



Join the San Diego Grantmakers Delegation to Foundations on the Hill February 27-28, 2007, Washington, DC

As Congress continues to examine issues affecting foundations, it is critical that the San Diego congressional delegation hears from us – their foundation constituents. We invite you to join San Diego Grantmakers, the Council on Foundations and the Forum of Regional Associations for **Foundations on the Hill (FOTH)**, taking place February 27-28, 2007 in Washington, DC. Here are five reasons why you should be a part of the San Diego Grantmakers FOTH delegation.

- 1) **Share Your Story** - Members of Congress and their staffs know very little about philanthropy. FOTH is a chance for you to share **how your foundation is making a difference** in your lawmaker's state/district. The more Congress knows about you, the less inclined they will be to take actions that will harm foundations.
- 2) **Build Relationships Before Legislation Introduced** – In 2007, Congress is expected to introduce charitable governance legislation. FOTH is our opportunity to build relationships with our members of Congress and their staffs **before governance legislation is introduced**. Remember – your first contact with a lawmaker's office should not be when you need something from him or her.
- 3) **Show Extra Commitment to Your Cause** – Constituents meet with their senators and representatives in their state/district all the time. But the constituents that travel to Capitol Hill show an **extra level of commitment** to their cause.
- 4) **Meet the Legislative Staff** – During FOTH, you will meet your members of Congress and their tax aides, the legislative staffers usually assigned to monitor foundation and charitable sector issues. If you can convince them to support your cause, legislative staff can become **effective advocates on your behalf**.
- 5) **We've Made It Easy** – **San Diego Grantmakers** will organize and schedule meetings with the California congressional delegation. And when we arrive in Washington, DC, Council and Forum **staff will help us prepare** for our Wednesday meetings on Capitol Hill.

To join the San Diego Grantmakers FOTH delegation: contact Nancy Jamison at nancy@sdgrantmakers.org or 619/744-2180. To learn more about the event, visit www.foundationsonthehill.org

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