

2015 POLICY PLATFORM

Our Purpose

- *To provide coordination and to advance the common business interests of local Chambers of Commerce within the South Bay region through collaboration and advocacy on issues of mutual interest.*

Our Vision

- *For SBACC to enhance the region's emerging role in the global economy through the South Bay's diverse industrial base and highly skilled workforce.*

Our Mission

- *The South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce is an association of Chambers of Commerce dedicated to regional issue advocacy in the South Bay.*

2015 Strategic Initiatives:

- **Economic Development**
- **Objective-** Ensuring California remains a competitive state in attracting and retaining business
 - *Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach-* Support the increased access and modernization to global markets through the region's air and sea ports
 - *Workforce Development-* Promote strong workforce investment that creates and retain the human capital need by state enterprises to stay competitive in a global economy.
 - *Goods Movement-* Advocate on improvements to the region's goods movement network
- **Resources and Regional Infrastructure**
- **Objective-** Ensuring the State of California sustains an up to date infrastructure system which keeps our business and communities thriving.
 - *Energy-* Advocate for reliable sources of affordable and diverse energy production
 - *Water Infrastructure-* Support securing California water supplies
 - *Transportation-* Promotes transportation infrastructure projects which increases mobility on the region's roadways and overall transportation system.
- **Business Competitiveness**
- **Objective-** Strive to grow California's business climate to continually lure investment, attract and grow good jobs for the future.

- *California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)*- Champions the modernization to CEQA to limit abuse
- *Taxation*- Support equitable, sustainable tax system that lessens the burden on the business community
- **Aerospace and Defense Industry**
- **Objective-** Ensuring the aerospace industry remains a key economic sector in the South Bay.
 - *The Los Angeles Air Force Base (LAAFB)* - A key part of the foundation supporting the Southern California aerospace industry and we support retaining the LAAFB in its current form.
 - *Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)* - Ensure California does not continue to suffer a disproportionate amount of base closure-related employment losses.

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- **Aviation:** SBACC supports programs that capitalize on our region's innovative aerospace industry and projects that improve movement of passengers and cargo in and out of local airports.
- **Ballot Initiatives:** SBACC supports fiscally sound ballot measures that address critical needs and realistically have taken into account the possible impacts on our economy.
- **Budgeting:** SBACC supports transparent budget decisions that are based on realistic projections with long-term goals in mind.
- **Education:** SBACC supports educational training, workforce development and skilled labor programs to assist South Bay businesses to meet future workforce demands.
- **Energy:** SBACC supports reliable sources of affordable and diverse energy supplies, including renewable sources and conservation.
- **Environmental Regulations:** SBACC supports regulatory reforms that fully consider environment impacts but are not misused against projects as political strategies.
- **Goods Movement:** SBACC supports projects to improve the delivery of goods throughout our region to allow imports and exports to affordably flow through our region cost effectively and environmentally efficient.
- **Healthcare:** SBACC supports a sound and affordable healthcare system that addresses cost containment and excessive regulations that ultimately harm the delivery of health services.
- **International Trade:** SBACC supports trade and tourism initiatives to spur commerce and to strengthen the region's leading position in the global economy.
- **Labor Costs:** SBACC supports striking a balance between employees' expectations to be treated fairly with employers' abilities to stay in business.
- **Land Use:** SBACC supports a balanced approach to addressing workforce housing demands, creating new jobs, protecting industrial and commercial zones as well as preserving open space and our unique quality of life.
- **Los Angeles Air Force Base:** SBACC supports retaining the Air Force Base here in the South Bay.

- **Litigation:** SBACC supports reforms to California's litigious environment so employers and public agencies are protected against costly, frivolous lawsuits.
- **Pensions:** SBACC supports reducing the public's tax liability on unrealistic, unfunded pension plans and encourages long term remedies to ensure fiscal health.
- **Taxation:** SBACC supports reducing the high tax burden on businesses as well as a tax/fee structure that does not put South Bay businesses at a competitive disadvantage.
- **Telecommunications:** SBACC supports growth of technology to provide our region with access to all forms of communication tools to enhance the South Bay's diverse job sectors as well as the military, residents, and schools.
- **Transportation:** SBACC supports innovative funding solutions to accommodate increased mobility on the region's roadways and overall transportation system.
- **Waste Management:** SBACC supports realistic, fair and consistent water discharge requirements as well as policies on solid waste management so that the collection, transport, processing and disposal of solid waste is conducted with minimal impacts to our beaches and businesses.
- **Water:** SBACC supports a long-term, comprehensive state water plan that is reliable and includes conservation, new supply, reclamation, storage and conveyance that is equitable for all Californians.
- **Workplace Standards:** SBACC supports efforts to make California's workplace standards more competitive with the rest of the nation.