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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMAN GREIG SMITH

Councilman Smith Calls on L.A. Area Businesses

Give Input On Improving Business Climate at City Council Business Committee's First Meeting

Van Nuys – Councilman Greig Smith called on L.A. area businesses to give their input on improving the City's business climate at the first meeting of the City Council's Jobs, Business Growth and Tax Reform Committee, Tuesday, Jan. 15, at Van Nuys City Hall at 6:30 pm.

Councilman Smith was named Chair of the new Committee because of his consistent pro-business stance on the City Council, his work on the Business Tax Reform Committee which reduced business taxes by 15% over four years, and his experience as a business owner.

The new Committee is part of the City's ongoing efforts to improve the business climate in Los Angeles. In order to get input from the business community on what it feels are the most important steps to take to help local businesses thrive, the Committee will initially conduct a "listening tour."

The first several Committee meetings will be held in different areas across Los Angeles and local businesses are invited to attend and give their input during public comment.

At the first meeting, the Committee will also present the results so far of the City Council's Business Retention and Attraction Task Force. Guest speakers will be Bill Allen, President and CEO of Los Angeles County Economic Development Corp., Brendan Huffman, President and CEO of the Valley Industry and Commerce Association, and Bruce Ackerman, President and CEO of the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley.

City Council's Jobs, Business Growth & Tax Reform Committee

Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008. 6:30 pm

Van Nuys City Hall, 14530 Sylvan St, Van Nuys

City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor

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