



## LOCAL

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

- **Breakfast with the Mayor:** Join Mayor **Jim Dear of Carson** on Friday, February 6, at 8:00 a.m. at the Carson Doubletree Hotel, at 2 Civic Plaza Drive, Carson.
- **City Managers Breakfast:** Thursday, March 19, 7:45 a.m., at the Torrance Doubletree Hotel, at 21333 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance.

**LOMITA:** Despite opposition from SBAOR, the Lomita City Council passed on January 20 a new ordinance requiring that all water fixtures in all residential buildings must be retrofitted before escrow closes. While water conservation is critical during this drought, we believe that point-of-sale not only hurts REALTORS® but will not help the city's reach its conservation goals.

**LOS ANGELES:** City voters on March 3 will consider Measure B, a charter amendment which allows for property owners to voluntarily install solar energy systems that are owned and operated by the Department of Water and Power. The city has not yet released a financial analysis of this measure.

**SOUTH BAY CITIES:** Assemblymember Curren Price is hosting a public information hearing on the green economy, historic legislation, and the state's underserved communities. The hearing will focus on policies and resources to promote community revitalization as California moves toward a green economy. February 6, 9:00 a.m., at West Los Angeles College, Room ATA 128, 9000 Overland Ave., Culver City. Call (916)319-2051 for more information.

## STATE

**SPEAK OUT ON STATE REDISTRICTING:** Following the voters' approval of Proposition 11, the State Auditor's office is seeking candidates for the commission to redraw boundary lines for State Senate and Assembly districts. You may make a public comment, apply to the commission, or attending a public meeting tentatively scheduled for 11:00 a.m., February 23, at the Central Branch Library, 630 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Los Angeles. Call SBAOR Government Affairs for more information.

## FEDERAL

**COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING STRATEGY NEEDED:** The House recently passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and NAR contributed with its push to refocus the TARP to end the credit crisis and jumpstart mortgage lending. NAR said in a recent statement that REALTORS® have pledged to work with Congress and the administration to pass an economic stimulus plan that is expected to include many components championed by NAR to improve housing.

### Why Government Affairs?

Every city makes decisions on taxes, point-of-sale, signs, rent control, property rights, and more. This impacts your client's ability to buy, sell, or develop their properties and your ability to do business. The South Bay Association of REALTORS® Government Affairs Program protects and advocates for you. For more information, call SBAOR Government Affairs at (310)326-3010 ext. 715