




**Date:** March 10, 2009  
**To:** Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**From:** Gary DeLong, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Councilmember   
**Subject:** **Federal Legislative Trip to Washington, D.C.**

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On February 23-25, 2009, I traveled to Washington, D.C. as Chair of the Federal Legislation Committee to discuss federal issues of importance with our delegation and other members of Congress.

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 2009 and 2010 Appropriation Requests
- Accessing the recently passed Federal Stimulus bill
- 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.
- Continued funding of the C-17 production line
- 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 2009 federal legislative priorities.

**Recommended Action:**

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

**LIST OF MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, D.C**

- Senator Barbara Boxer's office
- Senator Dianne Feinstein's office
- Congressman Dana Rohrabacher
- Congresswoman Laura Richardson
- Congresswoman Linda Sanchez's office
- House Financial Services Committee
- Department of Energy
- Department of Justice
- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Army Corps of Engineers
- United States Postal Service
- House Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee
- Senate Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee