Transportation & Goods Movement Council

November 5, 2013
9:30-11:00 a.m.

1. Welcome and Self-Introductions

2. Presentation: Federal and State Freight and Goods Movement Policy

   The Hon. Bonnie Lowenthal, California State Assembly
   Chair, Assembly Transportation Committee
   Member, National Freight Advisory Committee

3. Presentation: L.A.’s Transportation Future

   Richard Katz, Richard Katz Consulting
   Commissioner, L.A. City Planning Commission
   Former Member, Metro & Metrolink Board of Directors

Upcoming Events:

   Employer Wellness Conference: “Health Happens Here: In The Workplace”
   Friday, November 8, 2013
   7:30 am - 1:30 pm

Next Meeting:
January TBD, 2014
Bonnie Lowenthal is among the most experienced and seasoned members of the Legislature. During her time in the Assembly she has helped deliver 18,000 good-paying jobs and protected the employment rights of thousands of workers, while standing up for children, seniors and the environment.

She brought to Sacramento decades of public service and a lifetime of experience. She served two terms on the Long Beach Unified School Board, where she fought for full inclusion, and helped Long Beach earn a national reputation as one of the country’s best urban school districts. She also served two terms on the City Council, where she made sure that the residents of her working-class district were as well represented at City Hall as residents of the city’s wealthiest neighborhoods.

Bonnie Lowenthal is chair of the powerful Assembly Transportation Committee, an assignment that allowed her to build on her previous experience on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority. She is a member of the Plug-In Electric Vehicle Collaborative, and, in 2013, she was appointed as a member of the National Freight Advisory Committee.

Bonnie Lowenthal brings her experience as a licensed mental health professional to her work on the Assembly Health Committee, where she has been a dependable advocate for patients and their caregivers.

Bonnie is a mother and a grandmother. She was born in New York State, the child of immigrants who came to this country to escape religious persecution. She wants all immigrants to find the opportunity her parents found. She is a leading advocate of open government and institutional reform. In 2013, she received the S. Roy Wilson Memorial Award for Leadership in Government from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. She enjoys the support of working people, labor unions, environmentalists, childcare advocates and good-government groups.

She has authored laws that; protect coastal waters from invasive species; make it easier for older adults to stay in their homes; encourage state workers to blow the whistle on wrongdoing; and make it easier for school district to give kids a safe ride to school. She also has written laws that bring additional federal funds to foster youth; protect injured workers from unjust medical bills; and bring down the cost of prison healthcare by millions of dollars a year.

She has been named Legislator of the Year by a variety of groups, including the Congress of California Seniors, California Assisted Living Association, the Junior Leagues of California, the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, the California Association of PACE Providers, and by the California Chiropractic Association.

Her district includes the largest port complex in the nation, one of the most diverse populations in the state, and the only inhabited island in California, Catalina.

Bonnie Lowenthal chairs the Assembly Committee on Transportation; the Legislative Women’s Caucus; and the Select Committee on Ports. She also serves as the vice chair of the Joint Committee on Emergency Management. She has been appointed as a member of the Assembly Health, Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials, and Accountability and Administrative Review Committees, as well as the Joint Legislative Audit Committee.
Richard Katz
Consultant
Richard Katz Consulting

Richard Katz is the owner of a successful public policy and government relations firm based in Los Angeles, Richard Katz Consulting (RKC), Inc. RKC offers a wide variety of services, including strategic advice, message development, negotiations/mediation and government relations strategies. RKC brings a vast knowledge of all levels of government and can guide clients through the maze of both bureaucratic and regulatory concerns. In addition, they can develop, direct and implement a communications strategy to specific stakeholders. Targeting interest groups and helping clients gain entry into organizations, stakeholders and corporations through their vast contacts and decades of relationships is their specialty.

Richard Katz was California’s lead negotiator for the landmark Colorado River Agreement between the State of California, the Federal Government, four California Water Agencies, and the six Colorado River Basin States, furthering his expertise as a negotiator on issues of statewide significance. Katz had already played a pivotal role in renegotiating $30 Billion worth of California’s Energy contracts and developing California’s Transportation Blueprint for the 21st Century, which the voters approved as Proposition 111 in 1990.

Shortly after his election in June of 2005, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa appointed Katz to serve with him on the Governing Board of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. After the horrific Metrolink accident in 2008, the Mayor appointed Katz to the Metrolink Board, where he now serves as Chair.

In Jan. of 2003, Governor Davis appointed Katz his Senior Advisor on Energy and Water issues. In 2001 Katz was appointed to the State Water Resources Control Board, confirmed by the Senate and served for six years, occupying the water quality seat.

Katz was first elected to the California State Assembly in 1980 and served continuously for 16 years. As Democratic Leader in 1995, Katz led the Party back to majority status by winning 43 seats in the 1996 elections. California’s term limits law prohibited Katz from seeking re-election.

For 10 years, Katz served as Chair of the powerful Assembly Transportation Committee. Katz authored Proposition 111, a 10-year Transportation Blueprint passed by the voters. He created the Congestion Management Plan, requiring cities and counties to measure and mitigate impacts of land use decisions on their streets, highways and transit systems. Katz also spearheaded numerous investigations of governmental waste.

In addition to serving as Chair of the Transportation Committee, Katz worked in policy areas including education, environment, criminal justice and consumer issues. Some of his accomplishments include laws he wrote dealing with prison reform, groundwater protection, computer education, a $100 million school bus replacement program, Mono Lake restoration and landmark water market legislation.

Katz was Chair of Angelenos for Better Classrooms, which led the successful 1997 campaign to pass a $2.4 billion L.A. school bond. Katz currently serves on the Management Committee and Board of the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley and the Boards of: Heal the Bay, Valley Presbyterian Hospital, The Children’s Community School, Project Grad and the West Coast Sports Medicine Foundation.
Join us to hear how the Affordable Care Act promotes wellness and opportunities to implement innovative plans and strategies to help your business create a healthier workplace and control health care costs.

Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
350 S. Bixel St.
Los Angeles, CA 90017
7:30 a.m. Registration
8:15 a.m. Program

Speakers include senior leaders from:
- Anthem Blue Cross
- Aon-Hewitt
- The California Endowment
- Cedars-Sinai Health System
- Covered California
- Google
- Integrated Benefits Institute
- Kaiser Permanente
- U.S. Health and Human Services

Panels include:
- Wellness Overview: What are wellness plans? How does the ACA promote wellness?
- Health Happens In the Workplace: Case studies of successful wellness programs
- Getting a Return on Investment: How to make the case for wellness programs to your C-suite
- The “Killer” App: Applications and tools transforming wellness

When it comes to concerns about health care costs and employee recruitment/retention, the Chamber has some of the same challenges faced by our small business members. Enhancing our employee wellness program has helped us address both of those areas. As a result, not only is our workplace healthier, but also we’ve cut costs and reduced attrition.

Ben Stilp
Vice President of Administration & Chief Financial Officer
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce

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