

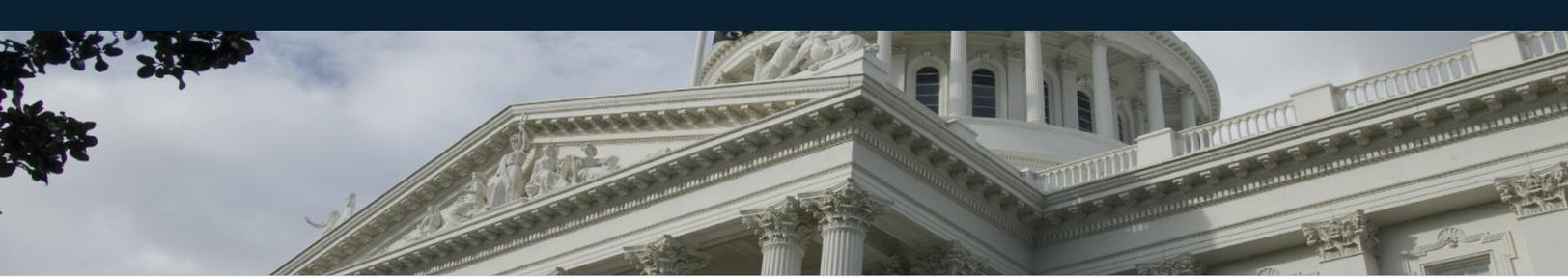
 **LOS ANGELES AREA**
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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ADVOCACY AGENDA

2024





A Thriving Region for All

The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce represents the Southern California region and supports its dynamic, diverse, and globally influential economy. We need strong collaboration and partnerships between sectors to ensure the future success and competitiveness of our region. The Chamber leads an annual trip to Sacramento with an engaged delegation of business, education, and civic leaders committed to the future of the Los Angeles region.

This advocacy agenda represents vital priorities necessary for the Los Angeles region to remain competitive, advance innovation, and prepare the workforce of the future.

SMALL BUSINESS

Small and micro-businesses generally have 27 days worth of cash on hand and operate within very narrow revenue margins. These policies seek to expand skill training, capacity building and access to procurement opportunities; as well as policies to reduce barriers and strains on small businesses.

SUPPORT

- AB 2262 (Reyes) Small business: local agency establishment of Small Business Utilization Program (SBUP).
- AB 3236 (Hoover) Public contracts: Small Business Procurement and Contract Act.
- AB 2030 (Davies) Public contracts: small business participation.
- SB 1177 (Bradford) Public utilities: women, minority, disabled veteran, and LGBT business enterprises.
- SB 1246 (Limon) California Prompt Payment Act: non-profit organizations.

OPPOSE

- SB 1116 (Portantino) – Unemployment insurance: trade disputes: eligibility for benefits.

INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

The Chamber supports policies and programs that foster innovation and creativity that make L.A. a more desirable place for technology companies and entrepreneurs to operate their businesses. The Chamber also supports initiatives that increase the supply of technically skilled workers and entrepreneurs.

SUPPORT

- AB 2370 (Cervantes) Community colleges: faculty: artificial intelligence.
- SB 970 (Ashby) Artificial intelligence technology.
- SB 893 (Padilla) California Artificial Intelligence Research Hub.
- SB 1047 (Wiener) Safe and Secure Innovation for Frontier Artificial Intelligence Systems Act.
- SB 896 (Dodd) Artificial Intelligence Accountability Act.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Infrastructure—or the systems we implement to support the movement of goods, transit of our workforce and livelihood of our communities is vital to the growth our regional economy. The Chamber supports meaningful investments to advance cost-effective policies and programs to ensure the robust delivery of goods as well as investments in ports and transit corridors.

SUPPORT

- AB 761 (Friedman) Local finance: enhanced infrastructure financing districts.
- SB 1393 (Niello) Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation Appeals Advisory Committee.

OPPOSE

- AB 2535 (Bonta) Trade Corridor Enhancement Program.

CRADLE TO CAREER

Los Angeles sits at the forefront of the cradle-to-career educational pipeline, advocating for the integration of workforce readiness programs for students from early education through post-secondary schooling, as well as their transition into the workforce. We are committed to developing a 21st-century workforce capable of competing in a global economy while placing special emphasis on expanding opportunities for at-risk and underserved populations.

SUPPORT

- AB 1818 (Jackson) Public post-secondary education: homeless students: parking.
- AB 2222 (Rubio) Science of Reading: accreditation: professional development: instructional materials.
- AB 1835 (Muratsuchi) Local educational agencies: housing development projects: allowable use: California Environmental Quality Act.
- AB 2226 (Muratsuchi) Elementary education: kindergarten.
- SB 895 (Roth) Community colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program.

