rather, they are experiencing a financial optimism that we are not seeing in the United States."

The panelists also noted that sustainability and ultra-green projects will soon become the norm, as well as more transportation and public works projects. CCA would like to thank our esteemed panelists for joining us, the event's moderator **Scott Johnson**, and the **Downtown Los Angeles Marriott Hotel** for hosting our event.

CCA's Housing, Land Use & Development Committee Examines the Low Impact Development Ordinance

CCA's Housing, Land Use & Development Committee gathered this week to hear a special briefing on the City's upcoming "low impact development" ordinance by **Wing Tam** from the Bureau of Sanitation. The field of low impact development is a controversial new approach to managing stormwater and urban runoff that is intended to mitigate the negative impacts of development and urbanization.

STAFF BRIEFS

• City Council's Housing & Community Economic Development Committee hosted a panel discussion with tenant rights advocates to discuss possible modifications to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance. CCA attended the discussion and we are particularly concerned about one recommendation to eliminate the three percent floor on annual rent adjustments. This will severely constrain a property owner's ability to maintain and conduct capital improvements on his or her property. Staff Contact: CCA Vice President of Legislative & Legal Affairs, **Veronica Perez**.

• CCA testified before City Council's Planning & Land Use Management Committee to request that the City take measures to remove roadblocks to the issuance of appropriate on-site sign permits and schedule an update regarding on-site signage issues. Staff Contact: CCA Vice President of Legislative & Legal Affairs, **Veronica Perez**.

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Under the City's ordinance, all development and redevelopment projects (residential, commercial, industrial, manufacturing, etc.) that apply for a building permit will be required to implement a number of "low impact development strategies" to manage, capture, and treat stormwater runoff on-site to the highest extent possible. This will have significant cost and feasibility issues, particularly for Downtown's constrained lots. An in-lieu fee is also being proposed, although the details of the fee have not been finalized.

CCA members expressed a number of concerns with the proposal, including worries that conflicting requirements with the Department of Building & Safety and the technical infeasibility of infiltrating through methane or clay-filled soils will make implementation extremely difficult. This item is expected to be heard by the Board of Public Works on December 11th. Staff Contact: CCA Senior Director of Legislative & Legal Affairs, Anh Nguyen.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2009

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Tuesday, December 8th, 2009

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