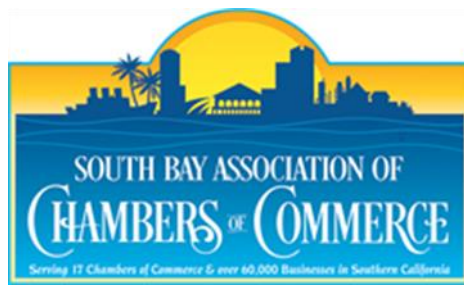


Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce
2300 Crenshaw Blvd. Building B
Torrance, CA 90501
Dan Hoffman, Chairman

1. Welcome Dan Hoffman, Chair
 - a. Flag Salute
2. Self-Introductions and Sign-In All Participants
 - a. Local City Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes Janice Webb, Secretary
4. Special Presentation
 - a. Charles H. Pannuzio, Los Angeles World Airports
 - b. Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach- Clean Air Action Plan
 - c. Paul Apodaca, SCORE Los Angeles
5. Government Affairs Report PEAR Strategies
 - a. 2017 DRAFT Policy Platform
 - b. AB 5 (Gonzalez) Employers: Opportunity to Work Act
 - c. SB 33 (Dodd) Contracts for Goods or Services
 - d. SB 62 (Jackson) Unlawful Employment: Family Care and Medical Leave
 - e. SB 63 (Jackson) Unlawful Employment Practice: Parental Leave
6. Office Holders, Administrative Agencies and Community Partners- *Please limit your reports to no more than 3 minutes.*
 - a. U.S. Chamber of Commerce- Jennings Imel
 - b. League of Cities- Jeff Kiernan
 - c. Los Angeles Air Force Base- Carla L. Rosepryor
 - d. Base Retention Advisory Council- Michael Jackson

- e. South Bay WIB- Chris Cagle
 - f. South Bay Council of Governments- Hon. Britt Huff
 - g. Office of Congresswoman Waters- Blanca Jimenez
 - h. Office of Congresswoman Barragan
 - i. Office of Congressman Lieu- Melissa Ramoso
 - j. Office of Senator Allen- Sam Liu
 - k. Office of Senator Bradford
 - l. Office of Senator Lara
 - m. Office of Assemblymember Burke- Robert Pullen-Miles
 - n. Office of Assemblymember Gipson- Chris Wilson
 - o. Office of Assemblymember Muratsuchi- Andrew DeBlock
 - p. Office of Assemblymember O'Donnell- Allison Gallaher
 - q. Office of Supervisor Hahn- Hon. Mark Waronek
7. [Officeholder representatives, non-chamber members, and guests are respectfully asked to leave the meeting at this point]
8. Chair's Report Dan Hoffman
9. Financial Report George Kivett, Treasurer
10. Committee Reports
11. Announcements All
- a. Special thanks to the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce for hosting us

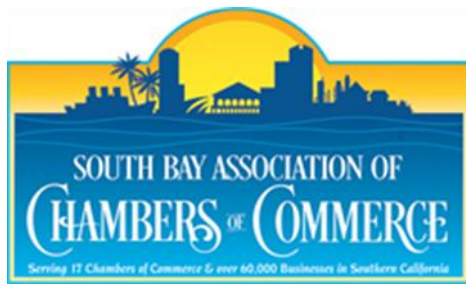


Board of Directors Meeting
Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce
JANUARY 2017 MINUTES

1. Welcome Dan Hoffman, Chair
 - a. Flag Salute 8:07AM
2. Self-Introductions and Sign-In All Participants
3. Approval of Minutes Janice Webb, Secretary
 - a. Patricia Donaldson
 - b. Eileen Hupp
 - i. Lou Baglietto -abstain
 - c. Motion Carries
4. Special Presentation
 - a. BizFed AQMD- Lara Larramendi provided an acronyms dictionary. Presented the AQMD Clean Air Action Plan and how it impacts businesses. AQMD Plan scheduled to be finalized in early 2017. Comments are due Feb 3. Joe Ahn asked that SBACC add their logo to the BizFed comment letter. Henry was asked to send the SBACC logo to Brandon Matson of BizFed.
 - i. Motion to support BizFeds efforts
 - ii. Michael Jackson
 - iii. Lou Baglietto
 - iv. Motion carries
5. Government Affairs Report PEAR Strategies
 - a. Development of the 2017 SBACC Policy Platform – Each Chamber provided its top three priorities for their service area. Vote was taken on combined priorities listed. Votes will be counted, prioritized and distributed by PEAR Strategies. Results will be discussed at the February SBACC meeting.
 - b. 2017 California Legislative Schedule – a tentative policy legislative schedule was distributed.
 - c. Newly elected Representatives’ contact information was distributed.

