



Reflection of Goleta Valley Chamber Positions - 2006

California State Bills								
<p>AB 32 (Pavley) Halts Economic Growth Increases costs for California businesses, makes them less competitive and discourages economic growth with little or no proven environmental benefit by adopting an arbitrary cap on carbon emissions.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Support</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Oppose</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Goleta Chamber</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> </tr> </table>		Support	Oppose	Goleta Chamber		✓	
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California State Bills (continued)

AB 2235 (Parra)

Real Estate: Limited Liability Companies

Expands the definition of "person" under the Real Estate Law to include a limited liability company (LLC).

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber		✓

AB 2364 (De La Torre)

Employer Mandate

Mandates employers to pay 60% of their employee's health care coverage (HIPAA Implementation).

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber		✓

AB 2511 (Jones)

Land Use: Housing

The Planning and Zoning Law requires cities and counties to prepare and adopt a general plan to guide the future growth of a community. Every general plan must contain seven elements: land use, circulation, housing conservation, open-space, noise, and safety. The Planning and Zoning Law also establishes minimum standards for zoning ordinances adopted by counties and cities to implement their general plan and for actions taken to approve or disapprove individual project applications.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber		✓

AB 2555 (Oropeza)

Gender Pay Equity

This bill would increase the damages for which an employer may be liable to include; a civil penalty of twice the balance of the wages to do the aggrieved employee, or four times the balance of the wages due if the employer's violation is willful, distributed to the Labor and Workforce Development Agency for specified purposes.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	No position	No position

AB 2860 (Lieu)

State Government Commission on Manufacturing Competitiveness

Renames the California Commission on Industrial Innovation the California Commission on Manufacturing Competitiveness and Innovation and makes conforming changes to the enabling statute.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	✓	

AB 2987 (Nunez)

Cable and Video Service

Transfers authority for franchise approval from local governments to the State, specifically the Department of Corporations.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	No position	No position

ACA 28 (Canciamilla & Richman)

Citizen Assembly

Forms a California Citizens Assembly that would utilize unelected citizens who would strive to represent the average Californian.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	✓	

SB 371 (Torlakson)

Public Contracts: Design-Build: Transportation

Provides resident status, only for the purpose of determining the amount of public higher education tuition and fees, to a member of the armed services reserves, veterans or members of their immediate families, as specified.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	✓	

SB 1162 (Cedillo)

Minimum Wage Increase

This bill increases, effective July 1, 2007, the states minimum wage to \$7.25 per hour and to \$7.75, effective July 1, 2008.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber		✓

SB 1368 (Oerata)

Electricity: Emissions of Greenhouse Gases

Greenhouse gas emissions requirements for any long-term power commitment made by the state's electric utilities.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber		✓



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California State Bills (continued)

SB 1414 (Migden)

Fair Share Health Care Act

Requires companies with over 10,000 California employees to spend 8% of their annual payroll costs on health care insurance for employees.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber		✓

SB 1675 (Kehoe)

Vehicular Air Pollution: Renewable Diesel Fuel

Requires all diesel fuel sold or offered for sale in the state to contain at least 2% biodiesel, and two years thereafter, 5% biodiesel.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber		✓

SB 1800 (Murray)

Housing Element

The bill would replace doing Housing Element updates every five years with a ten-year update essentially covering twenty years. The local government would go through a similar public hearing process to designate exactly where housing could go the next ten years and where it likely to go in the second ten years. As part of the process, a comprehensive EIR would study housing could go for the first ten years.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	✓	

SB 1754 (Lowenthal)

Housing/Infrastructure Investment Districts

Creates redevelopment districts to promote infill housing by using diverted tax revenue to fund infrastructure needed to support housing on undeveloped property.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	✓	

SB 1784 (Kuehl)

Tax Increase

Increases income tax on taxpayers with \$200,000 or more of taxable income for supporting a government sponsored health care program.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber		✓

Regional and State Issues

Airport Terminal Expansion

Improve and enlarge existing Goleta airport.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	✓	

Community Housing Plan

Implementing a newly Adopted Housing Element update, to rezone land for multi-family housing.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	✓	

Goleta Water Business Rebate Program

Program to retrofit old water guzzling toilets, urinals, and clothes washers with more efficient fixtures in order to save money on electricity bills.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	✓	

