

Jobs & Business Growth

Policy Agenda

Maximize government effectiveness and efficiency

Maximizing government effectiveness will help shorten the economic downturn and allow workers and companies the opportunity to flourish. The Chamber will promote government opportunities including public-private partnerships allowing for greater private sector participation in the delivery and financing of public projects.

Advocate for the creation of an Economic Development Department

The City of Los Angeles is the second-largest city in America and home to one of the most diverse economies in the world. The city must leverage its resources to maintain current prosperity while growing its potential. Currently, the city's economic development capabilities are scattered throughout various departments. The Chamber supports compiling existing and related economic development initiatives into one department and offers its assistance in shaping the department's function.

Stimulate the economy with friendly tax policies

Business, both large and small, generates significant revenue for the state of California. However, to stimulate and grow the economy, tax policies must foster, not stifle, the fiscal vitality of California's businesses. The Chamber supports state legislation that lowers the cost of doing business in California.

Support flexible work schedules

As individual responsibilities continue to grow, studies show employees benefit from flexible work schedules. Flexible workweek scheduling provides an option for employees and employers to reduce absenteeism. The Chamber encourages lawmakers to adopt flexible work schedules.

Fight costly and onerous regulations

A rising issue for business statewide is the amount of regulatory uncertainty that exists. Regulations should only be enacted in a way that allows for business growth. California must compete nationally and globally for workers and companies. The Chamber will only support legislation and policies that improve California's business climate and encourage both employees and employers to locate or remain in California.

Secure Federal Fair Share

California must improve the return on each dollar of federal taxes its residents pay. Currently, California is a "donor" state, receiving an average of 78 cents per one dollar in federal taxes paid. The Chamber will continue to press the state's federal, state and local elected officials to increase the amount of return.