

# SWCLC Southwest California Legislative Council

## MEETING AGENDA

Monday March 21, 2022

Presiding: Erik McLeod, 2022 Chair

Legislative Consultant: Chris Collier, Rincon Strategies

Call to Order, Roll Call & Introductions: 12:00pm

Chair Report

Approval of Minutes

Action

Sports Wagering Ballot Measures Presentation

Andrew Masiel Sr & Jacob Mejia

Speaker

2022 Legislative Report #2

1. AB 1601 Call centers: protections. (Weber)
2. AB 1993 Employment: COVID-19 vaccination requirements. (Weber)
3. SB 1410 California Environmental Quality Act: transportation impacts. (Caballero)
4. AB 1632 Restroom access: medical conditions. (Weber)
5. AB 1694 Insurance: investment disclosures. (Levine)
6. SB 1162 Employment: salaries and wages (Limon)
7. AB 1949 Employees: bereavement leave (Low)
8. AB 2182 Discrimination: family responsibilities (Wicks)
9. SB 1044 Employers: natural disasters (Durazo)
10. AB 2026 Recycling: plastic packaging and carryout bags. (Friedman)
11. AB 2705 Housing: fire safety standards (Quirk-Silva)
12. AB 2289 Wealth Tax (Lee)
13. AB 2108 Pupil mental health services: school notification (Rivas)
14. AB 2639 Water quality control plans and water rights permits. (Quirk)
15. SB 1205 Water rights: appropriation (Allen)
16. AB 2106 Water Quality: Permits (Rivas)
17. AB 2188 Discrimination in employment: use of cannabis (Quirk)
18. AB 2243 Occupational safety and health standards: heat illness: wildfire smoke (E. Garcia)
19. AB 2164 Disability access: funding. (Lee)
20. AB 1597 Shoplifting: increased penalties for prior crimes. (Waldron)
21. SB 847 COVID-19 relief: tenancy: grant program. (Hurtado)
22. Fair Act H.R. 963
23. Californians for Safe Stores and Neighborhoods coalition
24. OPPOSE: The California Plastic Waste Reduction Regulations Initiative
25. SUPPORT: The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act

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## Southwest California Legislative Council 2022 Legislative Summary March 21, 2022

### POSITIONS WE NEED TO DISCUSS

#### **AB 1601 Call centers: protections. (Weber) Oppose**

- **Summary:** AB 1601 would require an employer of customer service or in a call center from California who is relocating, to notify the labor commissioner at least 120 days before the relocation. The labor commissioner would also be able to impose a civil penalty of up to \$10,000 if the employer does not provide the notice. The labor commissioner would compile a list of employers and these employers would not be able to receive state grants or loans and be ineligible to claim tax credits for 5 years unless otherwise specified by the commissioner.
- **Requested by:** Cal Chamber
- **Request:** Oppose
- **Platform Citation:** Labor & Employment 8. Promote rules and regulations regarding employment status that protect workplace flexibility, and protect public safety and consumer choice.
- **Status:** Referred to Committee on Labor & Employment
- **Oppose:** Yorba Linda Chamber Of Commerce, West Ventura County Business Alliance, Simi Valley Chamber Of Commerce, San Mateo Area Chamber Of Commerce, Rancho Cordova Area Chamber Of Commerce, Pleasanton Chamber Of Commerce, Oceanside Chamber Of Commerce, Lodi Chamber Of Commerce, Greater Riverside Chambers Of Commerce, Greater High Desert Chamber Of Commerce, Fresno Chamber Of Commerce, Elk Grove Chamber Of Commerce, Danville Area Chamber Of Commerce, Civil Justice Association Of California, California Taxpayers Association, California Retailers Association, California Chamber Of Commerce, California Bankers Association, American Property Casualty Insurance Association

#### **AB 1993 Employment: COVID-19 vaccination requirements. (Weber) Oppose**

- **Summary:** AB 1993 would require an employer to require each person who is an employee or independent contractor, and who is eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, to show proof to the employer, or an authorized agent thereof, that the person has been vaccinated against COVID-19.
- **Requested by:** Cal Chamber
- **Request:** Watchlist
- **Recommendation:** Oppose
- **Platform Citation:** Labor & Employment 8. Promote rules and regulations regarding employment status that protect workplace flexibility and protect public safety and consumer choice.

- **Status:** Referred to Committee on Labor & Employment & Judiciary

## **SB 1410 California Environmental Quality Act: transportation impacts. (Caballero) Watch**

- **Summary:** SB 1410 would require the criteria for determining the significance of transportation impacts of projects to only promote the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.
- **Requested by:** Cal Chamber
- **Request:** Watchlist
- **Recommendation:** Watchlist
- **Platform Citation:** Environment 4. Monitor and support efforts to reform the CEQA, and/or other regulatory entities, process that will reduce the regulatory and compliance burden to cities and businesses in Southwest California.
- **Status:** Referred to Committee on Environmental Quality

## **AB 1632 Restroom access: medical conditions. (Weber) Oppose**

- **Summary:** AB 1632 allows immediate restroom access for certain medical conditions. An “Eligible medical condition” means Crohn’s disease, ulcerative colitis, other inflammatory bowel disease, irritable bowel syndrome, or another medical condition that requires immediate access to a toilet facility.
- **Requested by:** Cal Chamber
- **Request:** Watchlist
- **Recommendation:** Watchlist
- **Platform Citation:** Healthcare 5. Support wellness, disease management/pandemic, and behavioral healthcare programs.
- **Status:** Referred to Coms. on Budget and health

