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**L.A. AREA CHAMBER STATEMENT ON GOVERNOR'S
MAY BUDGET REVISION**

The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce commends Governor Schwarzenegger for his May budget revision which, if passed by the state Legislature, will continue to reduce the budget deficit without increasing taxes. At the same time, the Governor's proposed budget revisions will fully fund education and provide adequate investment in public safety and law enforcement.

The L.A. Area Chamber believes that the Governor's budget will greatly help to prepare our students for the 21st century workforce in California. By fully funding education and investing in Career Technical Education (CTE) equipment, teachers and counselors, our public schools will be better able to prepare students for both higher education and productive jobs in today's workforce - a concept that the Chamber has long supported through its advocacy of the multiple pathways approach to CTE.

While the L.A. Area Chamber is concerned about the impact that redirected Public Transportation Account (PTA) revenues from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) will have on public transportation projects in Southern California, we will continue to work with the Legislature to increase funding for public transit in our region.

Overall, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce believes the Governor's proposed budget revisions will positively influence the California economy and provide sufficient resources for education, public safety and law enforcement.

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