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## Rick Caruso for Mayor



As the representative of the apparel and textile industry, I had the opportunity to be at a by-invitation-only BizFed meeting (members of the Los Angeles Business Federation and Chambers of Commerce) with Rick Caruso, James McDonnell (former LA County Sherriff), Charlie Beck (former Chief of LAPD) and William Bratton (former Chief of LAPD).

Mr. Caruso addressed the audience of Chamber of Commerce directors and other NGO executives. The meeting lasted for two hours and included an open Q&A session.

William Bratton defined his history in LA, in 2002 when LA was also in crisis. Rick Caruso, as head of the LA Police Commission, recruited Bratton from New York to assist in a plan for the city's subsequent turn-around for crime prevention.

Charlie Beck talked about the required relationship between the police department, its officers, and LA's citizens, and what needs to happen for effective 'policing' for public safety. He called Rick Caruso an "agent of change."

Jim McDonnell addressed the need for cooperation and effective support between the Police Department and the Sheriff's office.

Remarks to the audience:

- LA is clearly a city in distress, needing practical solutions to complex problems; homelessness, corruption, & crime were the first issues.
- Ethics must come back in government; citing 3 indicted City Council members, convicted officials of the Mayor's office, with the DWP and City Attorney's office under FBI investigation, etc.
- LA needs a CEO with the skill set requirements to run an \$11 Billion budget...not politicians.

- LA should have its own Health Department to deal with homelessness. 'Housing', as one of the answers, requires a 'building' expert, without \$800K cost per unit.

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# CRA Legislative Effort Update

**A message from Rachel Michelin, President of the California Retailers Association: CRA Retail Theft Legislative Effort Update**

## **Budget Appropriation to Address Retail Theft**

California Retailers Association sent a letter to the Chairs of the Senate and Assembly Budget Committees on behalf of a coalition of businesses and industry groups urging support for the Governor's Budget Change Proposal to enhance enforcement of organized retail theft:

- \$6 million annually to the California Highway Patrol for expansion of the Organized Retail Theft Task Force (ORCTF) into Sacramento and San Joaquin Counties and the Fresno region.
- \$10 million annually to the Board of State and Community Corrections for grants to counties in support of dedicated prosecutors for organized retail theft cases.
- \$85 million annually to the BSCC for grants to enhance local law enforcement presence at retail locations.
- \$6 million annually to the Department of Justice for a special unit on organized retail theft.

## **CRA Opposes Anti-Business Legislation**

*CRA is opposing the following bills:*

- **SB 1162 (Limon)**. Encourages new, burdensome litigation against employers based on the publication of broad, unreliable data collected by the state.
- **AB 2095 (Kalra)**. Forces employers to publicly disclose information regarding labor and employment issues for employees across the entire company.
- **AB 2182 (Wicks)**. Imposes a burdensome new accommodation requirement on small businesses to provide employees with time off any time school or a care center is unavailable.
- **AB 2188 (Quirk)**. Creates an unprecedented, protected class for marijuana users and undermines employers' ability to provide a safe and drug-free workplace.

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