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City of Goleta						
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<p>Goleta Beach Park: Beach Stabilization/Permeable Pier A compromise long term protection plan.</p>	Goleta Chamber	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Support</th> <th>Oppose</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Support	Oppose	✓	
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<i>CCC Staff Review</i>						



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California State Bills

AB 8 (Nunez) Universal Health care

Creates a statewide purchasing pool for health care coverage by employers. Requires employers to make health care expenditures equivalent to 7.5% at a minimum of the employer's total social security wages or, to elect to pay an employer fee of that equivalent amount.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber		✓

Vetoed by Governor

AB 61 (Nava) Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District

Increases the number of members on the board by 2 members to a total of 7 members. Requires the City Council of the City of Carpinteria and the City Council of the City of Goleta to each appoint one of the additional members to the board.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	✓	

Approved

AB 62 (Nava) Disaster Relief

Facilitates financial assistance following damage from local wild fires.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	✓	

Approved

AB 365 (Portantino) Postsecondary Education

Attempts to bring in line efficiency between postsecondary education and efforts to fill workforce development gaps.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	✓	

Vetoed by Governor

AB 812 (Hernandez) Workers Comp: Audits

Amends existing law that workers' comp. insurers perform a payroll verification audit to compare actual premium to estimated the premium. Places undue burden on employers to provide access to records.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber		✓

Approved

AB 1073 (Nava) Workers Comp

Relates to workers' compensation system. Prohibits the limit on the number of chiropractic, occupational therapy, and physical therapy visits from applying to visits for post-surgical physical medicine and post-surgical rehabilitative services.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber		✓

Approved

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

Greatly 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 effects pay or benefits.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber		✓

Inactive

SB 180 (Migden) Labor Representatives: Agriculture

Permits agricultural employees, as an alternative procedure, to select their labor representatives by submitting a petition to the Labor Board accompanied by representation cards signed by a majority of the bargaining unit.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber		✓

Vetoed by Governor

SB 140/SB210 (Kehoe) Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Fuel Standard.

Requires the State to implement a low-carbon fuel standard by regulation that achieves the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions in carbon intensity of transportation fuels, and at least a 10% reduction in, the carbon intensity of transportation fuels.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber		✓

Vetoed by Governor

SB 990 (Kuehl) Hazardous Waste: Santa Susanna Field Laboratory

Preserves Santa Susanna Field as open space.

***Opposition moved to support with amendments on the Governor's desk.**

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	*	

Approved



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California State Bills (continued)								
<p>SB 1002 (Perata) Water Quality, Flood Control, and Wildlife Appropriates funds from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 for grants for other drinking water programs.</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		✓	<p><i>Vetoed by Governor</i></p>
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<p>SB 120 (Padilla) Food Facilities – Nutritional information Relates to the state Uniform Retail Food Facilities Law. Requires specific food facilities to provide detailed nutritional information per standard menu item including calories, grams of fat, sodium and more.</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		✓	<p><i>Vetoed by Governor</i></p>
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<p>AB 1045 (Richardson) Occupational Safety and Health: Working Conditions Attempt to bypass the effective process and statutory authority of the California Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board and the Division of Occupational Safety and Health to develop and adopt overly prescriptive, unnecessary standards regulating exposure to indoor heat.</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		✓	<p><i>Vetoed by Governor</i></p>
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<p>AB 1058 (Laird) Residential Construction Costs Adds significant costs to housing purchase as well as rental affordability by requiring the Department of HCD to use the most stringent provisions of five sets of national green building guidelines as a basis for developing California's mandatory green building standards.</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		✓	<p><i>Vetoed by Governor</i></p>
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<p>SB 974 (Lowenthal) 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.</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		✓	<p><i>In Senate</i></p>
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<p>AB 448 (Arambula) Compensation Recovery Actions: Liquidated Damages Permits employees to recover liquidated damages in complaints brought before the Labor Commission alleging payment of less than the state minimum wage.</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		✓	<p><i>Vetoed by Governor</i></p>
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<p>AB 484 (Nava) Landfill Disposal: concrete Prohibits a contractor, under contract with the Department of Transportation, from disposing of asphalt concrete or Portland cement in a solid waste landfill unless extreme mitigation measures are taken.</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		✓	<p><i>Vetoed by Governor</i></p>
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California State Bills (continued)

AB 338 (Coto) Workers' Compensation: Temporary Disability Payments

Resolves a problem in current law in a way that maintains the cost savings created by 2004 reforms.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	✓	

Approved

AB 1043 (Swanson) Employment Contracts

Sets a bad precedent for statutory interference with employment contracts and discourages companies from offering employment in California by unnecessarily restricting contract terms.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber		✓

Vetoed by Governor

SB 93 (Corbett) Medi-Cal: Third-Party Liability

Artificially inflates medical damage awards in third party liability cases by not allowing judges to consider the actual cost of medical expenses as evidence, ultimately increasing, not only legal costs, but also rates for auto and general liability insurance.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber		✓

Vetoed by Governor

AB 35 (Ruskin) Government Building Construction Costs

Establishes an isolated process by which a minimum level of green building standards are set by a private entity, thereby excluding any public review or input. The measure also creates conflicts and confusion with existing and proposed building codes.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber		✓

Vetoed by Governor

AB 888 (Lieu) Commercial Construction Costs

Makes it extremely difficult for small businesses to compete by establishing an arbitrary definition of "commercial."

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber		✓

Vetoed by Governor

SB X2 1 Water Special Session

Support a long-term package that would allow water districts to design a new conveyance facility that would take advantage of the best available scientific understanding of how to harmonize water deliveries with the needs of the Delta. This package should include state funding to assist local water districts to finance the conveyance system.

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	✓	

In Assembly

National Issues

Free Trade Agreements with Peru, Colombia, Panama, and Korea

	Support	Oppose
Goleta Chamber	✓	

*FTA w/ Peru Passed
Others Pending*