## **AB 1694 Insurance: investment disclosures. (Levine) Oppose**

- **Summary:** AB 1694 would require an insurance company to disclose and post on their website which fossil fuel companies that they insure. Currently, this must only be reported to only the insurance commissioner if it is over \$100,000.
- **Requested by:** Cal Chamber
- **Request:** Watchlist
- **Recommendation:** Oppose
- **Platform Citation:** Pro-business leadership 5. Monitor land use, planning, housing and zoning issues that affect the Southwest California regional business community.
- **Status:** Re-referred to Committee on Insurance

## **SB 1162 Employment: salaries and wages (Limon) Oppose**

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- **Summary:** SB 1162 requires a private employer that has 100 or more employees to submit a pay data report to Department of Fair Employment and Housing in order to protect individuals to hold employment without discrimination. It would require the pay data report to include the median and mean hourly rate for each combination of race, ethnicity, and sex within each job category.
- **Requested by:** Cal Chamber
- **Request:** Watchlist
- **Recommendation:** Oppose
- **Platform Citation:** Labor & Employment 2. Monitor and review alternatives to (1) any proposed state minimum wage increases and (2) any local or state living wage ordinances.
- **Status: Referred to** Committee on labor, Public Employee Retirement & Judiciary

## AB 1949 Employees: bereavement leave (Low) Oppose

- **Summary:** AB 1949 would require a total of at least 5 days of bereavement leave (typically for the loss of a loved one) for the employee. The bill would make it an unlawful employment practice for an employer to engage in specified acts of discrimination, interference, or retaliation relating to an individual's exercise of rights under the bill.
- **Requested by:** Cal Chamber
- **Request:** Watchlist
- **Recommendation:** For Discussion
- **Platform Citation:** Labor & Employment 8. Promote rules and regulations regarding employment status that protect workplace flexibility and protect public safety and consumer choice.
- **Status:** Referred to Committee on Labor & Employment & Judiciary
- **Support:** Working Partnerships Usa, United Communities For Peace, Roc Ca, Public Counsel, Nevada County Citizens For Choice, National Women's Political Caucus Of California, National Council Of Jewish Women-california, National Council Of Jewish Women Los Angeles, Los Angeles Alliance For A New Economy, Gun Safety G.a.p ;, Jewish Center For Justice; Church State Council, California Work & Family Coalition, California Immigrant Policy Center, Business &, Professional Women Of Nevada County, Broken By Violence, Beloved Survivors Trauma Recovery Center, Association Of California Caregiver Resource Centers, American Federation Of State, County And Municipal Employees, Legal Aid At Work, Equal Rights Advocates, Crime Survivors For Safety And Justice, California Employment Lawyers Association
- **Oppose:** California Landscape Contractor's Association

## AB 2182 Discrimination: family responsibilities (Wicks) Oppose

- **Summary:** AB 2182 would prohibit employment discrimination for any family responsibilities. It would make it unlawful for an employer to not make reasonable

accommodation for family responsibilities or to deny request of any accommodation from the employee.

- **Requested by:** Cal Chamber
- **Request:** Watchlist
- **Recommendation:** Oppose
- **Platform Citation:** Labor & Employment 8. Promote rules and regulations regarding employment status that protect workplace flexibility and protect public safety and consumer choice.
- **Status:** Referred to Committee on Labor & Employment & Judiciary

## **SB 1044 Employers: natural disasters (Durazo) Oppose**

- **Summary:** If a natural disaster were to occur, SB 1044 would prohibit an employer from taking or threatening action against any employee for refusing to report to, or for leaving, a workplace within the affected area because the employee feels unsafe.
- **Requested by:** Cal Chamber
- **Request:** Oppose
- **Platform Citation:** Labor & Employment 8. Promote rules and regulations regarding employment status that protect workplace flexibility, and protect public safety
- **Status:** From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on Labor & Employment

## **AB 2026 Recycling: plastic packaging and carryout bags. (Friedman) Oppose**

- **Summary:** AB 2026 would prohibit online retailers that ship within or into the state from using single use packaging. The bill would establish an at-store recycling program meaning the customer could return and recycle the bag that the item was shipped in. the intent is to reduce environmental impacts of plastic pollution caused by single use plastic.
- **Requested by:** Cal Chamber
- **Request:** Oppose
- **Platform Citation:** Environment 3. Encourage responsible environmental regulations and the potential impacts on local governments and agencies.
- **Status:** Referred to Committee on Natural Resource and judiciary.

## **AB 2705 Housing: fire safety standards (Quirk-Silva) Oppose**

- **Summary:** AB 2705 does not allow new residential development projects to be approved without checking for fire safety standards and to not allow new developments to be located in a high fire hazard zone.
- **Requested by:** Cal Chamber
- **Request:** Watchlist
- **Recommendation:** Oppose

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- **Platform Citation:** Pro-business leadership 5. Monitor land use, planning, housing, and zoning issues that affect the Southwest California regional business community.
- **Status:** From printer. May be heard in committee March 21.

## AB 2289 Wealth Tax (Lee) Oppose

- **Summary:** AB 2289 will raise taxes by 1.5% for net worth of \$1,000,000,000, or in excess of \$500,000,000 in the case of a married taxpayer filing separately beginning January 1, 2025. It would also start a wealth tax advisory council.
- **Requested by:** Cal Chamber
- **Request:** Watchlist
- **Recommendation:** Oppose
- **Platform Citation:** Taxation & Government Reform 4. Review and evaluate state and local fee & tax increases and new fee & tax categories affecting the regional business community.
- **Status:** Referred to Committee on Revenue & Taxation & Judiciary

## AB 2108 Pupil mental health services: school notification (Rivas) Watch

- **Summary:** AB 2108 requires a schools to notify students and their parents or guardians no less than twice during the school year on how to initiate access to available mental health services on campus or in the community, or both.
- **Requested by:** Cal Chamber
- **Request:** Oppose
- **Platform Citation:** Healthcare 6. Support wellness, disease management/pandemic, and behavioral healthcare programs.
- **Status:** From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials. Read second time and amended.