OPPOSE

- ACA 14 (Ortega) University of California: basic state labor standards.

HOUSING

The Chamber supports policies that prioritize housing construction and an increase in access to affordable housing. This will accelerate an equitable and inclusive economy, fueling economic activity that elevates the quality of life for all Angelenos.

SUPPORT

- AB 2728 (Gabriel) Planning and zoning: housing development: independent institutions of higher education and religious institutions.
- AB 1886 (Alvarez) Housing Element Law: substantial compliance: Housing Accountability Act. Housing development: approvals.
- SB 450 (Atkins)
- SB 969 (Wiener) Alcoholic beverages: entertainment zones: consumption.

ENERGY

We support a technology-neutral and market-driven approach to achieve our clean energy goals and maintaining grid reliability. Businesses must have an affordable, diverse and reliable energy supply with storage capacity for the regional economy to remain productive and competitive. We also support policies that will ensure California's long-term water security and are inclusive of all water sources.

SUPPORT

AB 2514 (Aguir-Curry) Solid waste: organic waste.
SB 1418 (Archuleta) Hydrogen-fuelling stations: expedited review.
SB 1420 (Caballero) Hydrogen.

OPPOSE

AB 2619 (Connolly) Net energy metering.

HEALTH

The Chamber supports business-friendly health care policies that increase affordability, protect our access to coverage and quality care, and create sustainable workforce opportunities, while also avoiding burdensome regulations and increasing health care costs.

SUPPORT

AB 1788 (Quirk-Silva) Mental health multidisciplinary personnel team.
AB 1991 (Bonta) Licensee and registrant records.
AB 2726 (Flora) Specialty care network: telehealth and other virtual services.
AB 2490 (Petrie- Norris) Pregnancy Emergency Preparedness Program.
SB 26 (Umberg) Mental health professions: CARE Scholarship Program.
SB 1042 (Roth) General acute care hospitals: clinical placements: nursing.
SB 59 (Skinner) Menstrual Product Accessibility Act.

GOVERNMENT AND FISCAL AFFAIRS

The Chamber supports policies and programs that break down inequitable barriers to change, provide fair and equitable access to economic and safety opportunities, and encourage community collaboration and inclusiveness.

SUPPORT

AB 2943 (Zbur) Crimes: shoplifting.
AB 3242 (Rivas) Commission on Cutting Red Tape: Government Operations Agency.
AB 1779 (Irwin) Theft: jurisdiction.
SB 1144 (Skinner) Marketplaces: online marketplaces.

PREPARING SMALL BUSINESSES FOR MAJOR GLOBAL SPORTING EVENTS

The L.A. Area Chamber and the Get in the Game coalition respectfully requests a one-time investment of \$5 million in the 2024-2025 California State budget to introduce a new Supplier Resource Hub and Network for contractor and supplier businesses in Greater Los Angeles. Administered over three years, this funding will introduce the support needed to prepare small and diverse businesses to compete for the massive public and private contracting opportunities spurred by the region's mega infrastructure and events, which will culminate with the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

ABOUT THE CHAMBER

The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce represents the interests of a broad spectrum of organizations across the private, non-profit, academic, and public sectors, including the business community, job creators, and innovators in the Los Angeles region. Our mission is to design and advance opportunities and solutions for a thriving regional economy that is inclusive and globally competitive. As the oldest and largest business association in the region, the Chamber has a long-standing history of convening business leaders, communities, and policy makers to promote a vibrant economy.

SMALL BUSINESS AT THE CHAMBER

- 78% of our members are a small business.
- Selected as L.A. County Ecosystem Builder.
- Partnered with over 200 small businesses throughout the L.A. region.
- Created OneLA Inclusive Procurement to support local and diverse small businesses through the procurement process.

FACTS AND FIGURES



In 2019, tourism supported 544,700 jobs in the County's Leisure and Hospitality sector - equating to 1 in every 8.4 working Angelenos - making it the county's 4th largest employer.



The travel dependent and hospitality industries are one of the largest small business employers.



California is the top economy in the U.S. and the fifth largest economy in the world with a gross state product over \$3 trillion (2022).



California handles nearly \$552 billion in exports and imports and relies heavily on the skills and talents of a highly diverse population of more than 40 million.



In 2020, California was the second-largest state exporter in the United States, with an estimated value of \$156 billion, leading the nation in attracting foreign direct investment.

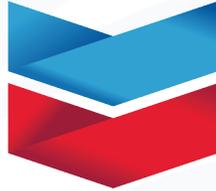


International trade and investment support hundreds of thousands of jobs in California.

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