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Mayor Kevin Johnson Discusses Priorities for 2010 Cap-to-Cap Program
Regional leaders join Johnson to layout issues most important to region

SACRAMENTO, CA – Today Mayor Kevin Johnson was joined at City Hall by regional leaders to discuss this year's Cap-to-Cap program.

Cap-to-Cap is an annual event held in Washington D.C. that brings the Sacramento's business, labor and government leaders together to build consensus for important regional priorities. This year's top priorities include jobs and business growth, flood protection and water resources, transportation, and energy efficient building systems.

Johnson discussed these priorities alongside Matt Mahood, CEO of the Metro Chamber of Commerce, West Sacramento Mayor Chris Cabaldon, and Mike McKeever, Executive Director of Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG).

Volunteers working on 13 teams will bring these issues to our nation's elected leaders, the Obama administration and other agency officials. Three hundred delegates will participate in this year's event.

"Cap-to-Cap is a unique opportunity for our region's voice to be heard at the national level. As a region, we need to fight to ensure Sacramento has access to the vital resources it needs to emerge as a leader when it comes to job growth, transportation, and green technology. I truly believe this program helps in those efforts," Johnson said.

Sponsored by the Metro Chamber, the annual program runs from April 17 – 21 and is currently in its 40th year.

Cap-to-Cap is the largest local chamber of commerce program of its kind in the nation.

While in D.C., delegates will collectively hear from D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty, who was invited by Mayor Johnson to speak at this year's program, CIA Director Leon Panetta, and Secretary of Energy Dr. Steven Chu. Additional meetings with other officials are scheduled for delegates throughout the week.

"With unemployment at about 13 percent, we need to stimulate our lagging economy, create new jobs and get our population back to work. One way is to get our fair share of federal funds delivered to the Sacramento region and the ability for Metro Chamber delegates to meet face-to-face with national leaders is crucial. In so doing, we help our local representatives fight for our fair share of the tax dollars we send to Washington," said Matt Mahood, CEO, Metro Chamber of Commerce.

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