LEGISLATIVE NEWS
NOVEMBER BALLOT RESULTS

Here is a recap of State Ballot Measures affecting the Carson area:

Measure H – Failed - Initiative to establish an additional one-cent-per-dollar sales tax in Carson for the next 5 years to offset reduced revenues that fund many of the vital services provided by the City, such as the Carson Sheriff’s Station’s response to 911 calls, Sheriff’s deputies patrol, gang suppression and prevention, street maintenance, graffiti removal and tree trimming, youth recreation and after-school programs, senior recreation and other programs for seniors, the stroke recovery program and natural disaster response.

Proposition 19 – Failed
Proposition 20 – Passed
Proposition 21 – Failed
Proposition 22 – Passed
Proposition 23 – Failed
Proposition 24 – Failed
Proposition 25 – Passed
Proposition 26 – Passed
Proposition 27 – Failed

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A CHANCE TO WIN A FLAT SCREEN TV - BE THERE!

Carson Chamber of Commerce
Business Expo, February 24, 2011

The Carson Chamber will be celebrating its 11th Annual Business Expo on Thursday, February 24th, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center. The first annual Carson Chamber Business Expo was held in February 2000. It was created as a marketing device to assist the Carson Chamber members in promoting their business. Initially, it was comprised of less than ten vendors and approximately 20 attendees, and was held in Hall C of the community center. Over the years, it has propelled to more than 100 vendors representing various businesses and industries, throughout Southern California and it is now held in Halls A-B-C of the community center. The attendees come from Carson, the surrounding communities, including the South Bay Area, Long Beach, Inglewood and Los Angeles. Each year we offer prizes, refreshments, entertainment, networking, workshops, and vendor give-a-ways. This year we will offer health screening and a grand prize giveaway of a Flat Screen TV. Each year the Business Expo continues to grow. We are encouraging all local area residents, employees, service organizations, and their members to attend. We invite you to be a part of this great marketing opportunity: “Working together for growth and prosperity”.

Find us at
www.carsonchamber.com
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Fax 310-217-4591

Mission
The mission of The Carson Chamber of Commerce is to create and sustain an environment that enhances, promotes and develops the economic vitality of the business community in the greater Carson area.

Calendar of Events
Save The Date

January Quarterly Breakfast
January 20, 2011
DoubleTree Hotel, Carson

Carson Chamber Business Expo
February 24, 2011

See Details to be mailed later or visit our website to get full calendar of events

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WE GIVE A BIG THANK YOU TO BP CARSON REFINERY FOR SPONSORING THE HOLIDAY MIXER!
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January 19, 2011
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They are open Monday - Thursday from 7 am to 6 pm.

10,000 Small Businesses at LA City College

10,000 Small Businesses is a $500 million, 5-year initiative to unlock the economic growth and job-creation potential of 10,000 small businesses across the United States through greater access to business education, financial capital, and business support services. Los Angeles City College has partnered with the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses initiative to help small businesses in the greater Los Angeles metropolitan region to grow and create jobs.

Through the support of the Goldman Sachs Foundation, business owners selected to participate in the LACC 10,000 Small Businesses education program will receive a full scholarship covering tuition and program materials.

Los Angeles City College has opened enrollment for the February 2011 10,000 Small Businesses Business and Management Education program.

http://www.lacc10ksb.com/index_files/About_the_Program.htm
CalChamber Releases List of New Employment Laws Affecting Businesses in 2011

(December 14, 2010) The California Chamber of Commerce yesterday released a list of new employment laws scheduled to take effect in 2011 or earlier that will have an impact on businesses in California.

CalChamber provides the information and tools businesses needs to stay compliant with state and federal employment law. Among the training materials currently available is CalChamber’s HR 201: Labor Law Update seminar, which is available for purchase at www.calchamberstore.com/hr201.

In addition, the CalChamber is warning employers that their 2010 California and federal notices poster and certain pamphlets are no longer current. Employers can order the 2011 Required Notices Kit—all 16 state and federal required employee notices on one space saving poster, plus all five required employee pamphlets, updated as necessary for 2011 in packs of 20. For more information, visit www.calchamberstore.com/kit.

