



## *A Message from the President*

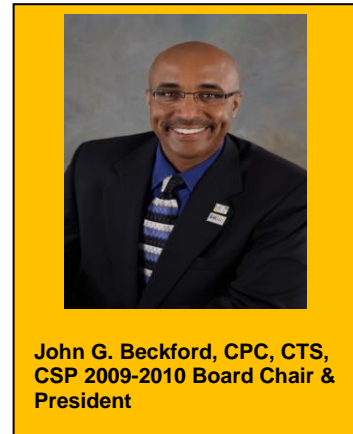


Dear Chamber Members and Visitors:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued participation in the Lauderhill Regional Chamber of Commerce. And for those that are thinking of joining this magnificent Chamber now is the best time ever, just ask a member why!

My sincere thanks to my family, friends and my employer, **Employment Resources Inc., Staffing Services**, - [www.employmentresources.net](http://www.employmentresources.net) -for supporting me in my community involvement.

I am pleased to serve our members and as we emerge from these tough times know that my priorities throughout my term will be focused on Lauderhill's regional economic recovery, creating opportunities for members to capitalize on the economic rebirth and preserving the quality of life in the process. During my term, the Board and I will continue to herald and campaign for initiatives that will improve the lives of our members, friends and family. As your voice some of our 2009-2010 initiatives include:



- To provide more business resources for businesses that shares Lauderhill's borders.
- Working with our State Senator to provide property tax relief for businesses.
- Working closely with State Representative Hazelle Rogers to ensure the passage of the legislation she sponsored to revise the definition of small business thereby allowing more small businesses to qualify for grants, SBA loans, and more SBE/DBE prime contracting opportunities. [Small Business Assistance HB 975.]
- Working closely with the US Census Bureau to ensure full participation and accurate numbers for the 2010 Census thereby maximizing available Federal Funds for the region.
- Expanding our "Shop Lauderhill" initiative to include helping those companies that do business in the region identify registered Lauderhill vendors or residents from which to spend with or hire employees.
- Expanding our free training programs on how to open and manage a small business.
- Working jointly with the Lauderhill Sister Cities to further promote and expand international trade.

In tough times you need the Chamber more than ever. Membership cost as little as .54 cents per day for individual-non-profit to \$6 per day for a seat at the table of the Circle of Trustees. Membership pays for Free Workshops, Networking Events, Business to Business discounts, Advertising, Annual International Expo discounts and more!

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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