


**Memorandum**

**Date:** December 8, 2009  
**To:** Mayor and City Council  
**From:** Suja Lowenthal, Second Council District   
**Subject:** Meeting with Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

Receive and file report on my meeting with Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg regarding a vacancy for South Coast Representative of the California Coastal Commission.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Coastal Commission, in partnership with coastal cities and counties, plans and regulates the use of land and water in the coastal zone. Development activities, which are broadly defined by the Coastal Act to include (among others) construction of buildings, divisions of land, and activities that change the intensity of use of land or public access to coastal waters, generally require a coastal permit from either the Coastal Commission or the local government.

I have had the honor of serving as an alternate on the California Coastal Commission for the last two years. During this span, I have been called upon several times to represent the South Coast region at CCC meetings. The opportunity to represent Long Beach and the entire coastal region on such important matters has provided valuable experience and instilled in me a desire to increase my role on this commission.

On Thursday, December 3rd, I met with Senate pro Tem Steinberg to discuss my interest in the Coastal Commission and providing Long Beach with a voice on coastal matters.