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**NEWSWEEK'S HOWARD FINEMAN TO HEADLINE THE  
INLAND EMPIRE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP'S  
22ND ANNUAL GALA**

**INLAND EMPIRE, CA (January 10, 2008)** - The Inland Empire Economic Partnership will hold its 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gala on Monday, February 4, 2008 at the Ontario Convention Center. This year we are pleased to announce that the Title Sponsor for the event will be Verizon. Our keynote speaker for the evening will be Howard Fineman, *Newsweek's* Senior Washington Correspondent and Columnist. For more information regarding the event please visit [www.ieep.com/2008annualgala](http://www.ieep.com/2008annualgala).



Howard Fineman, one of the nation's leading political reporters and commentators, is *Newsweek's* senior Washington correspondent and columnist. His *Living Politics* column appears regularly in the magazine and on Newsweek.com. He also writes a separate weekly installment for MSNBC.COM, where the column originated in 2000.

On television, Fineman is an NBC News Analyst, contributing to the network's *Today Show* and to MSNBC's *Hardball with Chris Matthews*, and *Countdown with Keith*

*Olbermann*. Fineman is a regular panelist on the Sunday morning, NBC-syndicated *Chris Matthews Show*. He is the author of scores of *Newsweek* cover stories, and has interviewed and written about every president and major presidential contender since 1987. His 2003 cover, "Bush and God" helped *Newsweek* win a National Magazine Award for General Excellence. His freelance work has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *New Republic*, and online, at Forbes.com. Random House is scheduled to publish his new book about politics, *The Thirteen American Arguments*, in the spring of 2008.

A native of Pittsburgh, Fineman began his journalism career at The Courier-Journal in Louisville, KY., covering the energy industry and Kentucky politics before moving to the newspaper's Washington Bureau. He earned an AB, Phi Beta Kappa, from Colgate University; an MS in Journalism from Columbia University; and a JD from the Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville. Fineman's legal education included a year as a Visiting Student at the Georgetown University Law Center. He has traveled extensively in Europe and the Middle East on Pulitzer and Watson Fellowships. Fineman has won numerous awards for his work, from organizations such as the Headliners Club of New York, American Bar Association, Society of Professional Journalists, American Journalism Review, and Columbia's Graduate School of Journalism, which gave him its annual Alumni Award in 2006.

Fineman is married to Amy L. Nathan, a senior counsel at the Federal Communications Commission. They live in Washington with their two children, Meredith and Nicholas.

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*The Inland Empire Economic Partnership is a not-for-profit economic development organization serving the Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Its mission is to provide a strong and unified regional voice for the development of human, political and financial capital to support and enhance the economic vitality and quality of life in the Inland Empire.*