

What's New in Government Affairs

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LOCAL

ELECTION NEWS – 31 DAYS LEFT! Are you registered to vote? The deadline to register if you want to vote this November is October 20. Don't delay: get a registration form at your post office, library, or go online to LAVOTE.NET.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY: County Supervisors hold a hearing on October 7 for a **Green Building Program** to ensure green building standards for new development projects beginning January 1, 2009. See the Government Affairs Report at www.SouthBayAOR.com for more information.

LOS ANGELES: Mayor Villaraigosa issued a new proposal for affordable housing in the city. Over the next five years, the city seeks to spend \$5 billion for affordable housing in partnership with private sector sources like developers, employers and financial institutions. SBAOR has participated in regional business coalitions working with city officials for improved housing.

GARDENA: The first phase of the Rosecrans Corridor Underground Utility Construction Project may go out to bid for construction in late 2008. This phase runs from Vermont to Western Avenues. See the City of Gardena website for more on revitalizing the Rosecrans Corridor: www.ci.gardena.ca.us

LOMITA: The City Council on October 6 will vote on reducing building and planning fees for solar panel installation. The city staff has recommended approval of this fee reduction.

TORRANCE/LOMITA: On Saturday, October 4, the Noise Abatement Center at the Torrance Municipal Airport will be hosting an open house from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The community is encouraged to visit and see demonstrations of the Noise Abatement system and to talk with staff about the program. Refreshments will be provided.

STATE

Small Business Concerns: Assemblymember Warren Furutani (D-55) met with chambers of commerce and small businesses this week in his district to hear about issues impacting small businesses such as health care, high taxes, access to credit, and an improved budget process.

FEDERAL

Financial Markets Bailout: The President on October 3 signed the bailout bill passed by both Houses after a volatile week. Will this ease the credit crunch? Why does NAR support government intervention? Log onto www.SouthBayAOR.com for information on how it affects you.

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