6. Office Holders, Administrative Agencies and Community Partners- *Please limit your reports to no more than 3 minutes.*
- a. U.S. Chamber of Commerce- Jennings Imel - **NA**
 - b. League of Cities- Jeff Kiernan- The League's focus for the year. Infrastructure, homelessness, and impact of public safety changes. AB1 and SB 1 are companion pieces of legislation on transportation funding. This was brought forward during the last few special sessions. The South Bay Legislative Meet and Greet will be on Jan 27th.
 - c. Los Angeles Air Force Base- Carla L. Rosepryor - **NA**
 - d. Base Retention Advisory Council- Michael Jackson- The base award ceremony will be moved from January to mid-February, stay tuned for exact dates. The committee is putting together a MOU for the on the development of a Military Affairs Committee (MAC). Marna Smeltzer asked about the P4 initiates. MJ- The council is trying to meet with Col Roberts to bring him up to date on the work being done.
 - e. South Bay WIB- Chris Cagle- The WIB has an office at the LAAFB in conjunction with EDD from the **S**tate of CA. In Feb they will be hosting a job fair at the base.
 - f. South Bay Council of Governments- Marilyn Lyon- The COG has a working group focused on developing methods to make businesses more appealing to the senior market. 18th Annual General Assembly is on Feb 24th in Carson
 - g. Office of Congresswoman Waters- Blanca Jimenez - **NA**
 - h. Office of CD-44 - **NA**
 - i. Office of Congressman Lieu- Melissa Ramoso- The office is starting **outreach** for the Congressional Arts Competition and will do being an Academy Day for students who are interested applying for military academies. Introduced Nicholas Rodriguez who is the Congressman's new **D**istrict **D**irector.
 - j. Office of Senator Allen- Sam Liu - **NA**
 - k. Office of Senator Bradford - **NA**
 - l. Office of Senator Lara - **NA**

- m. Office of Assemblymember Burke- Robert Pullen-Miles- The office is still developing the legislative priority, career technology is still going to be her focus. The Assemblywoman has been appointed Assistant Speaker Pro Temp.
 - n. Office of Assemblymember Gipson- Chris Wilson- Gipson has been appointed Caucus Chair. Transportation and workforce housing will be his priority.
 - o. Office of Assemblymember Muratsuchi- Andrew DeBlock - **NA**
 - p. Office of Assemblymember O'Donnell- Allison Gallaher - **NA**
 - q. Office of Supervisor Hahn- Hon. Mark Waronek - **NA**
7. [Officeholder representatives, non-chamber members, and guests are respectfully asked to leave the meeting at this point]
8. Chair's Report Dan Hoffman
- a. The Executive Board meeting has been moved to the 4th Wed at the TACC at 8:00AM.
 - b. Annual Legislative Welcome Jan 27th
 - c. Seeking volunteers for the Bylaws Committee
9. Financial Report George Kivett, Treasurer
- a. George Kivett Account Balance = \$35,944
 - b. 2017 Chamber Invoices were sent. Members and sponsor invoices will be mailed today.
 - c. 2017 Budget Review scheduled for the January Executive Board Meeting
 - d. 2017 Budget will be presented to full Board for a vote in February
10. Committee Reports
11. Announcements All
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2017 DRAFT POLICY PLATFORM

Our Purpose

To provide coordination and to advance the common business interests of local Chambers of Commerce within the South Bay region through collaboration and advocacy on issues of mutual interest.

Our Vision

For SBACC to enhance the region's emerging role in the global economy through the South Bay's diverse industrial base and highly skilled workforce.

Our Mission

The South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce is an association of Chambers of Commerce dedicated to regional issue advocacy in the South Bay.

2017 Strategic Initiatives:

Resources and Regional Infrastructure

Objective- Ensuring the State of California sustains an up to date infrastructure system which keeps our businesses and communities thriving.

