



LOS ANGELES AREA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



# LAND USE, CONSTRUCTION & HOUSING

Chair: Edward Casey, Alston & Bird, LLP  
Co-Chair: Phillip Tate, Kilroy Realty Corporation  
Dennis Rodriguez, Siemens Corporation  
Mark DiNapoli, Suffolk Construction  
Beverly Kenworthy, California Apartment  
Association - Los Angeles

## 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.



Los Angeles Area  
Chamber of Commerce

**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.



Los Angeles Area  
Chamber of Commerce

**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 on to 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 Vanguard. Previously, he served on the boards of Coro Southern CA and the Supply Education Group.



Los Angeles Area  
Chamber of Commerce

**Tommy Newman**  
**Director of Public Affairs**  
**United Way of Greater Los Angeles**

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.