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## **JOINT COUNCIL:**

**Education & Workforce Development and Government & Fiscal Affairs**  
**Tuesday, September 17, 2019 | 11 - 12:30 p.m.**

- 1. Welcome**  
Philip Recht, Mayer Brown, GFA Council Chair
- 2. Introduction of CA's Paid Family Leave Task Force**  
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David Rattray, Executive Vice President, L.A. Area Chamber of Commerce
- 3. Introduction of Speakers**  
Deane Leavenworth, Leavenworth Endeavors, Council Co-Chair
- 4. Presentation – Sharon Terman, Director, Work and Family Program, Legal Aid at Work**
- 5. Remarks – Xiomara Peña, Deputy Director, CA & National Latino Outreach Manager, Small Business Majority**
- 6. Remarks – Justin Orenstein, Director of Policy & Legislation, Office of Councilmember David E. Ryu**
- 7. Q&A – Facilitated by Philip Recht**
- 8. Informational Item**
  - L.A. Chamber, *2019 Budget and Legislative Recap*

*Next Education & Workforce Development Council: October 11, 2019 at 10:00 AM*  
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**Sharon Terman**  
Director, Work and Family Program  
Legal Aid at Work

Sharon directs the Work and Family Program, where she represents workers with family and medical leave claims as well as claims of pregnancy, gender, and disability discrimination. She also provides legal advice to low-income workers, engages in community education, and participates in legislative advocacy to expand workers' rights.

Sharon clerked for the Honorable Richard A. Paez of the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals from 2004 to 2005. She joined Legal Aid at Work as a Skadden Fellow in 2005 and became a staff attorney in 2007. She received her B.A. from UC Berkeley in 1998 and her J.D. from Stanford Law School in 2004.



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**Xiomara Peña**

Director, CA & National Latino Outreach Manager  
Small Business Majority

Xiomara Peña works from Los Angeles where she focuses on strengthening relationships with small business owners and organizations across Southern California. She also manages Small Business Majority's national Latino small business outreach work focused on delivering quality resources for the Spanish-speaking business community. Prior to joining Small Business Majority, Xiomara piloted business retention programs for the City of Los Angeles and programs geared toward empowering at-risk youth. She also has extensive experience as a community organizer and campaign manager. Xiomara is fluent in Spanish.

Her most notable accolades include a Leading the Way award and the Champion for Families award for her leadership in the Latino community. In 2016, Xiomara was recognized by the L.A. Mayor's Office of Economic Development for her extensive work highlighting responsible lending and education on access to capital options for small businesses. She currently sits on the Advisory Board for the Women's Mentoring Collaborative Program, is a member of California Community Colleges Doing What MATTERS for Jobs and the Economy "Small Business and Ethnic Outreach" Subcommittee and is the Chair for the El Nido Family Centers Alumni Association.



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**Justin Orenstein**  
Director of Policy & Legislation  
Office of Councilmember David E. Ryu

Justin Orenstein is the Director of Policy & Legislation for Councilmember David Ryu representing Council District 4.

Prior to joining the Councilman Ryu's office, Justin was Communications and Project Coordinator at ICON Community Development Corporation, where he oversaw the organization's external communications, community development initiatives and grant writing efforts.

He also served as Deputy Campaign Manager with Hertzberg for Senate 2014 and Business Development Coordinator with the Office of Congressman Tony Cardenas.

Justin earned his MA in International Studies from the School of Government and International Affairs, Durham University UK, and is currently completing his PhD in International Political Economy from the same.

## September 2019 Legislative Status Report

### **The following Chamber-supported bills have advanced to the Governor's desk:**

- AB 5 (Gonzalez) will impact how business classifies employees and independent contractors. *Note: While we advocated for a number of exemption/amendments that were not included, the Governor's signature will help certain segments of the business community who secured exemptions. We will continue to advocate in 2020 for solutions for others, including resolution to the gig economy issue.*

#### *Housing*

- SB 330 (Skinner) would block local municipalities from downzoning or imposing new prohibitions on housing construction.
- AB 1483 (Grayson) would improve data collection on housing.
- SB 13 (Wieckowski) would prohibit or significantly limit impact fees on accessory dwelling units.

#### *Transportation*

- AB 47 (Daly) implements a violation point against a driver's record for distracted driving if an electronic device violation happens within 36 months of the same offense.
- AB 1560 (Friedman) revises CEQA's definition of "major transit stop" to include BRT.

