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## LA City Hall supports mediation awareness week

Every year for the past eight years, Daniel Ben-Zvi of ADR Services along with other mediators, lawyers and politicians, have gathered at City Hall to seek support from the city for a mediation day. This year the effort has grown to a Mediation Awareness Week. Councilman Dennis Zine was sponsor and host of the event and Ben-Zvi, as usual, served as chair. They were joined by Barbara Brown, president of Southern California Mediation Association, Lucie Barron, director of ADR Services, Joseph M. Barrett, vice-president of Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles and partner with the Cochran Firm, Diane Mar Wiesmann, president of Association of Southern California Defense Counsel and Renata Valree, director of the City Attorney's Dispute Resolution Program. "The purpose is to encourage government use of mediation and to promote the public's awareness of the tremendous value of mediation," Ben-Zvi said.

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**From Left:** Barbara Brown, president of Southern California Mediation Association; Lucie Barron, director of ADR Services; Joseph M. Barrett, vice-president of Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles and partner with the Cochran Firm; Daniel Ben-Zvi of ADR Services; Diane Mar Wiesmann, president of Association of Southern California Defense Counsel and Renata Valree, director of the City Attorney's Dispute Resolution Program.



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Daniel Ben-Zvi addresses city council while surrounded by mediation advocates.



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Councilman Dennis Zine displays a declaration honoring Mediation Awareness Week.