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### JANUARY 19

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

### JANUARY 21 11:30 a.m.

General Membership  
Meeting  
**Dollars and Sense: Is L.A. on the  
Road to Bankruptcy?**  
Panelists:  
Councilmember Bernard Parks,  
Miguel Santana, Gerry Miller, and  
Julie Butcher

## UPCOMING COMMITTEES

Open to Executive Level  
Members Only

### FEBRUARY 4 11:45 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Open to Executive and  
Business Advocacy  
Members Only

### JANUARY 27\* 8:00 a.m.

Housing, Land Use &  
Development Committee  
(\*PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE OF  
MEETING)



The Honorable Herb Wesson, Jr. and Steve Nissen, NBC Universal

## CCA Executive Committee Welcomes Councilmember Herb Wesson, Jr.

This month, CCA Executive Committee members were treated to an entertaining discussion with Councilmember **Herb Wesson, Jr.** at the **Metropolitan Water District**. Councilmember Wesson has represented the 10th District since 2005, making economic development a top priority. As Chair of the Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee, he oversees the City's economic development, housing, workforce investment, and community development policies, which are crucial for leading the City out of this economic downturn. Councilmember Wesson acknowledged the City's budget crisis, and announced that City leaders will be looking at drastic measures to relieve some of the City's fiscal demands, including the privatization of certain facilities and merging City departments. CCA looks forward to continuing to work with Councilmember Wesson to revitalize the City's economy.

The Committee also elected its officers for the upcoming year. The 2010 CCA Officers are Chair **Phil Recht**, Mayer Brown LLP; Secretary **Andrea Van de Kamp**, Van de Kamp Consulting; Treasurer **Tim McOsker**, Mayer Brown LLP; Executive Vice Chair **Lisa Pitney**, Walt Disney Company; Executive Vice Chair **Sean Foley**, US Bank; Executive Vice Chair **Steve Nissen**, NBC Universal; Executive Vice Chair **Denita Willoughby**, AT&T; Executive Vice Chair **Steve Weston**, Alston + Bird; Immediate Past Chair **Chris Essel**; Chair Emeritus **Dr. Thomas Moran**, University of Southern California; and President **Carol E. Schatz**, Central City Association.

The Committee also announced its 2010 Committee Chairs, which are as follows:  
Arts, Retail & Hospitality:

Co-Chair Cedd Moses, 213 Ventures; Co-Chair Jerry Neuman, Sheppard Mullin  
Downtown 2020 (formerly Urban Design):

Chair Peter Devereaux, Harley Ellis Devereaux; Vice Chair Jacob Lipa, Psomas  
Economic Development:

Chair Ed Tan, Maguire Properties; Vice Chair Joel Miller, Psomas  
Entertainment:

Chair Paul Audley, FilmL.A.; Vice Chair Sharon Keyser, Paramount Pictures  
Government Relations:

TBA

Housing, Land Use & Development:

Chair Cindy Starrett, Latham & Watkins; Vice Chair Jim Atkins, Merlone Geier

Public Safety, Health & Homelessness:

## STAFF BRIEFS

- CCA participated in the inaugural Business Tax Advisory Committee to express support for a fair and friendly business tax structure that prioritizes industries that move L.A. forward by creating new jobs and incentivizing new and existing businesses. Staff Contact: Director of Government & Member Relations, Tracey Chavira.

- CCA participated in Los Angeles Streetcar Inc.'s Board meeting to discuss various funding issues, including how to determine property assessment figures. LASI is also considering a bond to underwrite streetcar costs in addition to applying for federal Small Starts funding. Staff Contact: Director of Government & Member Relations, Tracey Chavira.

- CCA congratulates former Central Area Captain, Commander Blake Chow, who was officially sworn into his new assignment by Chief Charlie Beck at the Ronald F. Deaton Civic Auditorium on Thursday. During his nearly one-year tenure as Central Area's Captain, he was successful at decreasing Total Part I crimes and managing several high profile Downtown events such as the May Day March, National Basketball Championship Parade, and Michael Jackson Memorial.

## IN THE NEWS

"Development projects mean jobs. They mean investment in this city," said Carol Schatz of the Central City Assn. "And it's important that they're properly staffed and have the resources to do the job." December 19, 2009, *Los Angeles Times*, "L.A. city retirements threaten a deep and lasting legacy" by David Zahniser on the impact of the City's budget-induced employee retirement program on City departments.

Chair Orlando Ward, Midnight Mission; Vice Chair Alex Moradi, ICO Development Transportation & Infrastructure:

Chair Stephen Polechronis, AECOM; Vice Chair Hilary Norton, F.A.S.T.

CCA thanks Councilmember Wesson for joining us and **Gil Ivey** and Metropolitan Water District for hosting the Committee.

## Metro Updates CCA on Measure R Projects

CCA's Transportation & Infrastructure Committee welcomed **Ann Kerman**, **Dolores Roybal Salterelli**, and **Randy Lamm** from Metro to update the Committee on plans for the Regional Connector and Harbor Subdivision. After receiving feedback from Downtown stakeholders, Metro is proposing a third build alternative to be studied in the Regional Connector's Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). At ninety-four percent below grade, the new "Underground Emphasis Alternative" proposes four stations, placing an additional station at Second and Broadway tying into the Downtown Streetcar. Although the projected cost for this alternative is approximately \$200 million more than the previous build alternative, it addresses the safety concerns of the Little Tokyo community. Metro anticipates releasing the Final EIR this summer for public review and adopting the report in the fall. Full build-out is anticipated by 2018. The Committee voted to support the inclusion of the Underground Emphasis Alternative in the DEIR.

Metro also approved using Measure R funds to extend the Green Line from Marine Station to Torrance, providing, among other things, an alternative mode of transportation for commuters currently using the congested I-405 and I-110 corridors. The DEIR will be released for public review in spring 2010.

The Transportation & Infrastructure Committee welcomes back **Stephen Polechronis** of **AECOM** as the Chair and **Hilary Norton** of **F.A.S.T.** as the new Vice Chair. The Committee thanks **David Wright** of **Plains All American Pipeline** for his service as the past Vice Chair and looks forward to continuing to work with him as a Committee member.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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