- *Energy-* Advocate for reliable sources of affordable and diverse energy production.
- *Water Infrastructure-* Support projects that secure California's water supplies.
- *Transportation-* Promotes transportation infrastructure projects, including freight investment, which increases mobility on the region's roadways and overall transportation system and aide our goods movement sector.

Aerospace and Defense Industry

Objective- Ensure the aerospace industry remains a key economic sector in the South Bay.

- *The Los Angeles Air Force Base (LAAFB) -* Continue to pursue programs and efforts to keep the LAAFB in the South Bay, including a formal P4 partnership and the further development of the Base Retention Committee.
- *Workforce -* Continue to promote programs that retain and create aerospace jobs in our region and ensure that the industry has the necessary skilled workforce through educational programs.

Business Competitiveness

Objective- Advocate for policies that enhance California's business climate and promote entrepreneurship and job creation for both large corporations and small businesses.

- *California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)*- Champions the modernization to CEQA to limit abuse.
- *Wage Laws and Taxation*- Support equitable, sustainable tax system that lessens the burden on the business community and work towards wage laws that do not overly burden the small businesses in the South Bay.
- *Worker's Compensation* - Advocate restructuring of the worker's compensation formulas to allow small business to remain competitive in spite of rising minimum wage laws both locally and statewide.

Healthcare

Objective- support a sound and affordable healthcare system that addresses cost containment and excessive regulations that ultimately harm the delivery of health services.

- *Business Impact*: Monitoring and communicating with legislative bodies the impacts of healthcare legislation on local businesses.
- *Healthcare Costs*: Competitive marketplaces to control pharmaceutical and healthcare plan costs.
- *Medicare and Medicaid*: Support policies that protect funding for Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements to providers of healthcare, rather than attempts to further cut existing reimbursement rates.

Housing

Objective- Develop a housing stock that can properly sustain the growing population of the South Bay and Southern California.

- *Workforce Housing*- Support a diversified housing stock that can allow for middle class workers to afford to live near their place of employment and incentivizes companies to locate in the South Bay.
- *Transit Oriented Development*- Promote affordable and workforce housing near public transportation nodes to increase the amount of users of METRO and create convenience for riders.
- *Homeless and Veterans Housing*- Advocate for housing that incorporates components of housing for veterans and the homeless to better revitalize the South Bay's commercial corridors.

2017 POLICY PLATFORM

- **Aviation:** SBACC supports programs that capitalize on our region’s innovative aerospace industry and projects that improve movement of passengers and cargo in and out of local airports.
- **Ballot Initiatives:** SBACC supports fiscally sound ballot measures that address critical needs and realistically have taken into account the possible impacts on our economy.
- **Budgeting:** SBACC supports transparent budget decisions that are based on realistic projections with long-term goals in mind.
- **Education:** SBACC supports educational training, workforce development and skilled labor programs to assist South Bay businesses to meet future workforce demands.
- **Energy:** SBACC supports reliable sources of affordable and diverse energy supplies, including renewable sources and conservation.
- **Environmental Regulations:** SBACC supports regulatory reforms that fully consider environment impacts but are not misused against projects as political strategies.
- **Goods Movement:** SBACC supports projects to improve the delivery of goods throughout our region to allow imports and exports to affordably flow through our region cost effectively and environmentally efficient.
- **Healthcare:** SBACC supports a sound and affordable healthcare system that addresses cost containment and excessive regulations that ultimately harm the delivery of health services.
- **International Trade:** SBACC supports trade and tourism initiatives to spur commerce and to strengthen the region’s leading position in the global economy.
- **Labor Costs:** SBACC supports striking a balance between employees’ expectations to be treated fairly with employers’ abilities to stay in business.
- **Land Use:** SBACC supports a balanced approach to addressing workforce housing demands, creating new jobs, protecting industrial and commercial zones as well as preserving open space and our unique quality of life.
- **Los Angeles Air Force Base:** SBACC supports retaining the Air Force Base here in the South Bay.
- **Litigation:** SBACC supports reforms to California’s litigious environment so employers and public agencies are protected against costly, frivolous lawsuits.
- **Pensions:** SBACC supports reducing the public’s tax liability on unrealistic, unfunded pension plans and encourages long term remedies to ensure fiscal health.
- **Taxation:** SBACC supports reducing the high tax burden on businesses as well as a tax/fee structure that does not put South Bay businesses at a competitive disadvantage.
- **Telecommunications:** SBACC supports growth of technology to provide our region with access to all forms of communication tools to enhance the South Bay’s diverse job sectors as well as the military, residents, and schools.
- **Transportation:** SBACC supports innovative funding solutions to accommodate increased mobility on the region’s roadways and overall transportation system.

