



ISSUE & POLICY ROUNDTABLE

Tuesday,
June 10th,
12:00pm

Chair
Mark Dispenza

THE CHAMBER'S FORUM FOR GOVERNMENTAL AND BUSINESS CONCERNS

UPCOMING EVENTS

June

12 - Board Meeting
Jean Blois
Community Room
271 N. Fairview
Ave., Ste 104
8:00am - 9:30am

16 - Executive
Board Meeting
Jean Blois
Community Room
271 N. Fairview
Ave., Ste 104
12:00pm - 1:30pm

26 - Issue & Policy
Roundtable
Goleta Schools
Jean Blois
Community Room
271 N. Fairview
Suite 104
12:00pm - 1:15pm

SAVE THE DATE

25 - Business After
Hours Magical
Mixer Tour
5:00 pm-7:30 pm
Meet at the
Chamber - 5:15 pm
271 N. Fairview
Suite 104

Sept. 12 - Goleta
Economic
Forecast
8:00 am-10:30 am
Fairview Theater

UCSB Long Range Development Plan

As UC Santa Barbara looks ahead, it will rely on the Long Range Development Plan(LRDP) to shape its future to the year 2025. University Executive Vice Chancellor Gene Lucas leads the discussion on the LRDP to answer your questions about how Goleta will be affected by the University's growth as well as the potential benefits to the community.

Now available for public review, the LRDP is a planning tool that provides a blueprint to implement UCSB's Academic Plan and accommodate new generations of faculty, staff and students. The LRDP details the University's plans to accommodate a one percent per year growth in student enrollment to 25,000 students in 2025.

The LRDP discusses the University's plans for managing that growth, including water, housing and traffic issues. It details plans for open space enhancements, recreational facilities improvements and alternative transportation. The LRDP includes a detailed review of proposed improvements between the campus and adjacent Isla Vista. The LRDP is accompanied by a Draft Environmental Impact Report that identifies both impacts of the LRDP and proposed mitigations.



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INTEREST ITEMS

Item 1 - Goleta Business License Program

The City of Goleta is studying the feasibility of a modern business license program and is looking for feedback from the local business community. Goleta's existing business license program is a holdover from an old county ordinance and targets a few specific business types for regulatory compliance. A more sophisticated program would create a significant revenue source for the city, one that most cities in California utilize. The Council has emphasized they would like more of the business community's feedback as the study moves forward. The City is mailing a informational letter from the Mayor and a fact sheet to every business in Goleta and has prepared an electronic feedback worksheet to facilitate the input process to be found at www.goletafeedback.com.

Item 2 - 2008 "Job Killer" Bill List

The California Chamber of Commerce released its annual list of "job killer" bills, calling attention to the negative impact the proposed measures would have on California's competitiveness and job climate if they were to become law. See attached for the complete list. Visit www.calchamber.com for more information.



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NOTES

LOCAL POLITICAL CALENDAR

June

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

17 - 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
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Bill Redding

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2008 CalChamber Job Killer Bills

Barriers To Affordable Housing

AB 1065 (Lieber; D-Mountain View) Construction Costs Increase.

Substantially increases the cost of housing and development in California by implementing significant energy efficiency measures for all new residential and commercial buildings without regard for the additional costs that will be passed on to consumers.

AB 2046 (Jones; D-Sacramento) Construction Jobs Loss. Halts construction of housing, costs construction jobs and provides a disincentive to clean up ground water by inappropriately denying use of some groundwater resources as a stable water supply.

AB 2112 (Saldaña; D-San Diego) Construction Costs Increase.

Substantially increases the cost of housing, interferes with the utilities' ability to meet the AB 32 carbon cap mandates and drives up the cost of AB 32 compliance ultimately leading to increased utility bills by mandating on-site energy generation and efficiency standards for all new residential buildings.

AB 2153 (Krekorian; D-Burbank) Construction Jobs Loss. Failed to pass house of origin.

AB 2705 (Jones; D-Sacramento) Construction Jobs Loss. Potentially makes new housing less affordable, risks the loss of construction jobs and squeezes support for maintenance costs for parks and schools by expanding Mello Roos fees to include financial support of transit services.

Costly Workplace Mandates

AB 2716 (Ma; D-San Francisco) Employer Benefit Mandate.

Unreasonably expands employer's costs and liability by mandating a specific paid sick leave policy.

AB 2279 (Leno; D-San Francisco) Employee Safety Risk. Hurts employee safety and employers' right to maintain drug-free workplace policies. Exposes employers to potential litigation by forcing them to hire workers who use medical marijuana.

SB 840 (Kuehl; D-Santa Monica) Government-Run Health Care.

Creates a new government-run, multi-billion-dollar socialized health care system financed from a yet-to-be-specified tax increase.

SB 1115 (Migden; D-San Francisco) Workers' Compensation Reform Roll Back.

Increases workers' compensation costs and rolls back the workers' compensation reforms from 2004 by making apportionment very difficult to prove.

SB 1717 (Perata; D-Oakland) Workers' Compensation Reform Roll Back.

Increases workers' compensation costs and rolls back the workers' compensation reforms from 2004 by arbitrarily doubling permanent disability benefits and altering the 15% bump up/down provision in current law.

