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MAY 19

11:30 a.m.

General Membership Meeting: Transportation Panel Discussion at the Sheraton Downtown Los Angeles

JULY 15

5:30 p.m.

Save the Date

ELECTED OFFICIALS RECEPTION at J Restaurant & Lounge

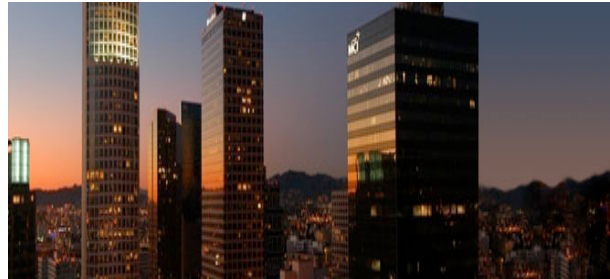
UPCOMING COMMITTEES

Open to Executive Level Members only

MAY 7

11:45 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Special Presentation on the Wilshire Grand Redevelopment Project



City Planning Commission to Consider Cultural Heritage Ordinance on May 14

The City Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled to consider the City's newest draft of the Cultural Heritage Ordinance on **May 14, 2009**. This ordinance regulates the designation of significant Los Angeles buildings and sites as Historic-Cultural Monuments (HCM), and specifically outlines what an HCM owner can or cannot do to their property.

The current draft strengthens the authority of the Cultural Heritage Commission to deny substantial alterations/demolitions through a Certificate of Appropriateness review; adds a new designation criterion to protect buildings and sites that reflect or exemplify the diversity of Los Angeles; and adds enforcement and penalty provisions, among other proposed revisions. This proposal will affect current locally-designated HCMs, but will also affect other significant buildings and sites in Los Angeles that may be designated in the future.

There is widespread concern amongst commercial property owners that the proposed ordinance will negatively impact a business' ability to remain economically viable. CCA will be hosting a meeting with commercial property owners within the next two weeks to review specific provisions of the proposed ordinance and discuss the potential consequences of these changes. Further details to follow. If you have any questions or would like more information on this issue, please contact **Anh Nguyen** at (213) 624-1213, ext. 229.

STAFF BRIEFS

- Due in part to CCA's strong lobbying effort and stakeholder organization, Mayor Villaraigosa reinstated four key staff positions related to the administration of the Safer Cities Initiative (SCI) into the City Attorney's 2009/2010 budget. CCA is a staunch supporter of SCI because it has proven to reduce crime and urban blight in Skid Row. Staff Contact: Tracey Chavira.

- CCA is partnering with Clean Tech L.A. and other business and academic organizations to create a legislative and marketing strategy to compete for the siting of the California Climate Change Institute (CCCI) in Downtown Los Angeles. As part of the strategy, CCA will be advocating for state legislation that will create the CCCI, while actively branding, packaging, and selling Downtown L.A. as its ideal home. Staff Contact: Tracey Chavira.

- CCA participated in the Downtown Hospitality Forum, where a group of Downtown restaurants, bar operators, and public agencies convened to discuss opportunities to enhance nightlife while being mindful of the health and safety of patrons and Downtown residents. CCA member Yellow Cab was on hand to answer questions about the highly acclaimed Hail-A-Taxi program, which was championed by CCA and the Downtown Center Business Improvement District. Staff Contact: Tracey Chavira.

Open to Executive and
Business Advocacy Level
Members Only

MAY 20

8:00 a.m.

JOINT HOUSING, LAND USE &
DEVELOPMENT AND
TRANSPORTATION &
INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE

• CCA was hosted by Executive Member Metropolitan Water District on a tour of the Sacramento/San Joaquin River Delta. The State is in its third year of serious drought and must better manage water resources while protecting, restoring, and enhancing the natural environment. CCA will continue to advocate for water projects that benefit Southern California and the Bay Delta system as a whole. Staff Contact: Tracey Chavira.

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