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## California Big City Mayors Hit the Hill in Bipartisan Effort on Stimulus Package

**What:** The Mayors of four of California's largest cities arrive in the nation's capital on Wednesday to meet with members of President Obama's Cabinet and Congressional leaders.

Mayors Antonio Villaraigosa, D-Los Angeles, Jerry Sanders, R-San Diego, Chuck Reed, D-San Jose, and Kevin Johnson, D-Sacramento, will underscore California's importance to the U.S. economy and outline the needs of the nation's largest cities during the current economic crisis.

The Mayors' tentative schedule includes meetings with Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Barbara Boxer, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the Justice Department, and other Congressional leaders.

The Mayors' visit comes as the Senate and House of Representatives are in conference to reach agreement on the \$800-plus billion Stimulus Package.

**When:** Wednesday, February 11, 2009

**Who:** Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, City of Los Angeles  
Mayor Jerry Sanders, City of San Diego  
Mayor Chuck Reed, City of San José  
Mayor Kevin Johnson, City of Sacramento

**Background:** Together the four Mayors will advocate for the more than 18 million Californians from their cities and surrounding regions in this Washington, D.C. visit. The innovation of California's largest cities, international leaders in clean technology and the green economy, have the potential to lead the nation out of the current downturn.

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