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May 30, 2008

Honorable Karen Bass, Speaker
California State Assembly
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, California 94249-0047

Dear Speaker Bass:

On behalf of the Westside Cities Council of Governments, please accept our congratulations on your appointment to the position of Speaker of the California State Assembly for the 2007-08 Legislative Session.

Your appointment to Speaker is well deserved and not surprising in that you have distinguished yourself as an Assembly Member since your election to the 47th District in 2005, and in your service as Majority Whip for the 2005-06 legislative session and as Chair of the Select Committee on Foster Care.

Having grown up in the Venice/Fairfax area, you are well familiar with the area the Westside Cities Council of Governments is committed to serve and we know you are committed to many of the same issues we have pledged to address. In addition, you bring to the Assembly your insight and experience as a mother, an Emergency Room Physician Assistant, a faculty member at USC Medical School and founder of the Community Coalition. Your perspective and commitment to better the community are genuinely inspiring—the Assembly can only benefit from your example and leadership.

I would welcome your ideas regarding how we can better support your legislative efforts and how we might inform and involve you in our pursuits.

Again, congratulations. I do hope we have the opportunity to meet in the near future and to initiate a productive, collaborative relationship.

Sincerely,

Linda J. Briskman, Chair
Westside Cities Council of Governments
Council Member, City of Beverly Hills

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