



San Gabriel Valley Legislative Coalition of Chambers

Representing the businesses of:

Arcadia
Azusa
Duarte
El Monte / So. El Monte
Irwindale
La Cañada Flintridge
La Verne
Monrovia
Regional -San Gabriel Valley
- Diamond Bar
- Hacienda Heights
- La Puente
- Rowland Heights
- Walnut
- Valinda
Rosemead
San Dimas
Sierra Madre
Temple City
West Covina

The San Gabriel Valley Legislative Coalition of Chambers, a consortium of Valley chambers, has taken positions on the November ballot initiatives. The Coalition serves as a public policy advocacy body on issues that impact the business and economic climate of the Valley. The Coalition operates on a platform approved by each respective Chamber covering the following areas: Government, Energy, Health Care, Infrastructure and Environment, Labor, Regulations, Transportation and Education.

Prop. 19 - Legalizes Marijuana Under California But Not Federal Law. **SGVLCOC OPPOSES the initiative; *California employers will not be allowed to: "screen job applicants for marijuana use; regulate any use related employee conduct, transportation or cultivation of marijuana unless the employer can prove job impairment; or choose to maintain a drug-free workplace consistent with federal law," according to an analysis released by the L.A. County DA.***

Prop 20 - Redistricting of Congressional Districts. **SGVLCOC SUPPORTS the initiative; *the California Legislature has not been successful in efforts to create fair districts. The Coalition supports the efforts of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission.***

Prop 21 - Establishes \$18 Annual Vehicle License Surcharge to Help Fund State Parks & Wildlife Programs. **SGVLCOC OPPOSES the initiative; *the fee will negatively impact many local businesses by increasing costs in this current economic climate.***

Prop. 22 - Prohibits the State from Borrowing or Taking Funds Used for Transportation, Redevelopment, or Local Government Projects and Services. **SGVLCOC SUPPORTS the initiative; *the act protects investments in transportation projects, prohibits the state from borrowing local government property taxes and from borrowing Prop. 42 (gas tax) funds.***

Prop. 23 - Suspends Implementation of Air Pollution Control Law (AB 32). **SGVLCOC SUPPORTS the initiative; *a provision in AB32 allows the Governor, in times of economic crisis to suspend it (AB 32) temporarily. Enactment of AB32 in the current economic climate could have a severe negative impact on business, including the loss of jobs. The state cannot afford it; therefore a suspension of its implementation is the best course of action.***

Prop. 24 - Repeals Recent Legislation That Would Allow Businesses to Lower Their Tax Liability Initiative Statute **SGVLCOC OPPOSES the initiative; *repeals recently enacted tax benefits that the Coalition had previously supported. These tax benefits are critical to business success and thus save jobs.***

Prop. 25 - Changes Legislative Vote Requirement to Pass Budget and Budget-Related Legislation from Two-Thirds to a Simple Majority. **SGVLCOC OPPOSES the initiative; *the main purpose of the state legislators is the annual creation of a balanced budget. The measure will exempt the budget bill and other bills providing for appropriations related to the annual budget bill from the existing 2/3 vote requirement and provide that those appropriations take effect immediately. The 2/3 majority is necessary to prevent either party from passing unreasonable budgets that would in effect force tax increases to cover the appropriations.***

Prop. 26 - Requires That Certain State and Local Fees Be Approved by Two-Thirds Vote. **SGVLCOC SUPPORTS the initiative; *this measure closes loopholes in the law that allow the State Legislature to raise, by a majority vote rather than the required 2/3 vote, taxes on products and services simply by calling them "fees" instead of "taxes." Hidden taxes and fees work against job creation, driving businesses out of our state and forcing many small businesses to close.***

Prop. 27 - Eliminates State Commission on Redistricting. **SGVLCOC OPPOSES the initiative; *it overturns the California Voters First Act reform (Proposition 11 of 2008). California cannot afford to return to a system where the politicians select their voters by drawing the district lines. The California Citizens Redistricting Commission will best accomplish the objective.***