

## South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce

The South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (SBACC) held its monthly virtual meeting on January 4, 2022. Here are the highlights of that meeting:

- The new Chair of the SBACC, Mark Waronek, held his first meeting since taking office.
- The SBACC's Policy Platform was adopted. The 2022 Strategic Initiatives are:
  1. Economic recovery and reopening
  2. Resources and Regional Infrastructure
  3. Housing and Homeless
  4. Aerospace and Defense Industry
- The 2022 Policy Platform, which was provided to the attendees, is a detailed list, describing how the Strategic Initiatives will be implemented.
- The Government Affairs Report included a discussion about the start of the Legislative Session in Sacramento and the Joint and Standing Committee assignments. The next big event is that the budget will be submitted to the Governor.
- There was considerable interest and discussion concerning the new Supervisorial districts, which have already taken effect. Janice Hahn lost some South Bay cities, which were moved from District 4 to District 2, held by Holly Mitchell. Those were: Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, and Redondo Beach. Supervisor Hahn retained Torrance, the 4 cities on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, and Lomita. She also picked up some cities in Southeast Los Angeles County.
- Jennings Imel gave the report from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. That organization is opposed to the Build Back Better proposed legislation, which it views as inflationary, and cradle-to-grave government. It is also opposed to changing the filibuster rule.
- The League of California Cities report was given by Jeff Kiernan. The Cal Cities Strategic Priorities for 2022 will include:
  1. Increasing the supply of affordable housing
  2. Attaining investments to strengthen and sustain critical infrastructure
  3. Increasing funding to prevent homelessness and assist those experiencing homelessness.
  4. Strengthening disaster preparedness and recovery.

Cal Cities has not yet taken a position on ACA 7. It has postponed action and is waiting to obtain more information from cities.

- The representative from the Metropolitan Water District reported that the snow pack is at 151% of normal. He also said that, although this is good news, it does not mean that the drought is over. Our storage capacity is still lower than normal.

- The representative from the South Bay Workforce Investment Board reported that wages for workers in the South Bay have increased in the amount of \$200 million since SOFI Stadium was built. The Intuit Stadium, which will be the home to the LA Clippers is also expected to have a significant positive effect on the South Bay economy.

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