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Chamber Recommendations Included in Mayor's Long Overdue  
Tax Reform Measures

Today Mayor Jim Hahn is joined by Los Angeles City Councilmembers and the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce to announce recommendations for reforming the business tax in Los Angeles. The City of Los Angeles' Business Tax Advisory Commission has recommended a number of reforms to the current system to streamline it and make it more equitable. The Chamber applauds the Mayor for incorporating recommendations from a coalition of business leaders that has been working with BTAC to reduce the burdensome tax system. Although the Chamber stopped short of advocating replacing one tax in favor of another, a process that would not address the real problems of double taxation, multiple category filings, inequitable tax collection and a variety of other issues.

"We believe that there must be overall rate reductions for ALL businesses—regardless of size, whether they are new to the city or in targeted industries. Just because a business has not been identified as a key-growth industry this year does not mean that it won't be a key-growth industry next year. Tax relief today translates into job growth tomorrow", said Rusty Hammer, President & CEO of the LA Area Chamber.

The mayor's proposals are to include hiring a consultant to study alternative rate structures and targeted reductions. The Chamber supports this, but we urge him to adopt—and stick to—a rigid timeline for this process and to listen to the acute needs of the average LA business.

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