

CalChamber Committees

California Chamber of Commerce policy committees draft and review policy and make recommendations to the Board of Directors on a range of issues. The CalChamber also establishes ad hoc committees as the need arises to address other policy issues. Committees range in size from eight to 100 members, and meet between two and four times a year (or, as needed) in virtual meetings or via telephone conference calls. Committee chairs generally are members of the CalChamber Board of Directors and work closely with CalChamber policy team members, permitting the CalChamber to act quickly as issues emerge. Membership in committees (other than those whose membership is by appointment) is open to managers, technicians and/or policy experts with member firms (Advocate level or higher). To get involved, contact Naseem Moeel, naseem.moeel@calchamber.com.

POLICY COMMITTEES

EDUCATION

Goal: Foster greater business involvement to improve both teacher and student performance, and administrative accountability in schools throughout California. (Membership by appointment.)

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ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Goal: Oversee issues related to the environment, such as air quality, climate change and AB 32 implementation, energy, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Proposition 65 and green chemistry, hazardous and solid waste, surface mining and land use. Recommend policies that meet the mutual objectives of protecting human health and the environment while conserving the financial resources of business to the fullest extent possible to help California businesses grow and promote their technologies/services.

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FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Goal: Shape policy impacting the entire food and agricultural supply chain, from growing and distribution to packaging, transportation, retail and end of life management.

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HEALTH CARE POLICY

Goal: Promote a sound and affordable health care system. Work to contain costs and avoid unnecessary and expensive regulatory controls, including mandates.

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HOUSING

Goal: Support housing policies that focus on increasing California's housing supply for the benefit of all Californians' quality of life.

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IMMIGRATION

Goal: Recommend policies on issues concerning immigration.

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LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT/WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Goal: Protect employers' rights to organize, direct and manage their companies' employees in an efficient, safe and productive manner. Promote legislative, judicial and regulatory actions that maintain an efficient workers' compensation system that provides adequate worker benefits while protecting the competitive position of California employers.

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PRIVACY, CYBERSECURITY, AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

Goal: Proactively develop and promote privacy principles and policies that protect consumers without stifling innovation and that avoid costly and unnecessary legal liability and compliance burdens on businesses.

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TAXATION

Goal: Monitor legislation and regulatory activity to ensure that California tax laws are fair and can be administered easily. Review state spending plans to make certain that economy and efficiency are the primary goals of government.

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TOURISM

Goal: Encourage increased travel to California by fostering investment in advertising and improvements to tourism infrastructure, considering the important role of tourism in the state's economy and plans for economic recovery. (Membership by appointment.)

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TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Goal: Develop and maintain a statewide transportation network that is adequate for the needs of business, agriculture and individual citizens.

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WATER RESOURCES

Goal: Encourage responsible water quality goals and water development policies to meet the increasing demand for reliable water supplies. (Membership by appointment.)

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WORKPLACE SAFETY

Goal: Advocate cost-effective and practical safety and health regulations while protecting the competitive position of California employers.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEES

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL

Goal: Advise CalChamber on key political issues affecting the business community. (Must be CalChamber Advocate-level member to join.)

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COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Goal: Work with state and federal administrations and lawmakers to support expansion of international trade and investment, fair and equitable market access for California products abroad, and elimination of disincentives that impede the international competitiveness of California business.

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SMALL BUSINESS POLICY COUNCIL

Goal: Amplify the voices of small businesses in the State Capitol. The Council includes local chamber CEOs and CalChamber members and aims to ensure that the needs and priorities of small businesses are at the forefront of legislative discussions. (Membership by invitation.)

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WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Goal: Enhance the profile and contributions of California women business leaders and establish strong ties between them and elected officials, government appointees and other key decision makers in state government. (Must be a member of the CalChamber Board of Directors to join.)

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