LAND USE, CONSTRUCTION AND HOUSING COUNCIL CONFERENCE CALL
October 25, 2017 | 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

1. Welcome and Self-Introductions

2. Presentation: Lucas Museum of Narrative Art
   Myesha Ward, Director of Community Affairs
   Lucas Museum of Narrative Art

3. Presentation: Homelessness Strategy with United Way of Greater Los Angeles
   Chris Ko, Director of Homeless Initiatives
   United Way of Greater Los Angeles
   Tommy Newman, Director of Public Affairs
   United Way of Greater Los Angeles

4. Action Items
   - Permanent Supportive Housing Ordinance Letter - Support
   - Motel Conversion Ordinance – Support

5. Discussion
   - Possible 2018 Ballot Measures

6. Announcements

Next Meeting
November 29, 2017 | 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Myesha Ward
Director of Community Affairs
Lucas Museum of Narrative Art

Myesha Ward is the Director of Community Affairs for the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art. Before joining the museum team, Myesha worked at 21st Century Fox Entertainment as the Vice President of Communications and Special Projects for Fox Audience Strategy and as the Vice President of Public Affairs at FX Networks.

Prior to moving to the Los Angeles, she lived in Washington, D.C. where she served in the Obama Administration as the Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement. At USTR, she led and managed the office’s public outreach with state and local governments, the business community, organized labor, and non-governmental agencies promoting the Administration’s trade policy and initiatives as well as serving on the White House Council on Women & Girls.

Prior to joining the Administration, Myesha worked in the political arena serving on both the 2008 Obama for America campaign and on John Kerry’s 2004 presidential campaign. The daughter of Jamaica immigrants, she hails from Olney, Maryland; has a degree in Political Science from Howard University and a J.D from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law.
Chris Ko
Director of Homeless Initiatives
United Way of Greater Los Angeles

Chris Ko serves as the Director of Homeless Initiatives for the United Way of Greater Los Angeles, managing Home For Good, LA’s collective plan to end homelessness. In this role, he leads California’s largest community-based effort to end homelessness and developed the Coordinated Entry System, which went onto become a national model.

He has enjoyed seeing different approaches to social change, being an officer at an after school program in West Philadelphia, managing IT at a Liberian Refugee Camp Self-Help Initiative, and serving as an economic development policy aide for the Mayor’s Office. The Coro Foundation also named him a Public Affairs Leadership fellow through which he worked for the D.A., SEIU, KPCC, and LAUSD.

Chris was an Urban Studies major at the University of Pennsylvania and was also named one of Next City’s 40-under-40 Vanguards. Previously, he served on the boards of Coro Southern CA and the Supply Education Group.
Tommy Newman, United Way of Greater Los Angeles’ Director of Public Affairs, started his career as a deputy for Councilman Tom Labonge. He eventually went on to play key roles in the passing of Measure H & Proposition HHH. Prior to joining United Way, Newman served as the Director of Communications and Public Affairs at LA Family Housing, where he oversaw strategic advocacy and policy work as well as internal and external communications for the organization, one of the largest affordable housing developers and homeless service providers in Los Angeles.

Newman is a graduate of George Washington University and University of San Francisco School of Law.