

Dear Reader:

California is a state of economic divisions. Within its borders lie areas of great prosperity and deep poverty. California leads the nation in economic output per capita, yet inland areas have the highest unemployment rate in the country.

With this publication, the California Chamber of Commerce offers a cohesive answer to the state's complex economic dilemma: **Expanding Opportunity** so that all segments of our top 10 global economy have a chance to do better. The five critical goals for state leaders to embrace are:

- Invest in transportation and water infrastructure.
- Increase housing supply.
- Make energy more affordable.
- Update labor laws and reduce litigation.
- Invest in education and a skilled workforce.

We invite you to join us in keeping this **Agenda for All Californians** top of mind for your elected representatives at all levels. Please bookmark our grassroots website, calchambervotes.com, so you have quick access to our sample letters, which are easy to edit to reflect the specifics of your concerns when communicating with lawmakers and regulators.

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Working together, we can do much to improve conditions for fellow Californians and employers throughout our state.



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