



**Date:** August 1, 2006  
**To:** Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**From:** Bonnie Lowenthal, Vice Mayor *BL*  
**Subject:** **Report on the Independent Cities Association 2006 Summer Seminar**

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On July 13-16, 2006, I attended the Independent Cities Association 2006 Summer Seminar at Rancho Bernardo, San Diego.

The Independent Cities Association is a nonprofit public benefit corporation that educates, advocates, and represents the interests of the 53 member cities collectively.

The purpose of the Summer Seminar was to review and discuss critical issues facing cities in the Southern California area. Leading experts and city leaders provided information on pertinent topics including eminent domain, government ethics, housing, filming in cities, and much more.

I participated as a featured speaker during a luncheon panel with Los Angeles City Councilmember Janice Hahn on the topic of "America's Ports (Los Angeles and Long Beach): Growing Pains." Because I was a participating speaker, the seminar registration and lodging fees were offset by ICA.

**Recommendation:** To receive and file report on attendance at the Independent Cities Association 2006 Summer Seminar in Rancho Bernardo, San Diego.