



CONTRA COSTA
COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE

ANNOUNCING
Monthly Mayors' Conference Meeting

September 3, 2009

Hosted by the City of San Ramon
Bishop Ranch Business Park #8
3000 Executive Parkway
San Ramon, CA

6:30 P.M. Business Meeting

Featured Speaker

The Honorable Willie L. Brown Jr.

Legendary Speaker of the California Assembly
Former Mayor of San Francisco

Chairman and CEO Willie L. Brown Jr. Institute on Politics and Public Service

8:00 P.M. – Dinner

DINNER RESERVATIONS are made through the City of San Ramon

RSVP to Karen McHenry-Smith

ksmith@sanramon.ca.gov or call 925-973-2532

by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 26, 2009

Dinner will be buffet style featuring the following:

Appetizers

Traditional Caesar Salad

Herb Crusted New York Roast served with Creamed Horseradish

Boneless Breast of Chicken Marsala with Sautéed Mushrooms

Poached Salmon Filet with Sauce Remoulade

Long Grain and Wild Rice Pilaf ~ Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Penne Puttanesca with Tomatoes, Capers & Olives
Roasted Vegetables ~ Fresh Fruit
Crusty Breads, Rolls & Butter
Bananas Foster
Coffee Bar

Dinner Reservations: Two Dinners are prepaid for each City (Mayor & Manager). Others interested in having dinner should call or email the contact listed above. Check should be made out to **City of San Ramon**, and mailed to City of San Ramon, Attention: Karen McHenry-Smith, Interim Executive Assistant, 2222 Camino Ramon, San Ramon, CA 94583. Individuals will be billed for reservations which are made but not cancelled by the deadline date. **Dinner Cost is \$50.00.**

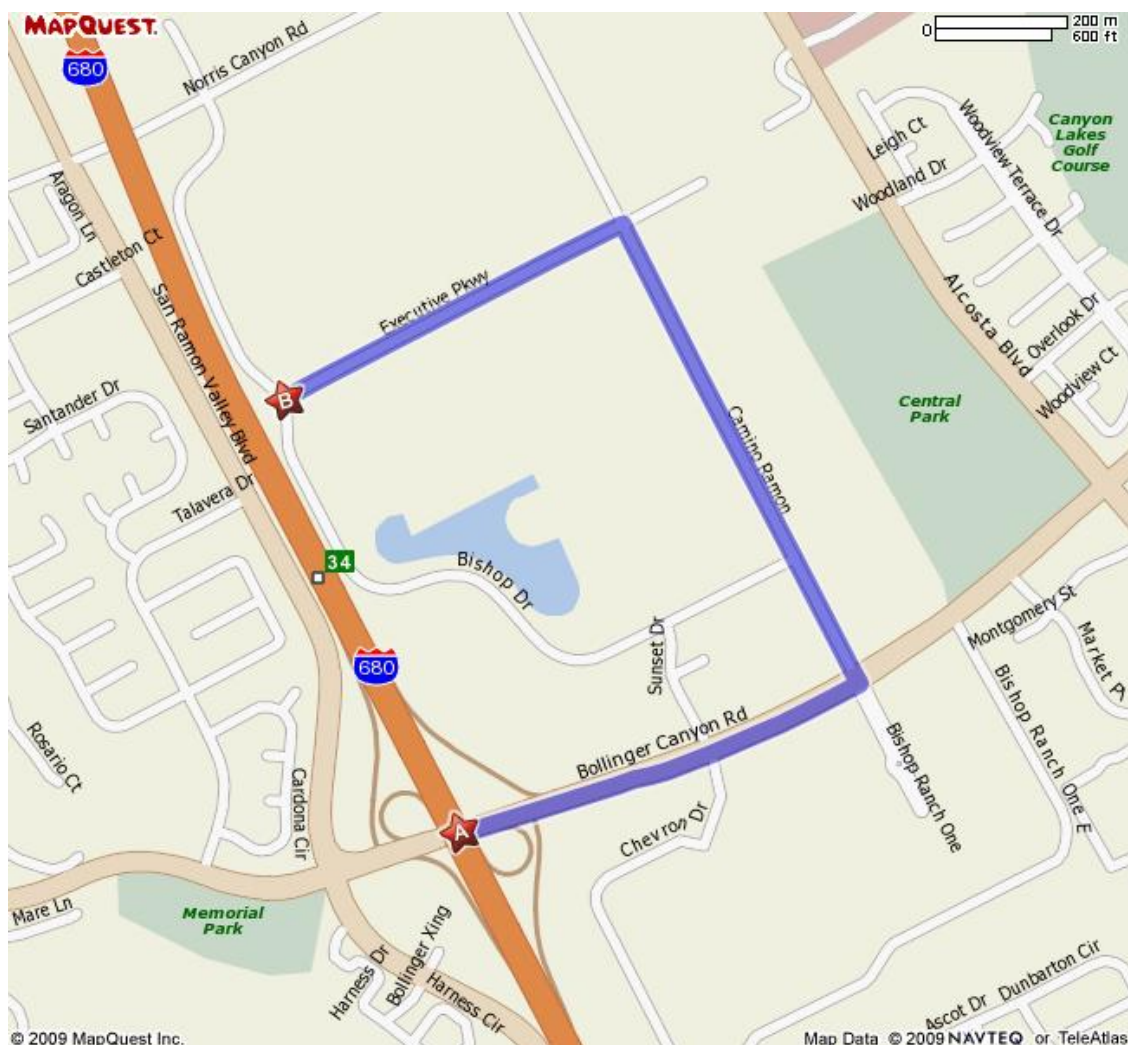
Directions:

