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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

**October 1, 2008, 6:00pm
 at**

**CBS Studio Center, Edit. Bldg. 2, Rm 6,
 4024 Radford, Studio City CA, 91604**

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Committee members: Barbara Monahan Burke (Co-Chair), Rita Villa (Co-Chair), Ben Neumann (Ex-officio), Michael Klausman, Michael McCue, Todd Royal and Ann-Marie Whitman.

Agenda

1. Call to Order & Roll Call (1 min).
2. Approval of September 3, 2008 SCNC Government Affairs Committee meeting minutes (3 min).
3. Comments by the Committee Co-Chair Barbara Monahan Burke (2 min).
4. Public Comments on non-agenda items within the Committee's jurisdiction (3 min).
5. Response(s) to comments by Committee Members (3 min).
6. Presentation by Barbara Monahan Burke, discussion, and possible motions on letter to the Environmental Protection Agency supporting designation of the Los Angeles River and its Watershed as navigable (10 min).
7. Presentation by Rita Villa, discussion, and possible motion on Review of Director's report on Zone Code Reform (15 min).
8. Presentation by Mildred Higgins and Barbara Monahan Burke, discussion, and possible motions on (a) the right of Neighborhood Councils to open City Council Files and (b) whether Neighborhood Council Board Members should be required to complete form 700 or Form 52 or 53 versus signing a statement that they have no conflict of interest if their Neighborhood Board has initiated (alone or with one or more Neighborhood Council) a Council File on an item or to require Board members to do nothing at all (10 min).
9. Presentation by Ann-Marie Whitman and Barbara Monahan Burke, discussion and possible motions concerning the proposed L.A. City Sign District Ordinance, the proposed Convention Center Sign Ordinance, and the proposed California Ordinance related to using "Amber Alert/Emergency" digitized signs on Highways/Freeways as sources of revenue from digitized advertising as suggested by Clear Channel (20 min).
10. Presentation by Todd Royal, discussion, and possible motion concerning influence and effects of Neighborhood Councils (5 min).
11. Report by Michael McCue on requiring name tag badges to be worn by lobbyists when they are representing a client at meetings of the City Council or other meetings of City Committees or City Commissions (5 min).
12. Comments from Committee Members on subject matter within the Committee's jurisdiction (5 min).
13. Adjournment (1 min).