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**L.A. AREA CHAMBER ENDORSES GOVERNOR  
SCHWARZENEGGER'S HEALTH CARE REFORM PRINCIPLES**

The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce endorses Governor Schwarzenegger's five-point statement of health care reform principles. As an active participant in legislative efforts to fix our broken health care system, the L.A. Area Chamber believes the Governor's plan provides the best possible platform for reform negotiations moving forward.

The future health of our region's economy hinges on reducing the total cost of health care without sacrificing quality. Gov. Schwarzenegger's principles for reform will help to ensure a balanced approach to finance expanded health care coverage for all Californians, without placing excessive burdens on business. The Governor's principles will also take advantage of our system of health care providers already in place.

The L.A. Area Chamber has long advocated for health care reform and put forth its own set of [guiding principles](#) to steer the debate in May, 2007. These principles emphasize shared responsibility in which employers, individuals, health care providers and the government all contribute to expanding coverage. The Chamber strongly opposes perpetuating the current employer-based system, which unfairly burdens employers without reducing the spiraling costs of health care.

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