From Livermore/Pleasanton

Take the I-580 to the I-680 North
Take the I-680 North exit toward Sacramento
Take the Bollinger Canyon Road exit
Turn right (East) at Bollinger Canyon Road
Turn left at Camino Ramon
Turn left at Executive Parkway

From Central Contra Costa County

Take I-680 South
Take the Bollinger Canyon Road exit
Turn left (East) at Bollinger Canyon Road
Turn left at Camino Ramon
Turn left at Executive Parkway





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Business Meeting Agenda
6:30 P.M.

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Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call:

1. **Presentation:**

The Honorable Willie L. Brown, Jr.
former Speaker of the California State Assembly
former Mayor of San Francisco
current Chairman and CEO Willie L. Brown Jr. Institute on Politics and Public Service

2. Approval of Minutes of August 6, 2009, meeting held in Concord
3. **East Bay Regional Communications Authority. Announcement of Upcoming Appointments:** The Conference appoints six members and alternates to staggered terms on this joint powers board. The three-year terms of San Ramon Mayor H. Abram Wilson (member) and Brentwood Mayor Robert "Bob" Taylor (alternate) expire on September 30. Anyone wishing to be considered for these two positions should file a nomination letter indicating which position by e-mail to the Conference Executive Director (don@ccmayors.com) no later than Wednesday, September 16, at 5:00 p.m.
4. Chair's Time
5. League of California Cities Update: Eric Figueroa, Regional Representative
6. Mayors' Time

7. County Supervisor's Time including an update (if any) on discussions with the District Attorney relative to matters which will/will not be subject to prosecution.
8. Public Communications
9. Welcome to San Ramon by Mayor H. Abram Wilson
10. Adjourn to October 1 meeting in Oakley

Agenda deadline for October 1 meeting is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 16th

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

October 1 – Oakley: The featured program for the October 1 meeting in Oakley is James P. Mayer, Executive Director of California Forward. *California Forward's* mission is to improve the quality of life for all Californians by creating more responsive, representative and cost-effective government. The organization released its proposed initiative measures to bring about change in California state government. Mr. Mayer will discuss those initiatives.

