



Date: December 5, 2006

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Bob Foster, Mayor
Gary DeLong, 3rd District Councilmember

Subject: **November 2006 Trip to Washington, D.C.**

On November 12-17, Mayor Foster traveled to Washington, D.C. and was joined by Federal Legislation Committee Chair Gary DeLong from November 13-16. Mayor Foster and Councilmember DeLong discussed the top priorities of the City with over 20 members of Congress and the Administration during this trip. Attachment A provides further detail on their schedule of meetings.

In these meetings, the following topics were discussed:

- the importance of goods movement and the need to improve air quality;
- the need for additional C-17 production orders;
- preservation of the CDBG program;
- increased Homeland Security funding based on risk and funding for Port security;
- the need for federal funding for local projects including the Los Cerritos Wetlands, the Long Beach Sports Park, Dredging in the Los Angeles River, and the City's other FY 07 Appropriation requests;
- inclusion of legislative language to resolve a Leasehold Exchange at the Aquarium of the Pacific;
- other issues on the City's Federal Legislative Agenda.

Recommended Action: Receive and file report

LIST OF MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, D.C

Monday, November 13

- George Foresman, Undersecretary for Preparedness- Homeland Security

Tuesday, November 14

- Congressman John Duncan, Member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
- David Wetmore, Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
- Congresswoman Linda Sanchez
- Ruben Barrales, White House Intergovernmental Affairs
- Jeff Shane, Department of Transportation Undersecretary for Policy

Wednesday, November 15

- Congressman Thomas Petri, Member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
- Congressman Jim Oberstar, Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
- Senator Barbara Boxer
- Congressman Ken Calvert, Member of the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee
- Congressman John Mica, Member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
- Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald
- Congressman Dana Rohrabacher
- Congressman John Doolittle, Member of the House Energy and Water Appropriations Committee
- Senator Dianne Feinstein
- Bill Wehrum, Environmental Protection Agency Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation

Thursday, November 16

- Arlene Willis, Chief of Staff to House Appropriations Chairman Jerry Lewis
- Boeing Washington Office leadership Philip Ruter, Vice President of Legislative Affairs and Brian Kistner, Manager of Defense Programs and Legislative Affairs
- Congressman Dan Lungren, Member of the House Homeland Security Committee,
- Congresswoman Jane Harman, Member of the House Homeland Security Committee

Friday, November 17

- Robin Lanier, Executive Director of the Waterfront Coalition
- Tom Cochran, Executive Director of the US Conference of Mayors