

The Duarte Chamber of Commerce

is pleased to present its Legislative Priorities platform. This platform, developed by the Legislative Affairs Committee and approved annually by the Board of Directors, enables the Chamber to respond quickly to business issues as they arise, especially when time is of the essence.

The Legislative Affairs Committee of the Duarte Chamber monitors the legislative activity of both State and Federal representatives who serve the city of Duarte.

The Committee acts on behalf of the entire Chamber membership by keeping all members informed of legislation that may potentially impact their business.

The Chamber welcomes all members to take an active role in the Legislative Affairs Committee. For more information please contact the Duarte Chamber office by calling (626) 357-3333.

Legislator Listing

U.S. Congress 32nd District

Congresswoman Judy Chu

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State Assembly 44th District

Assemblymember Anthony J. Portantino

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State Senate 24th District

Senator Ed Hernandez

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West Covina, CA 91790
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YOUR BUSINESS IS OUR MISSION

The Duarte Chamber of Commerce strives to provide its Membership with a variety of tools and resources to assist in successful business growth and development.

This brochure presents the basic legislative policies endorsed by the Duarte Chamber of Commerce. These include topics such as government, transportation, economic development and education. It is intended to address State and Federal legislation as it impacts our local business community.

For more information on any of the information included in this brochure, please contact the Chamber office at (626) 357-3333.

Thank you for your investment in the Duarte Chamber of Commerce!



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2011-2012 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

*An Overview
of the Basic Legislative Policies
Endorsed by the
Duarte Chamber of Commerce*



LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

EDUCATION

Support educational initiatives that improve student achievement, resulting in a highly qualified workforce who will strengthen the economy.

- Support efforts to adequately fund education.
- Support efforts to increase resources dedicated to special education.
- Support policies that provide balanced educational programs, including academic subjects, fine arts, physical education and languages.
- Support efforts that promote cross-cultural education and produce citizens capable of working in a global economy.
- Oppose unfunded mandates.

ENERGY

Support efforts to develop and sustain safe, reliable and efficient cost-effective sources of energy in order to maintain a viable business environment and robust economy in the San Gabriel Valley.

- Encourage business education programs to promote energy conservation and energy efficient based programs that will benefit local businesses.

GOVERNMENT

Support the functions of government to enhance the economic base of private enterprise and Duarte businesses.

- Oppose unfunded government and safety mandates.
- Support policies that promote efficiency in government.

- Support permit streamlining and other methods of cutting business red tape.
- Support government entrepreneurial efforts.
- Support efforts to reduce business taxes.
- When appropriate, oppose California's business legislation that provides for more stringent standards or regulations than those of the federal government.

HEALTH CARE

Preserve human dignity and access to basic services as a right of all citizens.

- Support legislation that requires at least a portion of the payment for healthy services be provided by the recipient.
- Support voluntary employer funded health coverage.
- Support development of comprehensive health care facilities in the Los Angeles County area with local health care input.
- Support measures that promote public health.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Support the maintenance and required improvement of the infrastructure to support the needs of the existing population and growth, which stimulates the economy.

- Encourage market-based incentive for recycling, which in turn preserves our natural resources.
- Encourage South Coast Air Quality Management District, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and other similar regulatory agencies to streamline permitting that will aid in the conservation of essential resources.
- Support aggressive measures to combat graffiti and other indications of blight.

LABOR/WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Foster legislation that will allow business and industry flexibility to safely and efficiently manage its employees and develop programs that enhance productivity.

- Support continued reform of Workers' Compensation laws to reduce the cost of system and to increase benefits to legitimate employee claims.
- Support efforts to maintain employers authority in labor issues.
- Support the educational process that will provide a qualified and able workforce.

REGULATIONS/LEGISLATION

Support efforts to encourage new businesses and retain existing businesses by reforming the burdensome regulatory process.

- Oppose mandates to further regulate, tax, or impose undue burdens of reporting and complying on small businesses.
- Oppose legislation to impose standards upon business based on untried and experimental solutions.
- Assist development of market-based incentives in lieu of government-mandated policies.
- Support reasonable standards for business signage and promotion regulations.

TRANSPORTATION

Support transportation and transit improvements that reduce congestion and enhance the mobility of goods, if such projects ensure for home rule for local governments and sensitive to local community