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Dear KPBA members and prospective members

As President of KPBA for 2009, it is an honor to lead this organization on the path of growth and prosperity this year. We have been working towards our goal of providing you, our members with the opportunity to grow your business with our monthly business luncheons. At these luncheons we have had great local, business and civic leaders train, entertain and share their experience on business and personal growth matters. We have been honored each year by having the Mayor, Ed Muniz, deliver his annual State of the City Address at our November meeting.

We have also hosted many after hour networking events at local businesses to provide a casual venue for networking and socializing with local professionals and public officials. This has been a great way to meet new people and grow your circle of business contacts while enjoying some great food. We will be hosting many more in 2010 and look for more businesses to volunteer to have an event at their place of business, or join up with another company to joint host an event.

KPBA has held true to our mission of giving back to the Community. Through the fundraising events such as the Country Music Fest hosted by a great member, we have been able to assist local charities with their missions of helping the community. We have contributed over \$3,000 so far this year and expect to contribute another \$5,000 before year end. We are always looking for ways our members can help in our mission of giving back to the community.

I am asking you to please assist your organization in becoming an even better place for members to receive benefits from KPBA. So please write or email us back with your suggestions on what you would like to see done in 2010 in the way of meetings, speakers, networking events, fundraising and community involvement. We will be asking for more involvement from our members on various committees in the coming year.

Thanks for your commitment to making KPBA a great organization.

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President

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