## AB 2639 Water quality control plans and water rights permits. (Quirk) Watch

- **Summary:** AB 2639 would require the state board to adopt a final update of a specified water quality control plan for the Bay-Delta and to implement the final San Joaquin River/Southern Delta update of the water quality control plan.
- **Requested by:** Cal Chamber
- **Request:** Watchlist
- **Recommendation:** Discuss
- **Platform Citation:** Infrastructure Improvements 6. Review and evaluate water management and flood control policies that improve water quality as the result of comprehensive approaches that will reduce contaminants from water sources in a cost-effective manner.
- **Status:** Referred to Committee on Water, Parks, & Wildlife & Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials

## SB 1205 Water rights: appropriation (Allen) Watch

- **Summary:** SB 1205 will require the determination of water availability for issuing water right permits and licenses and the development of new methods for issuing water rights. It would require more specificity for methods and practices for determining water availability. It would also require consult from the Department of Water Resources, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and qualified hydrologists and climate change scientists.
- **Requested by:** Cal Chamber
- **Request:** Watchlist
- **Recommendation:** Discuss
- **Platform Citation:** Infrastructure Improvements 6. Review and evaluate water management and flood control policies that improve water quality as the result of comprehensive approaches that will reduce contaminants from water sources in a cost-effective manner.
- **Status:** Referred to Committee on Natural Resource & Water

## AB 2106 Water Quality: Permits (Rivas) Oppose

- **Summary:** AB 2106 would require new permitting requirements to modernize its Stormwater Multiple Application and Report Tracking System (SMARTS) database. It would require the state board to establish a comprehensive guidance document for evaluating and measuring the effectiveness of municipal stormwater management programs and permits. There would be an evaluation of the California storm water program and the state's progress with water quality standards. It would require the availability of public workshops and comments to evaluate the state's progress toward water quality.
- **Requested by:** Cal Chamber
- **Request:** Oppose
- **Platform Citation:** Infrastructure Improvements 6. Review and evaluate water management and flood control policies that improve water quality as the result of comprehensive approaches that will reduce contaminants from water sources in a cost-effective manner.
- **Status:** Re-referred to Committee on Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials

## AB 2188 Discrimination in employment: use of cannabis (Quirk) Oppose

- **Summary:** This bill would amend the act to make it unlawful for an employer to discriminate against a person in hiring, termination, or any term or condition of employment, or otherwise penalize a person, if the discrimination is based upon the person's use of cannabis off the job and away from the workplace or, with prescribed exceptions, upon an employer-required drug screening test.
- **Requested by:** Cal Chamber
- **Request:** Watchlist



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- **Recommendation:** Oppose
- **Platform Citation:** Labor & Employment 8. Promote rules and regulations regarding employment status that protect workplace flexibility, and protect public safety and consumer choice.
- **Status:** Referred to Committee on Labor & Employment & Judiciary

## [AB 2243 Occupational safety and health standards: heat illness: wildfire smoke](#) (E. Garcia)

### Oppose

- **Summary:** AB 2243 will revise the heat illness standard to include an ultrahigh heat standard for employees in outdoor places of employment for heat above 105 degrees. Similarly, the wildfire smoke standard would reduce the existing air quality index threshold.
- **Requested by:** Cal Chamber
- **Request:** Watchlist
- **Recommendation:** Oppose
- **Platform Citation:** Labor & Employment 8. Promote rules and regulations regarding employment status that protect workplace flexibility, and protect public safety and consumer choice.
- **Status:** Referred to Committee on Labor & Employment

## [AB 2164 Disability access: funding.](#) (Lee) Support

- **Summary:** AB 2164 will help ensure that small businesses have access to funds to make accessibility-related improvements so that Californians with disabilities have barrier-free access to businesses and other facilities.
- **Requested by:** City of San Jose
- **Request:** Support
- **Platform Citation:** Pro-business leadership 4 Consider and review legislation that promotes standards of corporate governance that guide boards of directors and corporate officers in managing their corporations in a competent, ethical manner.
- **Status:** Referred to Committee on Judiciary

## [AB 1597 Shoplifting: increased penalties for prior crimes.](#) (Waldron) Remove

- **Summary:** Prop 47, The safe neighborhoods, and schools act, created a loophole that allowed individuals to steal up to \$950 in merchandise with no consequences. AB 1597 would change this so that prosecutors can charge those who repeatedly steal with a felony instead of a misdemeanor.
- **Requested by:** Waldron
- **Request:** Support
- **Platform Citation:** Public Safety 3. Maintain a working relationship with the Riverside County District Attorney regarding crime prevention, fraud, and threats against businesses either through direct attacks or through employed human resources. Such

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working liaison might include working with the District Attorney's task force on crime in Riverside County as related to impacts on business.

