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## **LOS ANGELES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BUSINESS LEADERS HEAD TO SACRAMENTO TO ADVOCATE FOR REGION**

***Region's premier advocacy trip takes more than 100 business and civic leaders  
to state capital to lobby for health care, infrastructure, education and more***

**WHAT:** **Access Sacramento 2007** will bring more than 100 business and civic leaders to the state capital to meet with legislators and policymakers on key issues including: health care, transportation and infrastructure, education and workforce development, housing and land use, energy, water and the environment.

**WHEN:** May 16, 2007

7:45 - 9:30 a.m. - Breakfast keynote featuring Assembly Majority Leader Karen Bass.  
Panel discussion with Legislative Analyst's Office Chief Analyst Elizabeth Hill and  
*Sacramento Bee* Reporter Dan Walters (Sheraton Grand Sacramento, 1230 J St.)

12:00 - 1:45 p.m. - Luncheon featuring Gov. Schwarzenegger's Chief of Staff Susan Kennedy and  
State Controller John Chiang (Sutter Club, 1290 9th St.)

**WHO:**

- Governor Schwarzenegger's Chief of Staff, **Susan Kennedy**
- California State Controller **John Chiang**
- California Assembly Majority Leader **Karen Bass**
- Legislative Analyst's Office Chief Analyst **Elizabeth Hill**
- Los Angeles Area Chamber President & CEO **Gary Toebben**
- More than 100 business leaders from across the L.A. region

**WHY:**

Covering nearly 5,000 square miles, L.A. County has more than 10 million residents – more than a quarter of California's population and 42 states in the nation. The region is home to nearly 200 colleges and universities, the state's busiest airport and California's largest freeway system, with 27 freeways covering 100 million miles. The Los Angeles region is also the entertainment industry capital of the world, is our nation's largest manufacturing center and is the hub for international trade. During Access Sacramento 2007, Southern California business leaders will advocate for key issues including:

- **Health care** – Comprehensive health care reform that fosters a system in which all stakeholders contribute their fair share of the financing. The Chamber's health care statement of principles will be available at [www.lachamber.org](http://www.lachamber.org) on Friday, May 11.
- **Transportation infrastructure** – Fair distribution of Proposition 1B funding to heavily congested areas based on use and population.
- **Education** – Support for statewide Cash For College workshops and small learning communities in Southern California.

***The complete Access Sacramento policy agenda will be available at [www.lachamber.org](http://www.lachamber.org) on Friday, May 11***

*The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce represents the interests of business in L.A. County. Founded in 1888, the Chamber promotes a prosperous economy and quality of life in the Los Angeles region. For more information, visit [www.lachamber.org](http://www.lachamber.org).*