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**LA AREA CHAMBER LEADS BUSINESS DELEGATION  
TO WASHINGTON, D.C.**

*Key Meetings with Congressional Leaders,  
Including House Democratic Leader Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi*

The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce takes 50 prominent business leaders and elected officials to our nation's Capitol from April 5 to 9 to deliver L.A. County's message on key transportation and infrastructure priorities. Leading the trip are LA Area Chamber President & CEO Rusty Hammer and Chamber Chair George Kieffer of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP.

The trip's itinerary is packed with briefings and meetings with the California Congressional delegation, including both California Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer; House Democratic Leader Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi; Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard; Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee Chair Bob Matsui; Ranking Minority Member, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Jane Harman; California Democratic Congressional Delegation Chair Sam Farr; House Rules Committee Chair Congressman David Dreier; Ways and Means Committee member Congressman Xavier Becerra; Energy and Commerce Committee member Congressman Henry Waxman; and International Relations Committee member Congressman Howard Berman. The advocacy trip also includes White House briefings with top ranking officials.

Priority issues for the delegation include transportation, health care, water and homeland security. For more details on each policy issue, please log on to the Chamber's Web site at [www.lachamber.org](http://www.lachamber.org) and click government and politics.

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Distinguished business leaders and elected officials participating in the Chamber's annual Access D.C. trip include: Los Angeles Council member Hal Bernson; L.A. County Metropolitan Transportation Authority CEO Roger Snoble; Lancaster Mayor Frank Roberts; Chamber Board members Tony Armada, Kaiser Permanente; Joseph Czyzyk, Mercury Air Group, Inc.; David Fleming, Latham & Watkins; Maureen Kindel, Rose & Kindel; John Llewellyn, Forest Lawn Memorial-Parks & Mortuaries; John Semken, Majestic Realty Co.; and other leaders from business, chambers of commerce, government and the community.

"The Chamber has produced an advocacy trip representative of the key issues we work on daily to improve the business climate in Los Angeles County," said Rusty Hammer, president & CEO of the LA Area Chamber. "This trip is designed to take our message to the congressional leadership that has the power to implement our vision and support our efforts with federal funding."

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***The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, with 1,300 members, represents the interests of business in LA. County. Founded in 1888, the Chamber promotes a prosperous economy and quality of life in the Los Angeles region.***