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**L.A. AREA CHAMBER ANNOUNCES  
ENDORSEMENTS AND POSITIONS ON L.A.  
CITY PRIMARY NOMINATING ELECTION**

*L.A.'s leading business organization endorses key candidates and takes positions on measures impacting business*

LOS ANGELES, CA The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce announced today its endorsements and positions on key candidates and measures to appear on the Primary Nominating Election ballot on March 3, 2009 in the City of Los Angeles. Leading up to the election, the L.A. Area Chamber, which represents more than 1,600 businesses in the greater Los Angeles region, will communicate with its members about the specific issues impacting business and urge support for its slate of candidates and measures.

During these difficult economic times, the L.A. Area Chamber has endorsed the candidates we believe will be most effective in helping to create jobs and accelerate our economic recovery, said Gary Toebben, President & CEO, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce. The L.A. Area Chamber opposes Measure B and supports Measure E in order to maximize the number of private-sector jobs that can be created in our city.

The L.A. Area Chamber endorses the following candidates on the City of Los Angeles Primary Nominating Election.

**MAYOR - Antonio R. Villaraigosa**

**CITY ATTORNEY - Jack Weiss**

**CONTROLLER - Wendy Greuel**

**MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT NO. 1 - Ed P. Reyes**

**MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT NO. 3 - Dennis P. Zin**

**MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT NO. 5 - Adeena N. Bleich**

**MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT NO. 7 - Richard Alarcón**

**MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT NO. 9 - Jan C. Perry**

**MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT NO. 11 - Bill Rosendahl**

**MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT NO. 13 - Eric Garcetti**

**MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT NO. 15 - Janice Hahn**

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT NO. 2 - Mónica García**

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT NO. 4 - Mike Stryer**

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT NO. 6 - Nury Martinez**

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SEAT NO. 2 - Angela Reddock**

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SEAT NO. 4 - Kelly Candaele**

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SEAT NO. 6 - Nancy Pearlman**

**MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SEAT NO. 7 - Miguel Santiago**

The L.A. Area Chamber took the following positions on ballot measures B (Solar Energy and Job Creation Program) and E (Economic Incentives for Business Development).

**MEASURE B (Solar Energy and Job Creation Program) - OPPOSE**

The L.A. Area Chamber embraces the economic and business opportunities that an aggressive solar program will bring to Los Angeles. However, the process that was used to bring Measure B to the voters cannot be condoned. Measure B would signal a new direction in the management of the City's utility through piecemeal ballot measures intended to favor single programs that should more appropriately be considered by the DWP Commission, business, labor and the public in a broader context and through a transparent process. The Chamber regrets that this important discussion about solar energy was not handled in a much different manner.

**MEASURE E (Economic Incentives for Business Development) - SUPPORT**

The L.A. Area Chamber supports efforts to retain and attract businesses to Los Angeles. Measure E will provide the Mayor and City Council with the authority to offer needed incentives, such as tax and fee waivers, to businesses seeking to do business in Los Angeles and create jobs for local residents. The Chamber supports Measure E and encourages its rapid implementation during this difficult time in our local economy.

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*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.com](http://www.lachamber.com).*