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General Membership Meeting:  
Education Panel

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Chiefs of Staff Reception

## UPCOMING COMMITTEES

Open to Executive Level  
Members Only

MAY 6

11:45 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
Special Guest: City Controller  
Wendy Greuel

Open to Executive and  
Business Advocacy  
Members Only

MAY 5

8:00 a.m.

Transportation &  
Infrastructure Committee  
Topic: High-Speed Rail



## Legislative Alert: Council President Pro Tempore Jan Perry to Hold Hearing on LADWP Rate Increases

On Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 9:30 a.m., City Council's Energy & Environment Committee will hold an important hearing regarding the recently-approved increase to the Energy Cost Adjustment Factor ("ECAAF") - a component of electric rates that enables the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to recover cost fluctuations for fuel, energy efficiency measures, and purchased power.

On April 15, 2010, the Board of Water and Power Commissioners ("Board") adopted a resolution that authorized an increase in the quarterly ECAF cap from the existing 0.1 cents per kilowatt hour ("kWh") to 0.6 cents per kWh only for the fiscal quarter July 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010. As part of this action, the Board also established a Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Trust Fund to support renewable energy sources and energy efficiency programs, and authorized that 0.1 cents per kWh of the 0.6 be deposited into this Fund for the stated period.

Currently, there is confusion regarding the nature and duration of the ECAF adjustment. In order to bring clarity to this matter and better understand the Board's action, several City departments will report to the Energy & Efficiency Committee on Tuesday.

The Committee intends to clarify two confusing points about the action taken by the Board:

- 1) Whether the adopted ECAF quarterly adjustment is intended to return to the 0.1 cents per kWh cap level on October 1, 2010; and
- 2) Whether the ECAF rate change is also intended to revert back to the pre-July 1, 2010 ECAF rate level on October 1, 2010.

If you would like to attend this meeting and/or testify, please RSVP to CCA's Director of Government & Member Relations, Tracey Chavira at [tchavira@ccala.org](mailto:tchavira@ccala.org) or 213-624-1213.

Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.  
Energy & Environment Committee  
City Hall, Room 1010  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

## STAFF BRIEFS

• The City Council's Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee hosted a panel discussion with landlord groups to discuss possible modifications to the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance ("RSO"). CCA assisted with the panel's presentation and testified in opposition to proposed changes to the RSO. In the context of recent turbulence in the real estate market, CCA is particularly concerned with a recommendation to eliminate the 3% floor on annual rent adjustments. Staff Contact: Vice President of Legislative & Legal Affairs, Anne Williams.

## IN THE NEWS

**"Beutner 'understands basic economics,' said Carol Schatz, president of the Central City Assn., a downtown-based business organization. 'It sounds like such a silly thing, but we think that's been lacking at City Hall.'" April 16, 2010, Los Angeles Times, "L.A.'s 'job czar' boasts a broad portfolio at City Hall" by Phil Willon on Austin Beutner, appointed as "job czar" and interim head of the Department of Water & Power by Mayor Villaraigosa.**

## **CRA/LA Commissioner Fearn Talks Redevelopment with CCA**

CCA's Housing, Land Use & Development Committee welcomed recently-appointed CRA/LA Commissioner **Kenneth Fearn** to its meeting this week to discuss the future of redevelopment in Los Angeles and the role CRA/LA plays in our city's economic recovery. Coming from a background in real estate and investment, Commissioner Fearn has brought a market-oriented perspective to the CRA/LA Board. He concentrated his remarks on the need to refocus the agency's efforts on its primary objective - attracting investors and increasing economic development in our redevelopment areas. Commissioner Fearn emphasized that the agency must step back and examine how it can further encourage private investment and create jobs. One way to do this, he commented, is through strategic infrastructure investment. Infrastructure investments generate more real estate investment opportunities and help create the necessary platform to attract new businesses to an area. CCA thanks Commissioner Fearn for supporting CCA's efforts to improve L.A. redevelopment and thanks him for joining us.

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