

Report on 1/7/20 Meeting of South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (SBACC)

Here are highlights of the SBACC Meeting.

- There was a brainstorming session in which chamber members were asked to suggest topics and speakers for coming months. Some of the suggestions were: Opportunity Zones, commercial development, water policy and issues, and voting changes.
- Members were asked what issues most concerned the businesses in their cities. The following were issues that several chambers had in common:
 - homelessness, how to attract major name-brand restaurants into the cities, workforce housing, a possible sales tax increase, Proposition 13, how the minimum wage will affect small business; and the movement of businesses out of state because of taxes and regulations.
- The US Chamber of Commerce reported that the US MCA was passed and that, for the most part, it is similar to NAFTA. Some key changes were that it allows expanded access by US dairy farmers to Canadian markets, and requires a larger percentage of automobile components to be made in North America. The US Chamber also reported that the US needs \$2 trillion dollars to build the country's necessary infrastructure but that political conflict is preventing any forward movement in this area.
- The League of California Cities (League) reported that its priorities for the coming year are: homelessness, housing, and disaster preparedness. The League also reported that Sen. Weiner is making amendments to SB 50 and that the League has recommended changes. It was commented that SB 50 creates density, but does nothing to create affordable housing. The League also announced its Legislative Meet and Greet, which will take place on January 31.
- The Torrance Chamber announced that it will hold a conference on January 16: Navigating the Intersection of Business and Health Care
- There was an announcement that seminars will be held in different cities to discuss the impact of AB 5, which classifies most workers as employees. The Southern Cal. seminars will be held on 1/22, in Oceanside, and 1/23 in Glendale.
- The Hermosa Beach Chamber announced its St. Patrick's Day Parade, which will be held on Saturday March 14.

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