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**Guest Speaker Thomas S. Sayles, Vice President, Government and  
Civic Engagement  
“Merging Your Passions and Your Work”**

Thomas S. Sayles has served as Vice President for Government and Civic Engagement, USC University Relations, since March 2009. Born and raised in South Los Angeles, not far from USC’s University Park campus, Sayles earned a law degree from Harvard Law School and a Bachelor’s Degree “with distinction” from Stanford University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. From 1994-2007, he worked for Sampra Energy and its predecessor companies, Pacific Enterprises and the Southern California Gas Co., as Vice President of Government and Community Affairs and as Senior Vice President of Consumer Marketing.

Sayles practiced law in the private and public sectors, serving as California’s Commissioner of Corporations, and later as Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing. Immediately prior to joining USC, Sayles was Senior Vice President for Government Affairs and Corporate Communications at Rentech, Inc., an alternative fuels company headquartered in Los Angeles. He serves as the president of City of Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners. As Vice President for Government and Civic Engagement, he is responsible for managing the university’s civic engagement efforts and strengthening its relationships with external stakeholders.

For more information about Thomas S. Sayles, Vice President, Government and Civic Engagement click [HERE](#).

**Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2011**

Time: 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Place: Davidson Conference Center Vineyard Room

Cost: \$15.00 Members

\$18.00 Non-members and Guests

(Payment in advance facilitates check-in)

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