- **Status:** In committee: Set, second hearing. Failed passage. Reconsideration granted.
- **Support:** Upland Police Officers Association, Santa Clarita; City Of, Santa Ana Police Officers Political Action Committee, San Diego County District Attorney's Office, Riverside Sheriffs' Association, Riverside Police Officers Association, Pomona Police Officer Association, Placer County Deputy Sheriffs' Association, Peace Officers Research Association Of California, Palos Verdes Police Officers Association, Orange County District Attorney's Office, Newport Beach Police Association, Los Angeles School Police Officers Association, Lasd, Fullerton Police Officers' Association, Culver City Police Officers' Association, Corona Police Officers Association, Claremont Police Officers Association, City Of Santa Clarita, California State Sheriffs' Association, California Retailers Association, Burbank Police Officers' Association, Association For Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs, Arcadia Police Officers Association, Schools Act, Reduced The Penalties For Certain Drug And Property Crimes, Including, Proposition 47 By Making Persons Convicted Of Crimes Reduced To Misdemeanors Under, Senate Public Safety Committee, Assembly Rules Committee, Assembly Appropriations Committee, Align Capital Region, Carolina And Texas, States Not Known For Being 'soft On Crime', Theft Cannot Be Charged As A, Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station In 2021. To Provide Even Greater Detail On The Severity Of, With The Passage Of Proposition 47 And The Preemption Of Local Prosecutorial
- **Oppose:** Working Partnerships Usa, Wlcac Re-entry, We The People - San Diego, Urban Peace Movement, Uprise Theatre; We The People – San Diego, United Core Alliance, Underground Scholars Initiative, University Of California Los Angeles, Underground Scholars Initiative, University Of California Davis, Underground Scholars Initiative Uc Santa Barbara, Underground Scholars Initiative At Uc Riverside, Underground Scholars Initiative At The University Of California, Irvine, Underground Scholars Initiative At Uc San Diego, Think Dignity, The Hood Incubator, Team Justice, Strategic Concepts In Organizing And Policy Education, Starting Over, Inc., Showing Up For Racial Justice North County San Diego, Showing Up For Racial Justice San Diego, San Francisco Rising, Rubicon Programs, Root & Rebound, Pillars Of The Community, Pico California, Oc Survivors, Oakland Rising, National Institute For Criminal Justice Reform, Milpa, Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership, Legal Services For Prisoners With Children, Legal Aid At Work, Homeboy Industries, Faith In The Valley, Ella Baker Center For Human Rights, Drug Policy Alliance, Dolores Huerta Foundation, Courage California, Congregations Organized For Prophetic Engagement, Communities United For Restorative Youth Justice, Center For Living And Learning, Californians United For A Responsible Budget, Californians For Safety And Justice, California Religious Action Center Of Reform Judaism, California Coalition For Women Prisoners, California Calls, California Attorneys For Criminal Justice, Blameless And Forever Free Ministries, Asian

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Solidarity Collective, Auouon Orange County, Anti Recidivism Coalition, Aclu California Action, A New Way Of Life Re-entry Project

## **SB 847 COVID-19 relief: tenancy: grant program. (Hurtado) Support**

- **Summary:** SB 847 will allow landlords and tenants affected by covid but not covered because of the federal finical restrictions under the state Emergency Rental Assistance Program to receive funding.
- **Requested by:** California Apartment Association Inland Empire
- **Request:** Support
- **Platform Citation:** Pro-business leadership 4. Consider and review legislation that promotes standards of corporate governance that guide boards of directors and corporate officers in managing their corporations in a competent, ethical manner.
- **Status:** Set for hearing March 24.

## **Federal**

### **Fair Act H.R. 963 Oppose**

- **Summary:** Forced Arbitration Injustice Repeal Act or the FAIR Act.
- This bill prohibits a arbitration agreement of future employment from being valid or enforceable if it requires arbitration of an employment, consumer, antitrust, or civil rights dispute. It prohibits agreements between employer and employee that interfere with the right of the individuals and small business.
- **Requested by:** U.S. Chamber
- **Request:** Oppose
- **Platform Citation:** Labor & Employment 6. Advocate against the unwarranted and frivolous lawsuits on our businesses, consumers, taxpayers, and communities.

## **Coalitions**

### **Californians for Safe Stores and Neighborhoods coalition Watch**

- **Summary:** Californians for Safe Stores and Neighborhoods is a coalition of business leaders and retailers across California fighting organized retail crime crisis.
- **Requested by:** Californians for Safe Stores and Neighborhoods coalition
- **Request:** Join
- **Platform Citation:** Labor & Employment 6. Advocate against the unwarranted and frivolous lawsuits on our businesses, consumers, taxpayers, and communities.

## **Initiatives**

### **OPPOSE: The California Plastic Waste Reduction Regulations Initiative Oppose**

- **Summary:** The California Plastic Waste Reduction Regulations Initiative would impose a tax on virtually all consumer goods packaging, including packaging for food products,

and a tax on some single-use plastic products. If enacted, this new tax on businesses selling in or into California will also increase for inflation beginning in 2030. It would also require businesses to reduce their single use plastic by 25% by weight and items sold. The tax estimations are as high as \$8 billion a year.

- **Requested by:** Cal Chamber
- **Request:** Oppose
- **Platform Citation:** ER-9: Seek the prevention of pollution through education; cost-effective regional and watershed-based solutions and treatment options; and public infrastructure improvements.

#### **SUPPORT: The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act Watch**

- **Summary:** The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act will enact new accountability measures in California's voter approval system for new or increased taxes, especially information for voters and binding commitments on the period of the tax increase and use of the revenues. Any statewide tax increases or new taxes, in addition to being approved by a two-thirds majority of the Legislature, also receive majority approval by voters in a statewide election. The initiative also requires that any new fees be approved by the state Legislature.
- **Requested by:** Cal Chamber
- **Request:** Support
- **Platform Citation:** TF-2: Supports federal tax reform, which may include consideration of the flat tax, a national sales tax, or value-added tax to meet overall policy objectives as a replacement for current income tax structure.

