Political Forum



What Works: Meeting the City's **Transportation** Crisis **One Intersection** at a Time

Council District 11 includes

■ Marina Del Rey (City of LA)

Elected to the City Council in June

Councilmember for the 11th District of Los Angeles. Covering most of the

city's coastline, her district includes

an designs, a modified offramp from the

90 freeway, MTA Rapid Bus lines, pedes-

trian improvements, and underground util-

ity lines. In addition, the group looked at

initiatives like creating a uniform street

tree plan along the length of Lincoln

Boulevard and establishing building design

guidelines that create a consistent and dis-

tinctive identity for the corridor and sur-

The LCTF open house, which func-

tioned much like a design charrette, was

well attended and received by the commu-

nity. Groups like LCTF that bring togeth-

er different public agencies to create a

community vision are a good model to fol-

low, and I hope that it can be copied into

different neighborhoods of Los Angeles to

develop new visions for our city.

rounding neighborhoods.

1997, Cindy Miscikowski is the

LAX and Lincoln Boulevard.

these communities:

■ LAX

■ Westchester

Del Rey

Mar Vista

■ Venice

Palms

■ West LA

■ Brentwood

Pacific Palisades

Playa Vista

Playa Del Rey

by Cindy Miscikowski, Councilmember, 11th District

What happens when multiple public agencies get together and work with the public to find a vision for just one street? It's a hugely complicated task, requiring months of planning and open communication, but this is happening right now thanks to a group of dedicated public officials and local citizens who are giving their time to make Lincoln Boulevard a better place for both residents and commuters.

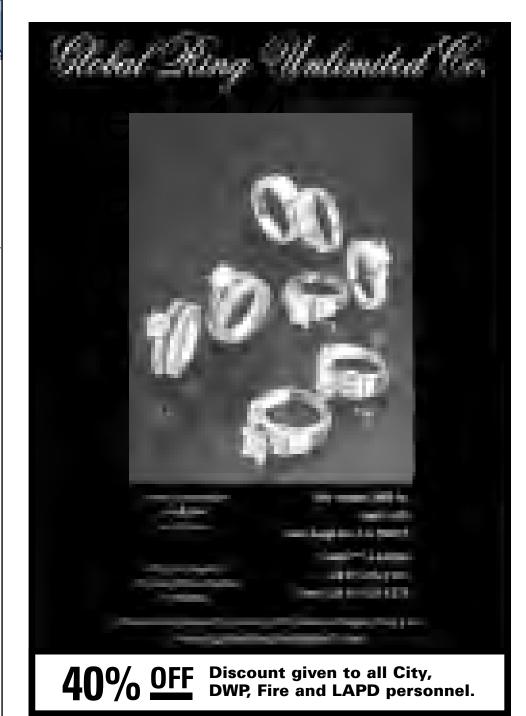
Lincoln Boulevard is a major arterial street that stretches from LAX through my district, past Marina del Rey and Culver City and continuing through Santa Monica. It is one of the major north-south thoroughfares on the Westside between the airport and Santa Monica/West LA. Any local resident, daily commuter or LAX airline passenger can attest to the heavy congestion on Lincoln Blvd.

The Lincoln Corridor Task Force (LCTF) includes representatives from Los Angeles County; Caltrans; the cities of Culver City, Los Angeles and Santa Monica; the California Coastal Commission; MTA; and SCAG. It was created to bring these agencies together to address congestion on the heavily traveled Lincoln Boulevard between LAX and Santa Monica and develop a vision for the corridor's longterm transportation needs.

After many months of meetings, discussions and communications between the agencies and community members, LCTF this June hosted an open house in Westchester where the public was invited to review the various proposals, plans and ideas for the Lincoln corridor.

These different proposals made up the "wish list" for the corridor and represented a variety of ideas including light rail, medi-

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