

WEEKLY FLASH



Speaker Pelosi Meets Council to Discuss Business Priorities

Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi met with Bay Area Council leaders on last Friday night, August 10th to discuss how to keep America economically powerful and increase the Bay Area's global competitiveness. Alex Mehran, our immediate past Chairman and Sunset Development Company President & CEO, hosted the Speaker and husband Paul Pelosi at his home with 42 senior executives and guests representing 24 major corporations from around the region. Jim Wunderman and the attendees reviewed and discussed our key issues on global competitiveness that included [health care](#), [energy](#), H-1B visas, [broadband connectivity](#), the U.C. system, Sarbanes-Oxley reform, and [transportation infrastructure](#). Fluctuating between fun and relaxed, and a serious policy discussion, the Speaker was also briefed on the Council's campaign (and state government support) to create an emergency water transit system to help the region survive the Big One.



She called on the Council to be a voice for business that she can trust - "To be an intellectual resource to me. Keep helping me to see things in a futuristic way. What is the approach? What is the issue? How do we get it done? What is the best way to the future?" She commented about the difficulty in making change in Washington and the comparative uniqueness of our California spirit and entrepreneurial character.

Governors Davis & Wilson At Oct. 2 Annual Dinner

Proving what is becoming a maxim, that the Council's Annual Dinner "always reflects the best that our region has to offer," former Governor Pete Wilson (R) and former Governor Gray Davis (D) have agreed to have a conversation about California politics and policy moderated by former Speaker of the Assembly, Willie Brown. It should be [a night to remember](#).



Article of the Week

The San Francisco Chronicle [covered how](#) a new era of rail can free regional gridlock.

Quote of the Week

"Hillary, Hillary, Hillary, that's what this poll is all about." – Bay Area Council member and Field Poll Director Mark DiCamillo, on [Clinton's growing lead](#) in the state Democratic primary, in the *San Jose Mercury News*.

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