September 26, 2017

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown,

The South Bay Chambers of Commerce respectfully REQUEST your SIGNATURE on the following pieces of legislation currently before you.

**AB 525 – AGUIAR-CURRY – STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION: OFFER IN COMPROMISE: EXTENSION**

This bill extends the sunset date to allow the Board of Equalization to continue to enter into offers to compromise on tax liability owed that benefits the state and taxpayers.

**AB 657 – CUNNINGHMAN – STATE GOVERNMENT: SMALL BUSINESS LIAISONS.**

This bill would require a state agency that significantly regulates small business or that significantly impacts small business to prominently display the name and contact information of the small business liaison on the agency’s Web site, if the agency has a Web site. The bill would require a state agency that significantly regulates small business or that significantly impacts small business to notify the Office of Small Business Advocate within the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development and the Department of General Services within 72 hours of the occurrence of a vacancy in the position of small business liaison. The bill would require the state agency to fill the vacancy within 6 months after providing the required notice. The bill also would make other, nonsubstantive changes.

**AB 600 – COOPER - SALES AND USE TAXES: EXEMPTION: MANUFACTURING AND RESEARCH: USEFUL LIFE: ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION.**

This bill expands the existing manufacturing sales tax exemption to allow more businesses and manufacturing equipment to qualify, which will incentive manufacturers to stay in California and grow their manufacturing presence here.

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**AB 669 – BERMAN – DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: MOTOR VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY TESTING**
This bill helps improve alignment of the state’s workforce needs and education resources by extending the Economic and Workforce Development program within the California Community College system which is set to expire in 2018.

**AB 1583 – CHAU – PROPOSITION 65: ENFORCEMENT: CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; FACTUAL BASIS**
This bill provides greater transparency in Proposition 65 cases. Reduces litigation costs by requiring private enforcers of Proposition 65 to provide the alleged violator with the factual basis for the Certificate of Merit at the same time the information is provided to the Attorney General, a district attorney, or city attorney or prosecutor.

**SB 1 – BEALL – TRANSPORTATION FUNDING**
This bill improves California’s transportation system by providing long-term revenues to fix roads, freeways and bridges across California and put more dollars toward transit and safety.

**SB 17 – HERNANDEZ – HEALTH CARE: PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS**
SB 17 will bring much needed transparency and accountability to the pricing of prescription drugs in California.

**SB 540 – ROTH – WORKFORCE HOUSING OPPORTUNITY ZONE**
SB 540 aims to streamline housing approvals and construction. One challenge local developers face is complying with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which can be a lengthy process that creates delays and uncertainty. Under SB 540, cities and counties could identify priority housing areas within a community where enhanced planning, necessary environmental reviews and public engagement would occur at the front end.

**SB 649 – HUESO – WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES**
This bill would define the term “small cell” as a particular type of telecommunications facility for these purposes. Under existing law, a city or county, as a condition of approval of an application for a permit for construction or reconstruction of a development project for a wireless telecommunications facility, may not require an escrow deposit for removal of a wireless telecommunications facility or any component thereof, unreasonably limit the duration of any permit for a wireless telecommunications facility, or require that all wireless telecommunications facilities be limited to sites owned by particular parties within the jurisdiction of the city or county, as specified. This bill would apply these prohibitions to the approval of small cell facilities as defined by this bill.

For these reasons, we respectfully REQUEST your SIGNATURE when these bills come before you for consideration.

Sincerely,

Dan Hoffman
SBACC Chair