#### *Energy and Environment*

- AB 1054 (Holden, Burke, Mayes) to establish the Wildfire Safe Advisory Board and require the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety and CPUC to develop consistent approaches to share data related to electric infrastructure safety. Also establishes Wildfire Fund and allows costs recovery for electric companies.
- SB 190 (Dodd) requires Office of State Fire Marshall to develop a model defensible space program for localities to use to enforce defensible space provisions.
- SB 209 (Dodd) established CA Wildfire Warning Center to monitor weather patterns that may be related to fire-threat weather conditions.

#### *Technology*

- AB 25 (Chau) fixes an unintended consequence of having businesses treat employees or job applicants' data as consumer data.
- AB 1146 (Berman) addresses vehicle information shared between a new motor vehicle dealer and the manufacturer vehicle repair relating to warranty work or a recall.
- AB 1564 (Berman) requires businesses to staff an email address provided to consumers to exercise their privacy rights.

#### *Healthcare*

- AB 414 (Caballero) ensures that Californians are covered under minimum essential medical coverage.
- AB 174 (Wood) administers enhanced premium assistance to reduce healthcare premiums for those at the federal poverty level.

- AB 1004 (McCarty) requires the inclusion of developmental screening services for children zero to three.

#### *Education*

- AB 150 (Beall) **Chamber sponsored**, will improve access to the Chafee Grant Program, which provides state financial aid for current and former foster youth who are enrolled in a postsecondary education or training program.
- AB 943 (Chiu) would authorize the use of funding for the Student Equity and Achievement program for the provision of emergency student financial assistance.
- SB 554 (Roth) authorizes the governing board of a school district overseeing an adult education program or the governing board of a community college district overseeing a noncredit program to authorize a student pursuing a high school diploma or a high school equivalency certificate to enroll as a special part-time student at a community college.
- AB 1645 (Rubio) would require the California Community Colleges and the California State University, and request the University of California, to designate a Dreamer Resource Liaison on each of their respective campuses to assist students meeting specified requirements, including undocumented students.
- SB 354 (Durazo) would expand DREAM loan eligibility to a student who is enrolled in a program of study leading to a professional or graduate degree, including, but not limited to, a teaching credential, if the student meets the other applicable qualifications.
- AB 540 (Limon) would change the name of the Cal Grant B Service Incentive Grant Program to the California Dreamer Service Incentive Grant Program.
- SB 419 (Skinner) would prohibit a student from being suspended from a school district or charter school or recommended for expulsion, unless the superintendent of the school district or the principal of the school determines that the student has committed a specified act.

**The Chamber successfully advocated against the following bills, which are dead for the year:**

- ACA 14 (Gonzalez) would have made it mandatory for all contracted employees for the University of California systems to have the same protections and standards as full time employees. *Granted reconsideration for 2020.*
- AB 1066 (Gonzalez) would have raised Unemployment Insurance costs by using UI to pay workers on strike. *Granted reconsideration for 2020.*
- SB 633 (Stern) would have changed existing Department of Toxic Substance Control cleanup standards that would result in less cleanup of contaminated sites and create uncertainty for all cleanup sites.
- AB 516 (Choi) would have taken away authority for peace officers to remove vehicles from the public right away that have five or more delinquent traffic tickets or parking citations.
- AB 764 (Bonta) aimed to prohibit businesses from offering incentives, such as manufactures coupons, for their beverages containing sugar.
- AB 765 (Wicks) would prohibit certain beverages in the checkout area of a store.
- AB 766 (Bonta) would prohibit retailer from selling an unsealed beverage container more than 16 fluid ounces.
- AB 138 (Bloom) would impose a tax on sugar-sweetened beverages.
- SB 567 (Caballero and Skinner) increases workers' compensation costs for public and private hospitals by presuming certain diseases and injuries are caused by the workplace.
- SB 347 (Monning) establishes the Sugar-Sweetened Beverages Safety Warning Act, requiring a safety warning on all sealed sugar-sweetened beverage containers.

**The Chamber opposes and will advocate for the Governor to veto:**

- AB 857 (Chiu & Santiago) would allow local governments to create public banks.
- SB 1 (Atkins) freezes in place a number of federal environmental act standards in place on January 19, 2017 until January 20, 2025.
- AB 751 (O'Donnell) Would pave the way for districts to replace the 11th grade CAASPP assessment with either the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the ACT.

**The following Chamber-supported priority bills did not advance:**

- AB 58 (Wiener) to create a pilot program to extend bar hours in select cities.
- SB 736 (Umberg) to create the Creative Economy Task Force.
- AB 1416 (Rubio) to ensure the integrity of the MAUCRSA that requires all cannabit advertisements and marketing to accurately and legibly identify the licensee responsible for content.