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Chamber of Commerce

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# Health Care

The Health Care Committee is a leader in providing the business perspective on key health care reform issues. The committee supports reform efforts that promote shared responsibility for health care financing, expand access to coverage and quality care and create health professional workforce opportunities.

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**Advocate for health care reform and business friendly health care policies**

Rising health care costs continue to place significant financial burdens on employers and employees. The Chamber supports health care reform efforts that promote shared responsibility for health care financing, expand access to coverage, increase cost transparency and reduce the overall financial burden on employers.

**Support local hospital modernization projects**

With 10 hospital closures since 2004, our community lacks adequate patient bed capacity to meet the demands of a growing population. The Chamber supports hospital modernization efforts that increase capacity, patient access and quality of care. This includes fast-tracking project approvals and opposing frivolous efforts to delay these vital improvements to our regional hospital network.

**Advocate to reopen Martin Luther King, Jr. Medical Center**

The 2005 closure of King-Harbor Hospital in South Los Angeles impacts health access in South Los Angeles and is contributing to hospital overcrowding throughout the County. The Chamber is partnering with stakeholders and the community to push for the reopening of the hospital under a reformed management structure as soon as possible.

**Increase health professional opportunities**

Estimates are that Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura counties will need 116,000 new nurses by 2030. The Chamber will work with public and private stakeholders to increase the number of health professional career opportunities for young people and create incentives for those professionals to remain in Southern California.

**Support expanded local community clinic capacity**

Community-based clinics help reduce the burden on large hospitals by providing basic care, preventative services, immunizations and routine diagnosis. In the past 10 years, two-thirds of the county-run clinics have closed in L.A. County due to lack of funding. The Chamber supports expanding public and private financing to help increase access and quality of care.

**Foster collaboration to improve quality health care**

Problems facing our region's health care system require collaboration between providers, insurers, educators, nonprofit organizations, business, government, labor and consumers. Without an open dialogue and willingness to confront these important issues, the crisis will worsen. The Chamber will partner with organizations dedicated to improving the quality of health care in order to make the L.A. area a better place for all of us to live and work.

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