



ISSUE & POLICY ROUNDTABLE

Tuesday,
August 12th,
12:00pm

Chair
Mark Dispenza

THE CHAMBER'S FORUM FOR GOVERNMENTAL AND BUSINESS CONCERNS

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

18 - Executive Board Meeting

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

20 - Ready, Respond, Recover Education Luncheon

Jean Blois
Community Room
271 N. Fairview
Suite 104
12:00pm - 1:15pm

27 - Business After Hours

5:00 pm-7:00 pm
Circle Bar B
1800 Refugio Rd.

28 - Issue & Policy Roundtable

Santa Barbara
Green Business
Program
Jean Blois
Community Room
271 N. Fairview
Suite 104
12:00pm - 1:15pm

SAVE THE DATE

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

Oct. 18 & 19 -
California Lemon
Festival in Goleta
at Girsh Park

Dr. Bill Watkins

Join the discussion as Dr. Watkins seeks input from local business leaders to customize his Goleta Economic Forecast to the specific interests and needs of the local community. Watkins will present his annual research on September 12th at the Economic Forecast.

What data will Dr. Watkins be analyzing? Which sectors of the local economy will he include in his study? What's new for the 2008 forecast? Are there specific sectors of the local economy that the business community would like studied in more depth? How can the study be most helpful to Goleta's business leaders this year?



**Dr. Bill
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INTEREST ITEMS

Item 1 - US Chamber Energy Institute's Open Letter to Congress

Last week, the U.S. Chamber's Institute for 21st Century Energy, with broad bipartisan support, released a new energy platform to guide our nation toward a safe, secure, and affordable energy future. In an open letter to the next president and Congress, 25 of America's most experienced and influential voices joined Chamber president, Tom Donohue and the Institute's president, General Jim Jones in outlining 13 fundamental pillars for a new, strategic, and long-term energy policy for the United States. Former Members of Congress and Secretaries of Energy, Commerce, Defense, State, and Treasury were among the first to sign the letter at a recent event in Washington, D.C.

The US Chamber is asking us to sign the letter to support increased energy efficiency, investment in cutting-edge technology, and production of more energy at home to sustain our growing economy.

Support Oppose

Item 2 - Natl. Transportation Investment Initiative

The US Chamber has initiated a renewed push for reinvestment in the nation's highway and transit systems. On June 23, the U.S. Chamber-led highways and transit coalition, Americans for Transportation Mobility (ATM), officially launched the FasterBetterSafer Campaign: a nationwide effort by business, labor, transportation organizations and concerned citizens that supports increased federal investment in the nation's transportation system.

Moving Congress and the new Administration to effectively reform transportation programs and provide necessary investment will be no easy task. ATM will need to educate and engage businesses, laborers, stakeholders, and state and local officials throughout the country. For more information or to join the campaign visit www.fasterbetersafer.org.

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Item 3 - November 2008 Ballot Propositions

The Regional Legislative Alliance and the Goleta Valley Chamber are studying other statewide ballot measures to determine whether or not an official position from the Chamber would be appropriate, including:

Proposition 1 - Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century: Raises funds for construction of the proposed high-speed rail link between northern and southern California.

Proposition 3 - Children's Hospital Bond Act: Authorizes \$980,000,000 in bonds, to be repaid from state's General Fund, to fund the construction, expansion, remodeling, renovation, furnishing and equipping of children's hospitals.

Proposition 10 - Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Renewable Energy: Authorizes \$5 billion in bonds paid from state's General Fund, allocated as follows: to purchasers of certain high fuel economy and alternative fuel vehicles; incentives for research, development and production of renewable energy technology; incentives for research and development of alternative fuel vehicle technology; incentives for purchase of renewable energy technology; grants to eight cities for education about these technologies; and grants to colleges to train students in these technologies.

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Goleta Economic Forecast Project

September 12, 2008, 8:30 a.m. Fairview Theater

Dr. Bill Watkins, an analysis of the Revenue Neutrality Agreement and a panel on Commercial Development in Goleta are the topics that will be featured at the Economic Forecast. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. along with breakfast. Program runs from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

LOCAL POLITICAL CALENDAR

August

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

19- City Council
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
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Bill Redding

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