### POSITIONS WE HAVE TAKEN

#### February Meeting

[AB 87 / SB 113 \(Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review\)](#): Economic relief: COVID-19 pandemic

- **Summary:** There was a California Emergency Relief fund created for the purpose of providing emergency relief to small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. AB 87 and SB 113 support the 2022-23 State Budget that restores the net operating loss deduction and business incentive tax credits that were originally suspended and capped in the 2020-21 budget.
- **Requested by:** Cal Chamber
- **Request:** Support
- **Platform Citation:** Taxation & Government Reform 8: Support state programs that secure tax credits for targeted work training programs.
- **Position Taken:** Support
- **Action Taken:** Participated in coalition letter
- **Status:** 2/3/22: Do pass, referred to committee on Business.

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## AB 1761 (Voepel): Employment: flexible work schedules.

- **Summary:** AB 1761 allows employee-selected flexible work schedules. California law currently does not allow an employee to work over 8 hours in one day without being paid overtime. This bill will allow employees to work four ten-hour workdays instead of five eight-hour work days. At the request of the employee, an employer would be able to implement a flexible work schedule that allows the employee to work up to ten hours in a day or 40 hours in a week, without the payment of overtime.
- **Requested by:** Cal Chamber
- **Request:** Support
- **Platform Citation:** Labor & Employment 8. Promote rules and regulations regarding employment status that protect workplace flexibility and protect public safety and consumer choice.
- **Position Taken:** Support
- **Action Taken:** Participated in coalition letter
- **Status:** Referred to Committee on Labor & Employment

## **Support for Southern California Water Infrastructure Funding Requests for Fiscal Year 2022-2023**

- **Summary:** The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan), have identified two Southern California priorities regarding water infrastructure funding. Southern California's Emergency Drought Projects and Regional Recycled Water Programs are two specific projects that need funding in order to mitigate drought issues in southern California.
- **Requested by:** Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
- **Request:** Participate in letter
- **Platform Citation:** Infrastructure Improvements 7. Review and evaluate policies that promote safe, clean, high quality, adequate and reliable water supplies supporting the needs of economic growth and quality of life in the Southwest California region.
- **Position Taken:** Participated in letter
- **Action Taken:** Participated in letter

## AB 1001 (Garcia/Gardens): Environment: mitigation measures for air and water quality impacts: environmental justice. - added summary on capitoltrack (add to all above)

- **Summary:** AB 1001 specifically does two major things. It expands the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to incorporate new, highly subjective, non-quantifiable and litigation-bait standards into CEQA to address historical discriminatory land use policies and limits local control by forcing all governments to follow a one-size fits all state level policy. Cal Chamber labeled this bill as a job killer.
- **Requested by:** Cal Chamber
- **Request:** Oppose
- **Position Taken:** Oppose

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- **Platform Citation:** Environment 4: Monitor and support efforts to reform the CEQA, and/or other regulatory entities, that will reduce the regulatory and compliance burden to cities and businesses in Southwest California.
- **Status:** Pass, In Senate. Read first time. To Committee on rules for assignment.

## AB 257 Oppose Coalition (Holden): Food facilities and employment.

- **Summary:** "Stop the takeout takeover Coalition" regarding AB 257 which we opposed during last month's meeting.
- **Requested by:** Stop the takeout takeover
- **Request:** Join Coalition
- **Platform Citation:** Labor & Employment 2 Monitor and review alternatives to (1) any proposed state minimum wage increases and (2) any local or state living wage ordinances.
- **Position Taken:** Oppose
- **Status:** In Senate. Read first time. To Committee on rules for assignment.

## AB 1748 (Seyarto): Exempt surplus land: regional housing need.

- **Summary:** AB 1748 is an act to amend Section 54221 of the Government Code, relating to surplus land. The bill would change the definition of surplus land that is zoned for a density of up to 30 residential units and is owned by a city or county that demonstrates adequate progress in meeting its share of regional housing need in its annual report, or is designated as pro-housing by the department. The city of Murrieta worked with Assembly Member Seyarto on this bill.
- **Requested by:** City of Murrieta
- **Request:** Support
- **Position Taken:** Support
- **Platform Citation:** Pro-business leadership 5: Monitor land use, planning, housing and zoning issues that affect the Southwest California regional business community.
- **Status:** Referred to Committee on local government and Housing & Community Development

## AB 1845 (Calderon): Metropolitan Water District of Southern California: alternative project delivery methods.

- **Summary:** AB 1845 aims to assist severe drought conditions and climate change that have negatively impacted the imported water supplies of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. There needs to be an increase in local water supplies, including recycled water, and the construction of water infrastructure to more efficiently transport limited water supplies within the district's service area. The bill provides multiple options for district projects, including a planned regional recycled water project, designed to counteract the negative impacts of severe and ongoing

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drought and the continuing impacts of climate change on water supplies in southern California.

- **Requested by:** Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
- **Platform Citation:** Infrastructure Improvements 7. Review and evaluate policies that promote safe, clean, high quality, adequate and reliable water supplies supporting the needs of economic growth and quality of life in the Southwest California region.
- **Status:** Referred to Committee on local government and Water, Parks, & Wildlife

## Restaurant Revitalization Fund

- **Summary:** The US senate is planning to pass a government spending bill sometime next month and the California Restaurant Association is working to get the Restaurant Revitalization Fund replenished. The Restaurant Revitalization Fund previously helped many restaurants but did not have enough funds for 177,000 eligible restaurants. If the fund is replenished, it could save hundreds of thousands of jobs in the restaurant industry.
- **Requested by:** California Restaurant Association
- **Request:** Support and join coalition
- **Position Taken:** Support
- **Platform Citation:** Taxation and Government Reform 10: Support practical business accounting procedures at the state level when trying to balance the State Budget.