Lawsuit Abuse Reform Coalition

Provides businesses with protection from baseless claims and end litigation tourism.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	✓	



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Regional and State Issues (continued)

LNG Cabrillo Port Project

Creation of a facility designed to unload liquefied natural gas (LNG) from tankers, regassify the material, and then pipe the natural gas along the ocean floor to meet a distribution system on shore.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	✓	

State Auto Insurance Rates

In 2006 hearings were held to redevelop auto insurance rates, which may drive rates up as much as 17%.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber		✓

State Propositions

Proposition 1A

Transportation Investment Fund

Would make it more difficult for the Legislature to suspend Proposition 42, which mandates that gasoline sales-tax revenue be spent on transportation, and divert the money for other purposes.
Closes the loophole and saves funding for much-needed statewide transportation improvements; improves the mobility of goods and people.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	✓	

Proposition 1B

Transportation and Safety

Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, Port Security Bond Act of 2006: a \$19.9 billion bond issue to pay for road repairs and expansions, repair bridges, expand public transportation, and improve port security.
Saves funding for much-needed statewide transportation improvements; improves the mobility of goods and people.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	✓	

Proposition 1C

Housing and Emergency Shelter

Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006: a \$2.85 billion bond issue to pay for affordable-housing assistance and housing for farm workers and the homeless.
Provides funding for housing our workforce.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	✓	

Proposition 1D

Educational Facilities Construction

Education Facilities. Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006: a \$10.4 billion bond issue for school and university construction.
Key piece of the State's infrastructure and is important to long-term for workforce development.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	✓	

Proposition 1E

Disaster and Flood Control

Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006: a \$4.09 billion bond issue to repair levees and flood-control systems.
A vital protection for levee and flood control systems.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	✓	

Proposition 84

Water Management

Water Quality, Safety and Supply. Flood Control. Natural Resource Protection Park Improvements: a \$5.4 billion bond issue to pay for clean-water, flood-control, and conservation projects.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	no position	no position



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State Propositions (continued)

Proposition 87

California Oil Tax

Alternative Energy. Research, Production Incentives. Tax on California Oil: would impose a 1.6 percent to 6 percent tax on producers of oil extracted in California, depending on the price per barrel, to pay for research and production incentives for alternative energy vehicles and clean-burning fuels.

Falls against the Chamber's position to not single out any one business or industry with taxes.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber		✓

Proposition 88

Property tax for Education

Education Funding. Real Property Parcel Tax: would impose a \$50 tax on each real property parcel to pay for kindergarten-through-12th-grade programs, including class-size reduction, textbooks, and school safety programs.

Inadequate program that Conflicts with Proposition 1D.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber		✓

Proposition 89

Corporate Tax Increase for Political Campaigns

Political Campaigns. Public Financing. Corporate Tax Increase. Contribution and Expenditure Limits: would allow political candidates who raise a specified number of \$5 donations to receive money from the state, and would raise taxes on banks and corporations by 0.2 percent to pay for the program.

Falls against the Chamber's position to not single out any one business or industry with taxes.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber		✓

Proposition 90

Private Property Protection

Government Acquisition, Regulation of Private Property: would prohibit state and local governments from condemning private property for other private uses.

California is not subject to the imminent domain issues that other states are, thus the Proposition is unnecessary.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	no position	no position

Measure D 2006

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Transportation Funding

The nearly \$1.6 billion funding plan will widen 101, maintain local roads, provide safe routes to school, increase bus service and create a new commuter rail service connecting Santa Barbara and Ventura County. The adopted plan would continue Measure D—our existing ½ percent local sales tax for transportation—for 30 years and provide for a ¼ percent increase.

Only available and feasible plan to sustain our transportation maintenance improvements, and commuter services; allows us to keep local control of funds.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	✓	



**GOLETA VALLEY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

A Head for Business, A Heart for the Community

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Goleta Water Board

Jack Cunningham

Election of

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	✓	

Laurie J. Kurilla

Election of

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	✓	

Goleta City Council

Roger Aceves

Election of

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	✓	

Michael Bennett

Election of

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	✓	

Eric Onnen

Election of

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	✓	

2006 Draft General Plan

Passage of

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber		✓