2019 Advocacy Priorities

Policymakers listen when the business community is actively engaged in public policy. Our member-driven advocacy efforts focus on the vital issues that affect our economy and quality of life. The Chamber is actively engaged in dozens of important issues. Our team advocates to:

- Support comprehensive immigration reform to build a skilled workforce.
- Strengthen Los Angeles’ position as a global leader of clean technology innovation.
- Advocate for increased housing production at all levels: affordable, workforce, and market rate.
- Develop strategies for high-growth industries such as biosciences and cannabis.
- Support implementation of effective infrastructure investments and operational improvements to improve mobility and safety within the region.
- Support policies at all levels that increase mobility, relieve congestion and expand alternative commute options.
- Advocate for Investments in high-quality early child care and education.
- Improve student outcomes for K-12 students by supporting investments that will strengthen funding for our schools, such as the Local Control Funding Formula that provides local districts with increased flexibility and additional investments in programs addressing out-of-school time for our most vulnerable students.
- Support efforts to expand college access and affordability, from increasing need-based financial aid, to providing more support for non-tuition costs for students with financial need.
- Modernize California’s Environmental Quality Act with a focus on preserving the law’s original intent while preventing abuse for purposes unrelated to environmental protection.
- Advocate for policies that address cost drivers which result in escalating health care costs for employers and employees, such as unnecessary administrative burdens, inefficient fee-for-service care and high drug prices.

Public Policy and Industry Councils

In today’s economic and political environment, business is tough. In order to help you address the issues affecting your business and the L.A. region, the Chamber has 10 councils that make recommendations to the Chamber’s leadership on important issues. These councils meet on a regular basis and are open to all members.

**Education & Workforce Development**
Ensure every student and adult is prepared to succeed in tomorrow’s economy and contribute to society.

**Energy, Water & Environmental Sustainability**
Promote economic growth through sustainable, pro-jobs, energy and environmental policies.

**Global Initiatives**
Foster the development and access to international markets by local companies and maximize the region’s diverse resources to increase opportunities in the global economy.

**Government & Fiscal Affairs**
Evaluate legislation, regulations and government policies that affect the broad business community, including taxes, fiscal policies and the economic impacts created by government.

**Health Care**
Strengthen our county’s health care safety net, ensure responsible health care reform implementation and promote healthier lifestyles.

**Innovation & Technology**
Identify and engage business clusters that have economic growth potential — including signature, emerging and innovative industry groups.

**Land Use, Construction & Housing**
Create economically robust communities through smart growth planning, adaptive reuse and public-private partnerships. Promote opportunities for reductions in the population of chronically homeless, while creating jobs in the housing sector.

**Nonprofit**
Provide nonprofit organizations with a venue to network, exchange ideas, collaborate and discuss public policy issues impacting their community.

**Small Business**
Discuss common issues, share best practices, exchange information, increase understanding and discover innovative solutions to today’s business challenges.

**Transportation & Goods Movement**
Maximize the assets — such as Los Angeles International Airport and the San Pedro port complex — and transit systems that will ensure L.A. successfully competes against other mega-regions in the global economy.

To learn more about all of the Chamber’s public policy efforts, go to [lachamber.com/2019advocacy](http://lachamber.com/2019advocacy).
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