## **Net Energy Metering (NEM 3.0)**

- **Summary:** CPUC reconsidering Net Energy Metering policy, previous proposed decision postponed in early February. New proposed decision TBD.
- **Request:** Support
- **Platform Citation:** Environment 1. Support policies that recognize the importance of balancing environmental issues including green, solar and water programs and their impacts on the public and private sector.

## **Change Leg Info to have bills indented (Lee)**

- **Summary:** For bills published on <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/> to be indented.
- **Requested by:** Assembly Member Alex Lee
- **Request:** Support
- **Position Taken:** Support
- **Platform Citation:** Change the bills published on Leg Info to be indented to make them easily readable and less confusing.

## **Coalition to Repeal the Death Tax**

- **Summary:** The coalition to repeal the death tax was created to remove the death tax that was brought back in 2020. Prop 19 was passed by voters in 2020 and it repealed props 58 and 193 which brought back the death tax for the first time in 35 years.

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Introducing the death tax upends the long-established law concerning the transfer of property between parents and their children.

- **Requested by:** Coalition to repeal the death tax
- **Platform Citation:** Taxation & Government Reform 4: Review and evaluate state and local fee & tax increases and new fee & tax categories affecting the regional business community.
- **Request:** Oppose

## **Coalition to Stop Dialysis Proposition**

- **Summary:** The Coalition to Stop Dialysis Proposition is opposing the 2021 UHW measure, a new measure that is nearly identical to Prop 23 which was opposed in 2020. The measure would require that a physician, NP and PA are always on site. The coalition believes that the latest proposition will again jeopardize access to care, worsen our health care provider shortage and increase health care costs for all Californians just like Prop 23.
- **Requested by:** Coalition to stop dialysis proposition
- **Request:** Oppose
- **Position Taken:** Oppose
- **Platform Citation:** Opposed Prop 23 in 2020

## **January Meeting**

### **[SB 260 \(Weiner/Stern\): Climate Corporate Accountability](#)**

- The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 requires the State Air Resources Board to adopt regulations to require the reporting and verification of statewide greenhouse gas emissions and to monitor and enforce compliance with the act. The act requires the state board to make available, and update at least annually, on its internet website the emissions of greenhouse gases, criteria pollutants, and toxic air contaminants for each facility that reports to the state board, as provided.
- **2 Year Bill**
- **Platform Citation:** 2021 Action
- **Position Taken:** Oppose
- **Action Taken:** Letter
- **Status:** Pass 3rd Reading

### **[AB 1119 \(Wicks\): Employment Discrimination](#)**

- **Summary:** The practice of discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, ancestry, familial status, source of income, disability, veteran or military status, or genetic information in housing accommodations is declared to be against public policy.
- **2 Year Bill**
- **Platform Citation:** 2021 Action



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- **Position Taken:** Oppose
- **Action Taken:** Letter
- **Status:** From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.

## [SB 213 \(Caballero/Kalra\): Workers' Compensation: hospital employees](#)

- **Summary:** This bill would define "injury," for hospital employees and would establish an array of workers' compensation presumptions for all employees who provide direct patient care in an acute care hospital –public or private. creates a presumption of industrial causation for all hospital employees that provide direct patient care who manifest a blood-borne infectious disease, tuberculosis, meningitis, methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), cancer, musculoskeletal injury, post-traumatic stress disorder, or respiratory disease during their employment, and for a time period after employment.
- **Requested by:** Cal Chamber
- **Request:** Oppose
- **Platform Citation:** 2021 Action
- **Position Taken:** Oppose
- **Action Taken:** Letter
- **Status:** Pass 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

## [AB 1192\(Kalra/Stern\): Employment Information: Worker Metrics](#)

- **Summary:** Requires employers to report data regarding wages, benefits, scheduling, and safety for their workforce, to report wage and hour data according to race, ethnicity, and gender, to identify the number of independent contractors it uses, etc.
- **Requested by:** Cal Chamber
- **Request:** Oppose
- **Platform Citation** Labor & Employment 3. Monitor and provide recommendations to the current workers' compensation reform measures to positively affect businesses.
- **Position Taken:** Oppose
- **Action Taken:** Letter
- **Status:** Died on inactive file.

## **UI Fund Budget Item**

- **Summary:** Budget for UI Fund, the budget includes \$3 billion for the UI Fund, in the form of 1 billion this year, and 2 billion next year to pay down the debt. Requesting assistance for California's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund
- **Requested by:** Cal Chamber
- **Request:** Support
- **Platform Citation:** 2021 Action
- **Position Taken:** Support

- **Action Taken:** Signed Letter

## [AB 1400 / ACA 11 \(Kalra, Lee, Santiago\): Guaranteed Health Care for All](#)

- **Summary:** AB 1400's new companion bill, ACA 11, proposes increasing Californians' taxes by hundreds of billions of dollars to fund the government-run health care system. Proponents have indicated the taxes will generate \$160 to \$170 billion annually. This proposal would be the biggest tax increase in state history
- **Requested by:** Cal Chamber
- **Request:** Oppose
- **Platform Citation:** 2021 Action
- **Position Taken:** Oppose
- **Action Taken:** Signed Letter
- **Status:** Died on third reading file.