- **Waste Management:** SBACC supports realistic, fair and consistent water discharge requirements as well as policies on solid waste management so that the collection, transport, processing and disposal of solid waste is conducted with minimal impacts to our beaches and businesses.
- **Water:** SBACC supports a long-term, comprehensive state water plan that is reliable and includes conservation, new supply, reclamation, storage and conveyance that is equitable for all Californians.
- **Workplace Standards:** SBACC supports efforts to make California's workplace standards more competitive with the rest of the nation.

AB 5- (GONZALEZ) EMPLOYERS: OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ACT

Recommended Action

OPPOSE

Background

Existing law creates the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement in the Department of Industrial Relations for the purpose of enforcing labor laws. Existing law, with certain **exceptions, establishes 8 hours as a day's work and a 40-hour workweek**, and requires payment of prescribed overtime compensation for additional hours worked.

Summary

This bill would create the Opportunity to Work Act an unfair scheduling mandate. Burdening small and large employers with a scheduling mandate that requires employers to offer additional hours of work to employees before hiring a new employee or contractor and exposes employers to multiple threats of costly litigation for technical violations that do not cause an employee any harm.

The bill would require an employer with 10 or more employees to offer additional hours of work to an existing nonexempt employee before hiring an additional employee or subcontractor, except as specified, would require an employer to post a notice of employee rights, as specified, and would require the employer to maintain certain documentation.

AB 5 would authorize an employee to file a complaint for violation of these provisions with the division and to, in the alternative, bring a civil action for remedies under the act. The bill would require the division to enforce these provisions, as specified and would authorize the division to, among other things, adopt rules and regulations.

Status

| Date | Action |
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| 01/19/17 | Referred to Com. on L. & E. |
| 12/06/16 | From printer. May be heard in committee January 5. |
| 12/05/16 | Read first time. To print. |

SB 33 (DODD) CONTRACTS FOR GOODS OR SERVICES: WAIVER: FRAUD, IDENTITY THEFT, AND WRONGFUL USE OF PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Recommended Action

OPPOSE

Background

Arbitration can provide individuals with a better remedy than pursuing lengthy class action litigation. The United States Supreme Court has been consistently clear that a prohibition of arbitrating certain claims is preempted under the Federal Arbitration Act (FAA). Existing law generally regulates the formation, terms, conditions, and enforcement of contracts, including what constitutes an unlawful contract. The American Tort Reform **Association's "Judicial Hellholes Watch List"** ranks California as having the second worst litigation environment in the country. SB 33 will neither help **California's** litigation environment nor promote **businesses'** ability to create jobs as it will drive up California **employers'** litigation costs.

Summary

SB 33 unfairly discriminates against arbitration agreements made as a condition of entering into a contract for goods or services and interferes with the fundamental attributes of arbitration, which is likely preempted by the Federal Arbitration Act (FAA). This will lead to confusion, uncertainty and costly litigation for such contracts.

SB 33 applies to any contract for goods or services that requires an individual to submit any and all disputes to arbitration, including those arising from claims alleging fraud, identity theft, or personal identifying information. This proposal basically sets up a pleading pathway for consumer attorneys to avoid arbitration by allowing such consumer attorneys to allege numerous claims, including a claim for identity theft or wrongful use of identifying information in the complaint in order to avoid arbitration

Status

| Date | Action |
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| 01/12/17 | Referred to Coms. on JUD. and APPR. |
| 12/06/16 | From printer. May be acted upon on or after January 5. |
| 12/05/16 | Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print. |

Recommended Action

OPPOSE

Background

The Moore-Brown-Roberti Family Rights Act, makes it an unlawful employment practice for an employer to refuse to grant a request by an eligible employee to take up to 12 workweeks of unpaid protected leave during any 12-month period (1) to bond with a child who was born to, adopted by, or placed for foster care with, the employee, (2) to care for the **employee's** parent, spouse, or child who has a serious health condition, as defined, or (3) because the employee is suffering from a serious health condition rendering him or her unable to perform the functions of the job.

