



**Date:** May 23, 2006  
**To:** Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers  
**From:** Councilmember Bonnie Lowenthal *BL*  
**Subject:** Travel Report on attendance at the California Contract Cities Association Annual Municipal Seminar in Indian Wells, California

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I attended the California Contract Cities Association 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Municipal Seminar in Indian Wells from Thursday evening, May 18<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006. As a part of this seminar, I participated in a panel discussion with Los Angeles City Councilmember Janice Hahn entitled "*America's Port (Los Angeles & Long Beach): Growing Pains*" and presented a powerpoint program on our city's Port of Long Beach. Steve Afriat moderated the hour-long discussion.

As the City's representative on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), member of SCAG's Good Movement Task Force and Transportation Committee, and member of the City's I-710 Oversight Committee, my expertise brought an added dimension to the port discussion concerning goods movement in this region.

Other topics discussed at the Seminar were:

- Eminent Domain
- Emergency Management Communication Systems
- Campaign Ethics
- WI-FI Telecommunications
- State Budget
- League update on Legislation and Housing