## [AB 257 \(Gonzalez\): Food Facilities & Employment](#)

- **Summary:** This bill would enact the Fast Food Accountability and Standards Recovery Act or FAST Recovery Act. The bill would establish the Fast Food Sector Council (council), to be composed of 11 members to be appointed by the Governor, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the Senate Rules Committee, and would prescribe its powers. The purpose of the council would be to establish industry-wide minimum standards on wages, working hours, and other working conditions related to the health, safety, and welfare of, and supplying the necessary cost of proper living to, fast food restaurant workers, as well as effecting interagency coordination and prompt agency responses in this regard. The bill would define the characteristics of a fast food restaurant, including that the establishment be part of a set of fast food restaurants consisting of 30 or more establishments nationally that share a common brand, or that are characterized by standardized options for decor, marketing, packaging, products, and services.
- **Requested by:** Cal Chamber
- **Request:** Oppose
- **Status:** In Senate. Read first time. To committee on Rules for assignment.

## [AB 1547\(Reyes\): Air Pollution: Warehouse Facilities](#)

- **Summary:** This bill would prohibit local governments from allowing the siting of a warehouse development project where the distance between the boundary of the project site and sensitive land use is less than 3,000 yards. The bill would require local governments, before approving a warehouse development project, to conduct a cumulative analysis of the air quality impacts of the warehouse development project, to require the use of certain equipment for the warehouse development project, to require the project applicant to develop certain agreements that affected residents or groups that represent the community interest may elect to sign, and to ensure public participation by residents affected by the project on the consideration of the project, as

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provided. By imposing additional duties on local governments, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

- **Request:** Oppose
- **Position Taken:** Oppose
- **Status:** From committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56.

## Prop 65 Rulemaking

- **Summary:** If OEHHA proceeds, the following will be changed: Increase 12 to 40 square inches, Increase compliance timeframe from 12 months to 36 months, Clarify unlimited sell through provision for good already manufactured, Clarify that only one chemical per toxicity is required on the short form warning, Eliminate two ambiguities in the proposed rulemaking that will be litigation bait
- **Requested by:** Cal Chamber
- **Request:** Oppose
- **Position Taken:** Oppose

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## Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 21, 2022

2022 Chair: Erik McLeod

Legislative Consultant: Chris Collier

Call to Order, Roll Call & Introductions: 12:05 pm

**Chair Report:** Discussion: Policy needs to be made for urgent bills

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes seconded and carried

**Sports Wagering Ballot Measures Presentation by Jacob Mejia:**

A) Asking for SWCLC support on the Tribal Sports Wagering Act

B) Asking for SWCLC to oppose the Online Gambling Proposition

## Legislative Report #3

1. **AB 1601 Call centers: protections. (Weber)**

AB 1601 would require an employer of customer service or in a call center from California who is relocating, to notify the labor commissioner at least 120 days before the relocation. The labor commissioner would also be able to impose a civil penalty of up to \$10,000 if the employer does not provide the notice. The labor commissioner would compile a list of employers and these employers would not be able to receive state grants or loans and be ineligible to claim tax credits for 5 years unless otherwise specified by the commissioner. **Motion to OPPOSE seconded and carried.**

2. **AB 1993 Employment: COVID-19 vaccination requirements. (Weber)**

AB 1993 would require an employer to require each person who is an employee or independent contractor, and who is eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, to show proof to the employer, or an authorized agent thereof, that the person has been vaccinated against COVID-19. **Motion to OPPOSE seconded and carried**

3. **SB 1410 California Environmental Quality Act: transportation impacts. (Caballero)**

SB 1410 would require the criteria for determining the significance of transportation impacts of projects to only promote the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. **Motion to WATCH seconded and carried.**

4. **AB 1632 Restroom access: medical conditions. (Weber)**

AB 1632 allows immediate restroom access for certain medical conditions. An “Eligible medical condition” means Crohn’s disease, ulcerative colitis, other inflammatory bowel disease, irritable bowel syndrome, or another medical condition that requires immediate access to a toilet facility. **Motion to WATCH seconded and carried**

5. **AB 1694 Insurance: investment disclosures. (Levine)**

AB 1694 would require an insurance company to disclose and post on their website which fossil fuel companies that they insure. Currently, this must only be reported to only the insurance commissioner if it is over \$100,000. **Motion to OPPOSE seconded and carried**

6. **SB 1162 Employment: salaries and wages (Limon)**

SB 1162 requires a private employer that has 100 or more employees to submit a pay data report to Department of Fair Employment and Housing in order to protect individuals to hold employment without discrimination. It would require the pay data report to include the median and mean hourly rate for each combination of race, ethnicity, and sex within each job category. **Motion to OPPOSE seconded and carried**

7. **AB 1949 Employees: bereavement leave (Low)**

AB 1949 would require a total of at least 5 days of bereavement leave (typically for the loss of a loved one) for the employee. The bill would make it an unlawful employment practice for an employer to engage in

specified acts of discrimination, interference, or retaliation relating to an individual's exercise of rights under the bill. **Motion to OPOSE seconded and carried**

8. **AB 2182 Discrimination: family responsibilities (Wicks)**

AB 2182 would prohibit employment discrimination for any family responsibilities. It would make it unlawful for an employer to not make reasonable accommodation for family responsibilities or to deny request of any accommodation from the employee. **Motion to OPOSE seconded and carried**

9. **SB 1044 Employers: natural disasters (Durazo)**

If a natural disaster were to occur, SB 1044 would prohibit an employer from taking or threatening action against any employee for refusing to report to, or for leaving, a workplace within the affected area because the employee feels unsafe. **Motion to OPOSE seconded and carried**