November 5 – Moraga

December 3 – Lafayette

January 7 – Pleasant Hill

MINUTES
AUGUST 6, 2009
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE
Concord Senior Center
2727 Parkside Drive, Concord

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. in Concord, California, by Chair Robert Taylor who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF CITY DELEGATES:

Mayor Davis, Antioch
Mayor Taylor, Brentwood
Mayor Pierce, Clayton
Mayor Hoffmeister, Concord
Mayor Arnerich, Danville
Mayor Potter, El Cerrito
Mayor McDonald, Hercules
Mayor Tatzin, Lafayette
Councilmember Ross, Martinez
Absent, Moraga
Mayor Rios, Oakley
Mayor Severson, Orinda
Vice Mayor Long, Pinole
Mayor Parent, Pittsburg
Mayor Harris, Pleasant Hill
Vice Mayor Lopez, Richmond
Mayor McNeil, San Pablo
Mayor Wilson, San Ramon
Mayor Skrel, Walnut Creek

**2. Reforming California Summit --- a Report from Dwight Stenbakken,
Assistant Executive Director, League of California Cities**

League of California Cities Assistant Executive Director Dwight Stenbakken presented an update to the Conference on the significant impacts to cities with the recent quarterly adoption of the annual State budget. He reviewed the areas where cities were financially exposed including taking of redevelopment agency funds, first-time attempts to take highway user (gas) tax moneys, and the borrowing of property tax moneys under Proposition 1A. He advised, because additional revenue shortfalls are anticipated, budget issues will again be back on the table.

Mr. Stenbakken reported that the recent Reforming California Summit of cities, counties and school districts demonstrated the need for local government to have dedicated revenue. The

group will monitor all state reform efforts and support that which brings about more security in local funding. He also noted that local elected officials are trusted much more by the electorate than state officials.

3. Presentation: Gus Kramer, Contra Costa County Assessor

County Assessor Gus Kramer addressed the Conference discussing the recent downward trends in the real estate market and the impacts on assessed valuations throughout the County. He cautioned that, as the real estate market rebounds, changes in assessed valuations will take a few years to recover.

4. Approval of Minutes of July 2, 2009, meeting held in Brentwood

Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2009, Conference meeting held in Brentwood.

5. Chair's Time: No Report

6. League of California Cities Update: Eric Figueroa, Regional Representative: No Report

7. Mayors' Time

Lafayette Mayor Tatzin reported that Lafayette has invited their Assembly and Senate representatives (Assemblywoman Skinner and Senator DeSaulnier) to attend their upcoming Council meeting to explain their votes on the State budget. He also noted that an op-ed piece written by himself and Lafayette City Manager Falk on State budget issues will be published in Contra Costa Times.

Pittsburg Mayor Parent reported regarding the upcoming Pittsburg Seafood Festival.

8. County Supervisor's Time including an update (if any) on discussions with the District Attorney relative to matters which will/will not be subject to prosecution.

On behalf of Supervisor Bonilla, Supervisor Uilkema welcomed the Conference to District 4. She advised that the Board will be receiving a budget briefing during their August 11th Board meeting and she reported that LAFCO is in the process of reviewing a municipal services review on fire districts.

9. Public Communications

Cindy Gershon reported and congratulated Concord Mayor Hoffmeister on taking first place in the recent Mayors Healthy Cook Off event.

Ron Brown, representing Save Mt. Diablo, reported on the drastic reductions in funding for State parks as a result of the adopted State budget.

10. Welcome to Concord by Mayor Laura Hoffmeister

Concord Mayor Hoffmeister thanked all mayors who participated in the recent Mayors Healthy Meal Cook-Off and stated they were looking at holding next year's event in Martinez. Mayor Hoffmeister then welcomed the Conference to Concord and introduced current and former Concord mayors and council members and City staff.

11. Adjourn to September 3 meeting in San Ramon

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. to the next Conference meeting to be held in San Ramon on September 3, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Blubaugh
Executive Director