

South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce  
Meeting of April 5, 2022

The South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (SBACC) had its monthly hybrid meeting on April 5, 2022. Here are the highlights of that meeting:

- Asm. Mike Gipson gave a presentation, highlighting some of the legislation of which he is the author: 1. AB 1621, which bans the importation into the state of ghost guns; 2. AB 1608, which removes the board of supervisors' authority to combine the duties of the sheriff with the duties of the coroner; 3. AB 1864, which provides a tax credit for small businesses if they hire locally.
- Governmental Affairs Report. Henry Rogers gave this report, which included Legislative Timelines and discussed some bills considered “Job Killers:”
  1. AB 2026. This bill seeks to eliminate single use plastic packaging in the shipping of goods. Opposed unless amended.
  2. AB 2106. This bill proposes to modernize California’s stormwater permitting program. However, it will potentially subject a wide range of businesses and other facilities, such as hospitals and universities, to costly compliance and citizen lawsuits, and limit the State Water Board’s ability to improve its stormwater programs collaboratively with stakeholders. Opposed.

The following bills were also discussed and voted on by the SBACC:

1. AB 2390. This bill would amend Prop. 47 by authorizing the aggregation of the values of the property in one or more cases of shoplifting or theft with the sum of the value of all property being the value considered when determining the degree of theft. Therefore, multiple acts of theft with an aggregated value of over \$950 would result in a charge of grand theft. Support.
  2. SB 620. This bill would allow direct shipping to consumers of distilled spirits and beer. Under existing law, the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control allows only the direct shipping of wine. Support.
  3. S 2922. This bill would expand the liability of large tech online companies by prohibiting them from engaging in specified acts, including giving preference to their own products on the platform. It would result in increased costs and loss of services for consumers, small businesses, and other users of the bill’s target companies, which are Google, Facebook, and Apple. Oppose.
- US Chamber of Commerce Report. The FAIR Act passed the House. This legislation would ban mandatory arbitration. The bill is stalled in the Senate.

- Cal Cities Report. a, There is a priority bill list in the legislature that has been published. The members are trying to decide which bills will move.
  - b. RHNA. There are only 6 cities whose Housing elements have been determined to be qualified. Those cities whose elements have not been qualified by October will lose State funding.
- Metropolitan Water District Report. The state is now struggling with a 5% allocation of water from the State of California because we did not get a good snowfall last winter. We should expect mandatory water restrictions from the State this year.

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