



## 2021 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.*

### **2021 Strategic Initiatives:**

#### **Economic Recovery and Reopening**

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

- *Labor Costs:* SBACC supports striking a balance between employees' expectations to be treated fairly with employers' abilities to stay in business.
- *Wage Laws and Taxation-* Support equitable, sustainable tax system that lessens the burden on the business community and work towards fair reopening / recovery strategy 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 despite new reopening laws both locally and statewide.

#### **Healthcare**

**Objective-** support a sound and affordable healthcare system, including public health that addresses cost containment and safe reopening regulations that.

- *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.

- *Homeless Housing-* Advocate for housing that incorporates components of housing for veterans and the homeless to better revitalize the South Bay's commercial corridors.
- *Mental Health-* Advocate for getting chronically homeless individuals off the streets and into permanent housing, where they can access services to address mental and physical problems.
- *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.

## **Resources and Regional Infrastructure**

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

- *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.
- *Energy-* Advocate for reliable sources of affordable and diverse energy production.
- *Water Infrastructure-* Support projects that secure California's water supplies.

## **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.

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- **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.
- **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)-** Champions the modernization to CEQA to limit abuse.
- **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.
- **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.