



# ISSUE & POLICY ROUNDTABLE

Tuesday,  
April 8th  
12:00pm

Chair  
Mark Dispenza

THE CHAMBER'S FORUM FOR GOVERNMENTAL AND BUSINESS CONCERNS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### April

- 10 - Board Meeting  
Jean Blois  
Community Room  
271 N. Fairview  
Ave., Ste 104  
8:00am - 9:30am
- 21 - Executive  
Board Meeting  
Jean Blois  
Community Room  
271 N. Fairview  
Ave., Ste 104  
12:00pm - 1:30pm
- 23 - Business After  
Hours Mixer  
El Capitan Ranch  
(see flyer for info)  
5:00pm - 7:00pm
- 24 - Issue & Policy  
Roundtable  
Goleta Business  
License Survey  
Jean Blois  
Community Room  
271 N. Fairview  
Suite 104  
12:00pm - 1:15pm

### May

- 1 - Board Meeting  
Jean Blois  
Community Room  
271 N. Fairview  
Ave., Ste 104  
8:00am - 9:30am
- 8 - Lemon Festival  
Comm. Meeting  
Jean Blois  
Community Room  
271 N. Fairview  
Suite 104  
8:00am - 9:00am
- 8 - Goleta's Finest -  
A Celebration of  
Community  
Bacara Main  
Ballroom  
8301 Hollister Ave.  
6:00pm - 10:00pm
- 13 - Issue & Policy  
Roundtable  
Candidates' Forum  
Jean Blois  
Community Room  
271 N. Fairview  
Suite 104  
12:00pm - 1:15pm

## Measure V2008

John Romo, President/Superintendent of Santa Barbara City College (SBCC) discusses the school's ballot bond measure, V2008. Passage of this measure by 55 percent of the voters will allow SBCC to issue \$77.2 million in bonds to maintain quality, affordable, local higher education at the school's Mesa (Main) campus, Schott Center and Wake Center. These funds will allow SBCC to qualify for more than \$92 million in additional state matching funding, making our local tax dollars go twice as far. If Measure V2008 does not pass now, some of these matching funds will go to other Districts, and SBCC will need to cut educational program budgets in order to address critical health and safety issues, repair plumbing and electrical wiring, fix leaky roofs and other necessary repairs.



**John Romo**  
President,  
Superintendent,  
Santa Barbara  
City College

If passed, what would the bond measure mean to you? What would SBCC plan to do with the funds if the measure passes and they are able to secure the matching state funding?

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## INTEREST ITEMS

### ITEM 1: Goleta General Plan

- **Housing Element:** On April 1, the Council reviewed staff's recommendations for the amendments to the General Plan's Housing Element. This was not a final vote, but rather a mid-point for the Council to give direction to staff. Of note, the Council supported staff's recommendation to delete the policy designating affordable housing sites so that "one inclusionary applies citywide and so that the Medium Density Residential sites are not subject to special provisions." However, in a seemingly contradictory vote, the Council also supported setting the inclusionary requirement for the previously identified affordable housing opportunity sites along the Hollister corridor to 30% (5% VL, 10%L, 5%M, 10%AM) which is higher than the recommended citywide requirement. Additionally, the Council supported a recommendation to eliminate the inclusionary requirement for rental units, as it could serve as a disincentive to the production of such generally more affordable units. Staff will now incorporate the Council's suggestions, requests, and changes into the General Plan and will return to the Planning Commission and later the Council for a final vote this summer.
- **Track 2 Amendments Public Hearing:** The final public hearing regarding the Track 2 Amendments (those not requiring additional environmental review) has been postponed until Thursday, May 1st at 6:00 pm.

### ITEM 2: Assemblymember Pedro Nava

Assemblymember Nava's term as chair of the Transportation Committee has ended, however, he still serves on the committee. Nava is now Chair of the Banking and Finance Committee. The Chamber is continuing to urge Nava to support AB 2127 (Benoit) - the flexible workweek bill. That bill is in the Labor and Employment committee tomorrow.

### ITEM 3: June 2008 Voters' Guide

The May issue of the Goleta Business Journal includes an insert Voter Guide with information about the five candidates running for 3rd District Supervisor, as well as Props 98 and 99 and Measure V. Candidates were asked three questions, given a 100 word response limit, and we have printed their answers in their entirety. Questions asked of the candidates include: What will you do to improve the business environment in the Goleta Valley? One of the Chamber's priority's is workforce housing. What is your position on growth within the urban boundary? What is your take on the current revenue neutrality agreement between the City of Goleta and the County? The Voter Guide will also be available on our website.

### ITEM 4: 3rd District Supervisor Candidates' Forum

All five candidates (Bearman, Farr, Pappas, Pointer, and Smyser) have agreed to participate in a candidates' forum here at the Chamber on Tuesday, May 13th. We welcome your input and invite suggestions for questions to candidates. The forum will start at noon and will take the place of a regular IPR discussion that day.

### ITEM 5: Prop 98 vs. 99

Eminent Domain

### Prop 98

- ACTION TAKEN:
- SUPPORT
  - OPPOSE
  - NO POSITION

### Prop 99

- ACTION TAKEN:
- SUPPORT
  - OPPOSE
  - NO POSITION

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## ACTION ITEMS (CONT)

## NOTES

ITEM 6: Measure V2008

Santa Barbara City College Bond Measure

**ACTION TAKEN:**

- SUPPORT
- OPPOSE
- NO POSITION

## LOCAL POLITICAL CALENDAR

### April

8 - Design Review Board  
3:00pm  
Goleta City Hall  
130 Cremona Drive, Ste. B

15 - City Council Meeting  
1:30pm & 6:00pm  
Goleta City Hall  
130 Cremona Drive, Ste. B

*IPR is the Chamber's forum for governmental and business concerns. The IPR committee will endeavor to study and take positions, when appropriate, on local regional and state issues that affect business and commerce in the Greater Goleta Valley.*

*The Chamber is the largest and most broadly based business representative in the Goleta Valley. It is the Chamber's role to promote a platform of economic health and vitality for the Goleta Valley on behalf of our members. IPR meetings and discussions are open to all Chamber members. When voting on an action item, all members present will be asked to vote. To be valid, votes must include a majority of the committee members listed below:*

Kristen Amyx  
Jean Blois  
Mark Dispenza  
Mark Ingalls  
Jim Knight  
Bill Macfadyen  
Tim Mahoney  
Bill Redding

## APRIL MIXER

### El Capitan Ranch

**WHO:**

Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce

**WHERE:**

El Capitan Ranch  
(See flyer)

**WHAT:**

Business After Hours Mixer — great networking, entertainment, food and beverages, and door prizes.

**COST:** Chamber Members - \$5

Non-Members - \$10

**RSVP:** Online at the Goleta

Valley Chamber website - [www.GoletaValleyChamber.com](http://www.GoletaValleyChamber.com), call 967-2500, or email [anna@goletavalley.com](mailto:anna@goletavalley.com)

**WHEN:**

Wednesday, April 23,  
5:00pm - 7:00 pm

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