Economic Development Barriers

AB 1840 (C. Calderon; D-Montebello)/ABX3 2 (C. Calderon; D-Montebello) Internet Tax. Killed in the Assembly.

AB 2030 (Lieu; D-Torrance) Construction Costs Increases. Failed to pass house of origin.

AB 2359 (Jones; D-Sacramento) Limits Investments. Limits investment by capital markets by imposing legal liability for flaws in loans written by other lenders and brokers to those entities purchasing certain types of home loans. Amended.

AB 2372 (Coto; D-San Jose) Personal Income Tax Increase.

Harms numerous small business taxpayers who file personal income tax rather than corporate income tax returns by imposing a new 1% personal income tax increase on incomes over \$1 million in order to fund education programs.

AB 2447 (Jones; D-Sacramento) Construction Job Loss. Severely limits residential and commercial development to a degree that it could virtually shut down any suburban development in certain areas of California by prohibiting the approval of development in fire-risk areas without a mitigating finding by the city or county.

AB 2514 (Eng; D-Monterey Park) Costly Construction Delays.

Delays construction of commercial and residential projects and obstructs normal agricultural practices by requiring an unworkable resolution to disposition of human remains that are not Native American.

AB 2678 (Nuñez; D-Los Angeles) Building Energy Audits. Threatens already-beleaguered existing housing and commercial real estate markets by establishing a process to adopt mandatory time of sale energy efficiency audits without any specificity on what would ultimately be required by the audits.

AB 2897 (Hancock; D-Berkeley) Personal Income Tax Increase.

Harms numerous small business taxpayers who file personal income tax rather than corporate income tax returns by increasing tax rates on incomes over \$100,000 and \$200,000 to 10% and 11% respectively and the alternative minimum tax to 8.5%.

SB 375 (Steinberg; D-Sacramento) Limits Transportation Capacity.

Thwarts the intent of voters who approved broad-based transportation bonds and limits increased transportation capacity in certain areas of the state by prioritizing transportation projects in areas identified as a preferred area for growth.

SB 974 (Lowenthal; D-Long Beach) Tax on Freight Movement.

Increases the cost of shipping goods and makes California less competitive by imposing an illegal per-container tax in the ports of Long Beach, Los Angeles and Oakland.

SB 1165 (Kuehl; D-Santa Monica) Construction Jobs Loss. Failed to pass house of origin.

Expensive, Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens

AB 2546 (De La Torre; D-South Gate) Interference with Goods Movement.

Jeopardizes ports, rail yards and manufacturing facilities by setting up an unreasonable requirement to regulate the emissions from mobile emitters that visit their facility even if they have no control over the mobile sources.

SB 899 (Simitian; D-Palo Alto) Plastic Packaging Ban.

Pushes jobs out of California and increases costs for industries that use plastic packaging by banning the manufacturing and distribution of specified plastic packaging in California.

Fuel Price Increases

AB 2558 (Feuer; D-Los Angeles) Climate Change Tax.

Assesses an unconstitutional tax on businesses and consumers by authorizing the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to impose a tax by a majority vote on either motor vehicles or vehicle fuel.

ABX3 9 (Nuñez; D-Los Angeles) Gas Price Increase.

Imposes a billion-plus-dollar tax increase on California oil companies which would result in higher gas prices for consumers, increased dependence on foreign oil, and further damage to our already-suffering economy.

SB 140 (Kehoe; D-San Diego) New Fuel Mandate.

Disadvantages California businesses and increases fuel prices by creating a fuel mandate that picks a winner in the alternative fuels market, preventing the research and development of additional viable options that may be cheaper and more efficient.

SB 445 (Torlakson; D-Antioch) Climate Change Tax.

Assesses an unfair tax on businesses and consumers by authorizing specified regional transportation agencies to impose a tax on either motor vehicles or vehicle fuel.

SB 1240 (Kehoe; D-San Diego) Restrictive Fuel Standard.

Interferes with the development of a competitive alternative fuels market and threatens job creation in California by creating a costly Low Carbon Fuel Standard that conflicts with the existing standard created by Governor's Executive Order S-7-04.

Inflated Liability Costs

AB 437 (Jones; D-Sacramento) Increased Employer Liability Exposure.

Significantly expands employers' liability exposure and hampers their ability to defend themselves by effectively removing any statute of limitations for lawsuits challenging any employer decision that affects pay or benefits.

AB 1456 (Laird; D-Santa Cruz) Increased Insurance Costs.

Greatly increases liability exposure for companies and may lead to higher insurance rates for consumers by preventing Medi-Cal amounts paid on behalf of a plaintiff from being considered in determining an insurance company's liability for medical damages.

AB 2690 (Krekorian; D-Burbank) Increased Health Care Costs.

Failed to pass house of origin.

AB 2847 (Krekorian; D-Burbank) Increased Health Care Costs.

Failed to pass house of origin.

SB 1113 (Migden; D-San Francisco) Incentive to Sue.

Rewards plaintiffs for costs of litigation stemming from private attorney general actions while providing no cost recovery for those who must defend themselves against such actions, even if those actions are found to be baseless.