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## 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**



CCA Chair Phil Recht, Mayer Brown LLP; Lisa Gritzner, Cerrell Associates, Inc.; Rev. Jeff Carr, Office of Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa; and Denita Willoughby, AT&T.

### Reverend Jeff Carr Joins CCA Executive Committee for Lunch at The Standard

CCA welcomed Mayor Villaraigosa's newly appointed Chief of Staff, the Reverend Jeff Carr, to our Executive Committee meeting at **The Standard Downtown**. Rev. Carr discussed the Mayor's top priorities for the next three years, including public safety, transportation, education, and jobs, as well as plans to alleviate the City's budget crisis. He discussed the Mayor's nomination of the new Chief of Police, Charlie Beck, which demonstrates the Mayor's commitment to maintaining a high level of public safety and civilian oversight. The Mayor also recently announced the "30/10" initiative, which would accelerate Measure R rail projects from 30 years to 10 years through public-private partnerships, lobbying for federal dollars, and building a broad base of support. Rev. Carr reiterated the Mayor's commitment to reducing the barriers to doing business in the City, and recognized CCA as being the driving force of the Downtown revitalization.

The Committee also took a position against the use of SB 1407 bond funds for uses other than capital improvements. SB 1407 authorizes the issuance of up to \$5 billion in lease revenue bonds for the acquisition, construction, and renovation of state trial court facilities. This legislation will help finance 41 new construction and renovation projects, six of which are in Los Angeles County, and will create approximately 50,000 sorely-needed construction jobs per year. However, court employee unions have been pushing to use these funds for employee salaries to avoid furloughs. The Executive Committee voted to approve the recommendation of CCA's Housing, Land Use, and Development Committee to oppose using SB 1407 bond money for operational, rather than capital, uses.

CCA thanks Rev. Carr for joining us and looks forward to working with him and the Mayor's Office on issues affecting the city of Los Angeles. CCA also thanks **David Lemmond** and The Standard Downtown for hosting our

## STAFF BRIEFS

• At the request of Mayor Villaraigosa, CCA President & CEO, Carol Schatz, attended a business roundtable with the Mayor and Chief of Police nominee, Charlie Beck, to discuss public safety priorities, gang violence, prisoner reentry, relations with urban communities, and guiding policing principals.

• The State Legislature passed a comprehensive package to overhaul the State's water system. The package is wide-ranging, addressing issues such as water conservation, groundwater monitoring and management of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The package also includes an \$11 billion bond that will go on the ballot next November. We congratulate the Legislature for their work on this complicated issue, and our very own Executive Member Metropolitan Water District, who was instrumental in getting this package through. CCA has also been involved in the process, submitting several letters of support for a comprehensive solution.

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