

# GOVERNMENT & FISCAL AFFAIRS

The Government & Fiscal Affairs Council of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce serves as the Chamber's primary committee to evaluate legislation and policies that affect the broad business community and civic life including taxes, regulations and government reforms. The Council meets bi-monthly to monitor and act on general business regulatory issues and focuses on Los Angeles' public policy issues.

## Support efficient and effective government and political systems

This Council promotes changes to our political systems to foster good government and inclusive representation. The Chamber has supported the establishment of the statewide redistricting commission, extension of term limits and the "top two" system for electing California officials. We review and weigh in on structural changes to government, and support the creation of the City of L.A.'s new vision for economic development with a dedicated department and a new private nonprofit to promote growing our local economy.



## Review and recommend positions on local and state initiatives

This Council reviews proposed ballot initiatives and recommends positions to the Chamber's Board of Directors. The Chamber looks to ensure measures are fiscally sound and do not negatively impact businesses in the L.A. region with costs or new regulations.

## Ensure responsible policies

This Council will work to identify policies and take positions on regulation that are fair and reasonable, ensuring good government and fiscal responsibility. The Council will advocate for fair and consistent taxes in the county and state as well as oppose industry specific taxes. We will continue to support reductions and simplification of the City's gross receipts tax.

## Support policies that ensure a fair, comprehensive 2020 Census count

It is critical that the 2020 Census be conducted as comprehensively and accurately as possible to effectively allocate billions of dollars in federal, state and local funding. Local and state officials rely upon census data to show where new schools, roads and other public facilities should

be built, just as businesses look to the census to help them determine where the necessary workforce or consumer bases exist to support production and sales facilities. The Council will promote policies and outreach opportunities to ensure an accurate 2020 Census and aid the business community in educating their employees and other stakeholders in the process.

## Fair and effective cannabis regulation

As an emerging business sector, ensuring a successful rollout of this newly legalized industry is critical to public safety and revenue goals. The Council will put a strong emphasis on ensuring strong enforcement principles are adopted by the governing bodies, creating fair and consistent tax policies for all sectors of the industry among the different levels of government, and promoting an effective and robust public education campaign around the legalization of cannabis in California.

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