Health Care Council
Agenda
January 4, 2013

1. Welcome and Self Introductions

2. What’s in Store for the Special Session on Health Care?
   
   Special Guest:
   Senator Ed Hernandez, O.D., Chair, California State Senate Committee on Health

3. Action Item: Proposed 2013 Health Care Council Agenda

4. Discussion Item: ACCESS DC Federal Advocacy Priorities

Upcoming Chamber Events:

- 124th Annual Inaugural Dinner: Thursday, February 7th
- ACCESS DC, LA on the Hill: Monday, March 11th - Wednesday, March 13th

Next Council Meeting:
February 1, 2013
Dr. Ed Hernandez had only one goal as a young man – to serve the health care needs of the community he came from. As an optometrist and local businessman, he never dreamed he would one day work in the California State Legislature. As a health care provider in predominantly low-income communities though, the need to improve access to health care is what drove him to run for office. Dr. Ed was first elected to the Assembly in November of 2006, and re-elected in November of 2008. He won his seat in the California State Senate in November of 2010.

Senator Hernandez serves as Chair for the Senate Committee on Health. He is also a member of the Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee, as well as the Government and Finance Committee and the Committee for Governmental Organization.

Senator Hernandez is the Chair of the San Gabriel Valley Legislative Caucus, made up of 13 Senators and Assemblymembers representing the greater San Gabriel Valley. This position has allowed him to work in cooperation with fellow legislators on issues critical to the San Gabriel Valley, including water and transportation.

Senator Hernandez grew up in La Puente, attended local schools and graduated from Bassett High School. He worked his way through school, attending both Rio Hondo and Mt. San Antonio Community Colleges before going on to get his B.S. degree in Biology from Cal State Fullerton. He received a scholarship to study Optometry at Indiana University, which is also where he met his wife Diane. After returning home, Dr. Ed and his wife setup their first practice in his hometown of La Puente.

Senator Hernandez represents the 24th Senate District, which includes parts of the City of Los Angeles including El Sereno, Lincoln Heights, City Terrace, Montecito Heights, as well as East Los Angeles and the Cities of Azusa, Baldwin Park, Covina, Duarte, El Monte, Industry, Irwindale, La Puente, Monterey Park, Rosemead, and West Covina. The district also includes the communities of Avocado Heights, Citrus, Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, South San Gabriel, Valinda and Vincent.