



Dede Kennedy-Simington (LAAHU Board Member) attended Senator Scott Brown's book signing in Pasadena on February 25, 2011. Senator Brown was the Republican Senator elected in Massachusetts to fill Senator Ted Kennedy's seat and his election proved to be game-changing in the political fight to pass the Patient Protection and Care Act. During the book signing Dede had the opportunity to identify herself as a member of NAHU and to speak to him at length. In the conversation with Dede he recalled having spoken to the NAHU Capitol Conference during his first week in Washington in 2010 and having met with the Massachusetts AHU delegation in Washington

mid-February 2011, the week prior to the book signing. Dede reported that "Senator Scott knew the name NAHU and expressed knowledge of our issues. He was very friendly and complimentary about the work NAHU has been doing."

CAHU and LAAHU would like to encourage all members to attend community events with elected State and Federal officials, and make sure they know you're a member of our fine association. The more points of contact we have, the more name familiarity and visibility our members have, it does indeed benefit our public awareness and legislative agendas. We need "all feet on the street" to get out there and help give a well rounded picture of brokers, who we are and the kind of work we do on behalf of consumers!