The act defines “**child**” to mean a biological, adopted, or foster child, a stepchild, a legal ward, or a child of a person standing in loco parentis who is either under 18 years of age or an adult dependent child. The act defines “**parent**” to mean a biological, foster, or adoptive parent, a stepparent, a legal guardian, or other person who stood in loco parentis to the employee when the employee was a child.

Summary

SB 62 will significantly expand the type of individuals for which employees can take leave under the California Family Rights Act (CFRA), allowing California employees to take up to 24 weeks/6 months of protected leave in a 12-month period. A significant expansion of California Family Rights Act. Increases costs, risk of litigation and creates less conformity with federal law by expanding the family members for whom leave may be taken, which will provide a potential 24-week protected leave of absence for employers to administer.

For example, under SB 62, an employee could utilize his/her 12-weeks of CFRA to care for the serious medical condition of a grandparent, who is not a family member covered under FMLA, and therefore would not trigger FMLA leave. Upon returning, the employee would still be entitled to another 12-week protected leave of absence under FMLA. Governor Brown already vetoed prior legislation (SB 406) in 2015 due to this very issue:

Status

| Date | Action |
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| 01/12/17 | Referred to Com. on L. & I.R. |
| 12/27/16 | From printer. May be acted upon on or after January 26. |
| 12/22/16 | Introduced. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print. |

Recommended Action

OPPOSE

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Summary

Imposes New Maternity and Paternity Leave Mandate. Unduly burdens and increases costs of small employers with as few as 20 employees by requiring 12 weeks of protected employee leave for child bonding and exposes them to the threat of costly litigation. SB 63 will significantly harm small employers in California with as few as 20 employees by adding to the existing burden under which they already struggle. Governor Brown vetoed a similar, but narrower proposal just last year.

Even though the leave under SB 63 **is not “paid” by the employer, that does not mean the small employer will not suffer added costs.** While the employee is on leave, the employer will have to: (1) maintain medical benefits while the employee is on leave; (2) pay for a temporary employee to cover for the employee on leave, usually at a higher premium; or (3) pay overtime to other employees to cover the work of the employee on leave. The cost of overtime is higher given the increase of the minimum wage, which will add to the overall cost on small employers.

Status

| Date | Action |
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| 01/12/17 | Referred to Coms. on L. & I.R. and JUD. |
| 01/04/17 | Read first time. |
| 12/27/16 | From printer. May be acted upon on or after January 26. |
| 12/22/16 | Introduced. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print. |

MEASURE H- SALES TAX MEASURE TO FUND HOMELESS SERVICES AND PREVENTION

Measure H will be on the ballot for Los Angeles County voters in Los Angeles County, California, on March 7, 2017, a two-thirds supermajority is required for passage.

A yes vote is a vote in favor of authorizing a 0.25 percent county sales tax for 10 years in order to fund homeless services and prevention.

A no vote is a vote against authorizing a 0.25 percent county sales tax for 10 years in order to fund homeless services and prevention.

Analysis

Approval of Measure H would authorize the County of Los Angeles to impose a one-quarter percent (0.25%) special transactions and use tax on the gross receipts of any retailer from the sale of all personal property in the incorporated and unincorporated territory of the County. This Measure was placed on the ballot by resolution of the County Board of Supervisors. Proceeds from the Tax will be used to generate ongoing funding to prevent and combat homelessness within Los Angeles County, including funding mental health, substance abuse treatment, health care, education, job training, rental and housing subsidies, case management and services, emergency and affordable housing, transportation, outreach, prevention, and supportive services for homeless children, families, foster youth, veterans, battered women, seniors, disabled individuals, and other homeless adults, consistent with the strategies developed through the Homeless Initiative adopted by the Board, and as otherwise directed by the Board to address the causes and effects of homelessness.

The Ordinance provides that the County shall contract with the California State Board of **Equalization ("SBE") to administer the Tax. The Ordinance requires the SBE contract ensure the combined local transactions and use tax rate limit (currently two (2) percent) is not exceeded in any city or district such that the Tax, when aggregated with all other transactions and use taxes within the city or district subject to the combined rate limit will**

- (1) not cause the rate of all such taxes to exceed the combined rate limit,
- (2) not cause any person subject to the Tax to pay more than combined rate, and
- (3) have no impact on the revenue received by each city and district from transactions and use taxes previously imposed.