

IRWINDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Government:

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

- Oppose unfunded government and safety mandates.
- Support land use authority at the closest possible level of government.
- Assist development of market based incentives in lieu of government-mandated policies.
- Support policies that promote efficiency in government and consolidation of services.
- Support permit streamlining and other methods of cutting business red tape.
- Support government entrepreneurial efforts.
- Support court reform including the elimination of excessive litigation.
- Support privatization of government services when economically viable.
- Support efforts to reduce business taxes.
- Oppose California business legislation calling 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 health 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.

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 SGV.

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

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 conservation, reclaim, reuse and recycling efforts, preserving 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:

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 the system and to increase benefits to legitimate employee claims.
- Support flexible 40-hour week, allowing employers to determine daily hours not to exceed 12 hours per day.
- Support efforts to maintain employers authority in labor issues.
- Support the educational process that will provide a qualified and able workforce.

Regulations:

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 businesses 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 development and expansion of the transportation network.

- Oppose mandates that divert dedicated transportation funds for other uses.
- Encourage ways to reduce single occupant vehicle use during peak traffic hours.
- Support expansion of high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes and restricted hours where appropriate, but assuring minimal impact on existing businesses with regard to parking, signage, access, etc.
- Encourage and support policies to promote alternate methods of travel.
- Support transit projects connecting Los Angeles with the San Gabriel Valley, advocating that construction commence in the Valley first.

The Irwindale Chamber of Commerce Means Business:

The Irwindale Chamber Legislative Business Affairs Committee utilizes the Irwindale Chamber's platform to determine which legislative, regulatory and governmental issues the Chamber should support or oppose. They inform legislators of the Chamber's positions. This committee also works to keep the members of the Chamber informed and educated on issues facing the business community by having forums for our businesses to meet and hear from our legislators.

The Irwindale Chamber of Commerce has been instrumental in the formation and development of the San Gabriel Valley Legislative Association of Chambers. Fourteen Chambers of Commerce have approved a regional Legislative Platform. This allows the Coalition to send letters to our legislators on behalf of the Chambers and our respective members.

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Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce to **BUILD** solid relationships, provide quality services that **SUPPORT** chamber members and businesses in order to **PROMOTE** the economic vitality of our community.

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