



Date: March 23, 2010

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Gary DeLong, Councilmember Third District
Robert Garcia, Councilmember First District

Subject: **Federal Legislative Trip to Washington, D.C.**

On February 22-25, 2010, the Federal Legislation Committee traveled to Washington, D.C. to discuss federal issues of importance with our delegation, other members of Congress and the Administration. Chair DeLong and Councilmember Garcia represented the Committee, and were accompanied by City Government Affairs staff and supported by the City's federal advocate Van Scoyoc Associates.

Attached is a list of meetings we participated in while back in Washington, D.C. Among the issues discussed were the following:

- Funding for the City's Fiscal Year 2011 Appropriation Requests, including a regional Stormwater improvement plan, the Breakwater Study, the Colorado Lagoon, Water Conservation funds, Police Technology, Library Technology, and improvements to the lakes in Scherer and El Dorado parks.
- Advocating for additional or unallocated Stimulus funding to be directed to infrastructure improvements and demonstrating Long Beach's capability to spend additional funds.
- Continuation of the C-17 production line
- Accessing the Troubled Assets Relief Program for the City's Lehman Brothers Holding, Inc. commercial paper loss
- Opposition to designating areas in Long Beach as FEMA residual flood risk areas
- Opposition to granting federal immunity to the Online Travel Companies from remitting hotel occupancy taxes to local governments.
- Other issues on the Federal Legislative Agenda

The trip was productive in maintaining strong personal connections with our federal representatives and communicating the City's legislative priorities. The Federal Legislation Committee will continue to closely monitor issues of federal importance and work with the City's government affairs staff and our federal legislative representatives to advance the City Council's 2010 federal legislative priorities.

Recommended Action:

Receive and file report on travel to Washington, D .C.

LIST OF MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, D.C

- Senator Dianne Feinstein's office
- Senator Barbara Boxer's office
- Congresswoman Laura Richardson
- Congressman Dana Rohrabacher
- Congresswoman Linda Sanchez
- Congresswoman Ana Eshoo's office
- Congressman Gary Miller's office
- Congressman Xavier Becerra's office
- Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard's office
- Congressman Ed Royce's office
- Congresswoman Grace Napolitano's office
- White House Intergovernmental Affairs
- Senate Energy and Public Works Committee
- House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
- House Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee
- Senate Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Boeing