Tax Plan Would Boost Local Paychecks

A tax plan that would put money in the pockets of most American workers moved forward in the U.S. Senate Monday, bringing the prospect of continued tax cuts and additional benefits one step closer to reality. The plan, a compromise between President Barack Obama and congressional Republicans, would extend the income tax cuts approved in 2001 and 2003, extend federal unemployment benefits and give workers an additional payroll tax break. Please see the link below for more information.


21 Ways To Generate Business-Boosting Ideas

The light bulb; Bubble wrap; The Post-It; The iPod; The Snuggie; Facebook; and. Twitter.

These inventions, products, and businesses all started with an idea. These are ideas that to anyone other than its creator(s) may have seemed like an insane thing to invest much time, money, or effort in bringing to fruition.

But for the masterminds behind these great ideas, the risk paid off and so too can your next great idea.

Everyone has great ideas. The problem for most people is realizing that even the most silly or outrageous idea they come up with could in fact work. Generating ideas—useful ideas—is a skill, and, like any other skill, it can be learned. The more you practice, the easier it will be to come up with ideas whenever you need them.

Read more: http://www.businessinsider.com/20-ways-to-generate-ideas-that-will-boost-your-business-2010-10##ixzz18815VOGJ

SEND-OFF CELEBRATION FOR CITY MANAGER JERRY GROOMES

WHEN: Friday, January 7, 2011
WHERE: Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center
801 E. Carson Street
Carson, CA 90745
TIME: 6:00 P.M.
TICKETS: $25.00 on sale now at City Treasurer’s Office (Carson City Hall)

Please purchase tickets by January 1, 2011 in order to give catering an accurate count. Checks are made payable to City of Carson. Also for convenience, checks for tickets may be mailed to Belinda Hayes, c/o City Manager’s Office, 701 E. Carson, Street, Carson, CA 90745. Please call Belinda Hayes if you have any questions @ 310-952-1729
Safety Spotlights
At the Shell Carson Distribution Facility there are programs and systems in place to properly react to earthquakes and maximize safety, reliability, and integrity during and after an earthquake. Shell’s facility is equipped with emergency systems which can shut off flows in pipelines and storage facility to help prevent spills and leaks during earthquake activity. Skilled facility employees continually monitor activity at the facility to ensure these systems are working properly. Shell’s commitment to safety and security is their highest priority. If you would like more information regarding facility and pipeline safety during earthquakes, please contact Shell at 310-816-2000.

Facility Facts
Shell Carson facility is a distribution facility that has served solely in this capacity since 1992. Although a refinery was once on the property, there no longer is refining of petroleum products at the site. Shell is the largest distribution facility in the South Bay region.

CITY OF CARSON BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

WHY CARSON?

- Low Utility Tax. Savings up to 10% in the region.
- No Local Property Tax. Savings up to 1/2% in the region.
- Accessible, Cooperative, Business-Friendly Local Government.
- Large Development Sites Available.
- Highly Competitive Land Prices & Lease Rates for Commercial, Industrial and Office Space.
- Affordable Quality Housing.

For more information, contact Barry Waite, Business Development Manager at (310) 233-4845 or send email to BWaite@carson.ca.us
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Attend Legislative Affairs Committee Meetings

The Carson Chamber of Commerce Legislative Affairs Committee follows local, state and federal legislation of interest to area businesses. The committee may decide to support, oppose or take no position on these issues.

Committee meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. at the Double Tree Hotel – Carson unless otherwise noted; all Chamber members are invited to attend. If you would like to be added to the Legislative Affairs Committee e-mail distribution list, please contact the Chamber at 310 217-4590 or carsonchamber@carsonchamber.com

Carson Chamber of Commerce

What we do for our members:

• Create a strong economy
• Provide networking opportunities
• Support the interest of business before government by lobbying on their behalf
• Promote business, city and community events

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