



City Clerk

Date: October 6, 1998

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Councilmember H. Delano Roosevelt, District 4 *DR*
Chair of Federal Legislative Affairs portion of the
Committee on Legislation and Environmental Affairs

Subject: October 1 & 2, 1998 Conferences in Washington, D.C.

These are the accomplishments from the October 1 & 2, 1998 conferences in Washington, D.C., by Councilmembers Del Roosevelt, Jeff Kellogg and Frank Colonna, Deputy City Manager Jerry Miller and accompanied by Del Smith and Meg Allen of the city's Washington office:

1. Empowerment Zone legislation and Long Beach award – We encouraged Congressional support of House and Senate leadership for needed legislation and met with several House and Senate sponsors. Our lobbying efforts caused both California Senators to co-sponsor Senate Empowerment Zone legislation. We also met at HUD to reinforce the Long Beach empowerment Zone need and to display Long Beach actions to get Congressional legislation for the Empowerment Zone and designation on February 1, 1999.
2. Cops More – I was honored to receive the Long Beach Cops More Grant of \$5.6 million on behalf of the City in a White House ceremony in the Roosevelt Room.
3. LACDA Appropriations – We thanked 10 House and Senate principals for the \$50 million FY 1999 appropriations and personally encouraged the Chief of Civil Works, Corps of Engineers, to execute the project without delay and to request needed follow-up on FY2000 funding in the President's Budget Recommendation. Funding was also requested for Queensway Bay and for other purposes.
4. We expressed gratitude to FEMA Director, James Lee Witt for:
 - AR Zone flood insurance rate reduction system implementation;
 - four year delay in the mandatory Congressionally imposed flood insurance start date and;
 - permanent retention of the lowest flood insurance rates until cessation of the new flood insurance requirements as LACDA is completed.
5. Advocated legislation needed for re-imburement of Long Beach Naval Hospital, BRAC Reuse outlays by the City

We also promoted the City's continued successful working relationship with the California Congressional delegation, Corps of Engineers, Office of the President and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

In addition, I was honored to be asked to participate in the White House education enactment initiative.

I felt the trip was very successful, largely through the professional efforts of Del Smith and his staff and our Deputy City Manager Jerry Miller.

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