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As the Legislature once again struggles to pass a state budget and close a massive deficit, I am again mindful of the importance of long-range public policy planning.

In recent years we have been in budget-crisis mode, struggling to keep the ship of state afloat and paying less attention to its direction. While options to generate revenue have dried up, basic fundamental services like education and health care have endured crippling cuts.

We need to chart a new course.

Policy makers at all levels of government have no choice but to look at new alternatives and partnerships to sustain a quality of life that present and future generations of Californians deserve.

My legislative work, of late, has focused on retaining and creating jobs in California. I've attempted to do this by protecting California's proud tradition of making movies in the state. I've also attempted to stimulate growth in the building trades by protecting people from foreclosures and giving tax relief to individuals who sell or buy a home.

However, good governance is strengthened by partnerships with business – big and small – educators, public safety officials, healthcare providers and all those who make up the fabric of our society and economy. A healthy and thriving marketplace benefits all of us.

So I wish to thank and applaud you for the Los Angeles County Strategic Plan for Economic Development.

I was genuinely impressed by its understanding of the value and importance of an educated worker, job preparation, fair wages and benefits that will attract a motivated work force and your appreciation of manageable growth and infrastructure. It is one of the most comprehensive plans I have seen on protecting the economic solvency of the region.

I will encourage city leaders in the 30th Senate District to study how these economic strategies can be developed in their communities.

Los Angeles is fortunate to be blessed with forward thinking economists and community leaders of your abilities and stature.

I plan to be an important conduit in shaping the future economic engine of California. Your inspiration and insight are most helpful.

Sincerely,

Ronald S. Calderon
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