

The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce believes in "A Thriving Region for All" and a "Balanced Approach" to decision-making and that "Business is a Force for Good."

We design and advance opportunities and solutions for a thriving regional economy that is balanced, inclusive, and globally competitive.

#### **GOVERNMENT & FISCAL AFFAIRS**

The Government & Fiscal Affairs Council (GFA Council) serves as the Chamber's primary committee to evaluate legislation and policies that broadly affect the business community and civic life, including business regulations, government reforms, budgets, taxes, election procedures, inclusion and public safety. The GFA Council will work to ensure underrepresented communities do not experience acts of violence, opportunity and resource inequities, and institutionalized racism. The GFA Council will support policies and programs that break down barriers to change, provide fair and equitable access to economic and safety opportunities, and encourage community collaboration and inclusiveness.

## Review and Recommend Positions on Local and State Initiatives

The GFA Council reviews proposed local and state ballot initiatives and recommends positions to the Chamber's Board of Directors. The council will continue to review these measures to ensure they are fiscally sound and do not negatively impact businesses in the L.A. region with higher taxes, new costs, or unnecessary regulatory burdens.

# Good Governance and Fiscally Responsible Policies

The GFA Council will work to identify policies and take positions on business regulations to ensure they are fair and reasonable, foster good governance and promote fiscal responsibility. The council will advocate for prudent budgets and fair and consistent taxes in the city, county and state as well as oppose industry-specific taxes.

- Ensure accountability and transparency.
- Promote an equitable tax structure.
- Maximize investments, particularly for small businesses and underrepresented businesses.

#### **Preserve Democracy and Protect Elections**

The GFA Council will work to ensure a fair and open election process that is inclusive, convenient and user-friendly. The council will take positions on revisions to the L.A. County voting process and support election reforms that support, create or maintain inclusivity.

- Encourage maximum voter turnout and expand the use of mail-in ballots.
- Inform the business community of candidates' positions on issues of interest.
- Support redistricting efforts that promote appropriate representation of community and business interests.
- Support efforts to achieve a more transparent and inclusive governance model in L.A. City and L.A. County.



### **Ensure Community Safety**

The GFA Council will work to ensure business is at the forefront of public safety debates. The council supports balanced policies, preserving healthy communities and partnerships, and promoting systemic change.

- Promote an equitable tax structure.
- Work with stakeholders to redefine the role of police.
- Maximize business interests in changes to public safety protocols.
- Promote community decision-making that includes business perspectives.

### **GOVERNMENT & FISCAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL LEADERSHIP**



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