10. **AB 2026 Recycling: plastic packaging and carryout bags. (Friedman)**

AB 2026 would prohibit online retailers that ship within or into the state from using single use packaging. The bill would establish an at-store recycling program meaning the customer could return and recycle the bag that the item was shipped in. the intent is to reduce environmental impacts of plastic pollution caused by single use plastic. **Motion to OPOSE seconded and carried**

11. **AB 2705 Housing: fire safety standards (Quirk-Silva)**

AB 2705 does not allow new residential development projects to be approved without checking for fire safety standards and to not allow new developments to be located in a high fire hazard zone. **Motion to OPOSE seconded and carried**

12. **AB 2289 Wealth Tax (Lee)**

AB 2289 will raise taxes by 1.5% for net worth of \$1,000,000,000, or in excess of \$500,000,000 in the case of a married taxpayer filing separately beginning January 1, 2025. It would also start a wealth tax advisory council. **Motion to OPOSE seconded and carried**

13. • **AB 2108 Pupil mental health services: school notification (Rivas)**

AB 2108 requires schools to notify students and their parents or guardians no less than twice during the school year on how to initiate access to available mental health services on campus or in the community, or both. **Motion to WATCH seconded and carried**

14. **AB 2639 Water quality control plans and water rights permits. (Quirk)**

AB 2639 would require the state board to adopt a final update of a specified water quality control plan for the Bay-Delta and to implement the final San Joaquin River/Southern Delta update of the water quality control plan. **Motion to WATCH seconded and carried**

15. **SB 1205 Water rights: appropriation (Allen)**

SB 1205 will require the determination of water availability for issuing water right permits and licenses and the development of new methods for issuing water rights. It would require more specificity for methods and practices for determining water availability. It would also require consult from the Department of Water Resources, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and qualified hydrologists and climate change scientists.

**Motion to WATCH seconded and carried**

16. **AB 2106 Water Quality: Permits (Rivas)**

AB 2106 would require new permitting requirements to modernize its Stormwater Multiple Application and Report Tracking System (SMARTS) database. It would require the state board to establish a comprehensive guidance document for evaluating and measuring the effectiveness of municipal stormwater management programs and permits. There would be an evaluation of the California storm water program and the state's progress with water quality standards. It would require the availability of public workshops and comments to evaluate the state's progress toward water quality. **Motion to OPOSE seconded and carried**

17. **AB 2188 Discrimination in employment: use of cannabis (Quirk)**

This bill would amend the act to make it unlawful for an employer to discriminate against a person in hiring, termination, or any term or condition of employment, or otherwise penalize a person, if the discrimination is based upon the person's use of cannabis off the job and away from the workplace or, with prescribed exceptions, upon an employer-required drug screening test. **Motion to OPOSE seconded and carried**

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18. **AB 2243 Occupational safety and health standards: heat illness: wildfire smoke (E. Garcia)**  
AB 2243 will revise the heat illness standard to include an ultrahigh heat standard for employees in outdoor places of employment for heat above 105 degrees. Similarly, the wildfire smoke standard would reduce the existing air quality index threshold. **Motion to OPPOSE seconded and carried**
19. **AB 2164 Disability access: funding. (Lee)**  
AB 2164 will help ensure that small businesses have access to funds to make accessibility-related improvements so that Californians with disabilities have barrier-free access to businesses and other facilities. **Motion to SUPPORT seconded and carried**
20. **SB 847 COVID-19 relief: tenancy: grant program. (Hurtado)**  
SB 847 will allow landlords and tenants affected by covid but not covered because of the federal financial restrictions under the state Emergency Rental Assistance Program to receive funding. **Motion to SUPPORT seconded and carried**
21. **Fair Act H.R. 963**  
Forced Arbitration Injustice Repeal Act or the FAIR Act. • This bill prohibits an arbitration agreement of future employment from being valid or enforceable if it requires arbitration of an employment, consumer, antitrust, or civil rights dispute. It prohibits agreements between employer and employee that interfere with the right of the individuals and small business. **Motion to OPPOSE seconded and carried**
22. **Californians for Safe Stores and Neighborhoods Coalition**  
Californians for Safe Stores and Neighborhoods is a coalition of business leaders and retailers across California fighting organized retail crime crisis. **NO POSITION taken**
23. **OPPOSE: The California Plastic Waste Reduction Regulations Initiative:**  
The California Plastic Waste Reduction Regulations Initiative would impose a tax on virtually all consumer goods packaging, including packaging for food products, and a tax on some single-use plastic products. If enacted, this new tax on businesses selling in or into California will also increase for inflation beginning in 2030. It would also require businesses to reduce their single use plastic by 25% by weight and items sold. The tax estimations are as high as \$8 billion a year.
24. **SUPPORT: The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act:**  
The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act will enact new accountability measures in California's voter approval system for new or increased taxes, especially information for voters and binding commitments on the period of the tax increase and use of the revenues. Any statewide tax increases or new taxes, in addition to being approved by a two-thirds majority of the Legislature, also receive majority approval by voters in a statewide election. The initiative also requires that any new fees be approved by the state Legislature.

## **Speaker and Chamber Announcements**

### **Senator Melissa Melendez**

Reported by Casey Deaver: Upcoming Town Hall

### **Assembly Member Kelly Sevarto**

Reported by Hildur Sam: Legislative Update

### **Lake Elsinore Chamber of Commerce**

Report of Upcoming Events

### **Murrieta/Wildomar Chamber of Commerce**

Reported of Upcoming Events

### **Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce**

Reported of Upcoming events

**Adjournment: 1:36pm**

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