



ISSUE & POLICY ROUNDTABLE

Thursday,
July 26th
12:00pm

Chair
Jim Knight

THE CHAMBER'S FORUM FOR GOVERNMENTAL AND BUSINESS CONCERNS

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

- 2 - Board Meeting
Chamber
Conference Room
271 N. Fairview
Ave., Ste 104
8:00am - 9:30am
- 6 - Ambassadors
Meeting
Chamber
Conference Room
271 N. Fairview
Ave., Ste 104
12:00pm - 1:00pm
- 9 - Lemon Festival
Committee
Chamber
Conference Room
271 N. Fairview
Ave., Ste 104
8:00am - 9:30am
- 14 - Issue & Policy
Roundtable
General Plan
Amendment
Process - Part 2
Chamber
Conference Room
271 N. Fairview
Ave., Ste 104
12:00pm - 1:15pm
- 22 - Goleta
Leadership
Council Luncheon
- 22 - Business After
Hours Mixer
ATK Space Systems
600 Pine St
5:00pm - 7:00pm
- 23 - Issue & Policy
Roundtable
Santa Barbara
Airport
Chamber
Conference Room
271 N. Fairview
Ave., Ste 104
12:00pm - 1:15pm
- 29 - Quarterly
Membership
Luncheon
Goleta Plan &
Planning
(info on back)

Goleta's General Plan

The Chamber applauds the Goleta City Council's initiative to amend the Goleta General Plan and the two-step process to divide policies into two lists: priority action and policies that require longer and further review.

As the City is taking such steps to improve flaws in the General Plan, and because the Chamber has contributed significant information while forming the plan, it is important we now follow up and participate during the City's process of amendment.

The Chamber is appreciative of the City staff who have accompanied us today to take part in this collaborative community event.

At a recent City Council meeting, the Council members voted to bring several policies together for further review for possible amendment. There are 67 policies on this list for review. The Chamber believes this is a good step toward improving the General Plan, bringing it into legal compliance, and expediting the internal flaws between the policies.

A full summary and matrix of the suggested changes can be viewed on the Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce homepage, <http://www.GoletaValleyChamber.com>

The next Issue & Policy Roundtable meeting on August 14th will address the remaining changes proposed by the Chamber.

AGENDA

NOTES

ITEM 1: Quick history of the Housing Element

ITEM 2: Overview of the California State Letter

ITEM 3: Proposed Changes

- Inclusionary
- Locations / Land Use
- Types and Density
- Workforce
- Incentives
- Restrictions

ITEM 4: Lead into the next meeting on August 14



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AB 8

Democratic Health Care Proposal Allows Government Agency to Raise Payroll Taxes

Take Action

To take action on this bill before July 11th, visit our website: www.goletavalleychamber.com and follow the link on our homepage.

GVCOC Urges Members to Act Now

AB 8 imposes a 7.5% payroll tax on both small and large employers, to fund comprehensive health care coverage for those who don't currently purchase it. The bill, which has passed the Assembly and Senate Committees, mandates that employers would have to contribute to a state fund, essentially 'pay or play.'

The GVCOC board opposes the bill and urges members to send letters to the Capitol. Please use the form letters below to let politicians know what 7.5% means to your financial bottom line.

Bill Macfadyen, GVCOC's Board Chairman, observes in this month's Goleta Business Journal, "...AB 8 is an underfunded mandate, not health-care reform. The initial tax increase won't be enough to purchase the HMO plans the legislation promises and the measure does nothing to improve affordability." The full article is available in the August edition of the Goleta Business Journal, and also on the homepage of our website: <http://www.goletavalleychamber.com>.

To better assist you take action on this bill, the Goleta Valley Chamber has posted many online tools for you to utilize:

- An AB 8 form letter for those who currently provide health insurance to their employees. This form is available from our homepage. Once you have completed the letter, email the saved document to Anna@GoletaValley.com, who will mail all the letters together to achieved the highest impact.
- Another tool available is an AB 8 form letter for those who do not currently provide health insurance to their employees.
- The third tool available on our website is the partnership with the Cal Chamber and their Voter Voice program, which will enable you to take further action online to oppose AB 8.

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

Goleta Plans & Planning

WHO: projects in our City, and the new Planning Commission.
Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce

WHEN: Wednesday, August 29,
12:00pm - 1:30 pm

WHAT: This quarter's membership luncheon will allow you to hear from Michael T. Bennett, Mayor Prop Tempore; Steve Chase, Director of Planning and Environmental Services; and Ken Knight, Co-Chair of the Goleta Planning Commission. The panel members will answer important questions on the Goleta General Plan, the future

WHERE: Holiday Inn
5650 Calle Real
Goleta, CA 93117

COST: Chamber Members - \$25
Non-Members - \$35

CITY SCHEDULE

City to Address General Plan Amendments

Starting in August, the Goleta City Council will begin addressing General Plan amendments in various meetings and workshops. The hope is to streamline the process, and prioritize the essential changes to the Goleta General Plan.

The Schedule is as follows:

- **Monday, August 6th, 2007**
GP amendment initiation hearing. The City Council will address each item and group it into an appropriate "track." There are three tracks: Housing, Minor Policy Revisions, and Substantive Policy Revisions.
- **Saturday, September 15, 2007**
Open House/Workshop
- **Saturday, September 22, 2007**
Open House/Workshop

NOTES

LOCAL POLITICAL CALENDAR

August

6 - City Council Meeting
1:30pm & 6:00pm
Goleta City Hall
130 Cremona Drive, Ste. B

7 - Design Review Board
3:00pm
Goleta City Hall
130 Cremona Drive, Ste. B

IPR is the Chamber's forum for governmental and business concerns. The IPR committee will endeavor to study and take positions, when appropriate, on local regional and state issues that affect business and commerce in the Greater Goleta Valley.

The Chamber is the largest and most broadly based business representative in the Goleta Valley. It is the Chamber's role to promote a platform of economic health and vitality for the Goleta Valley on behalf of our members. IPR meetings and discussions are open to all Chamber members. When voting on an action item, all members present will be asked to vote. To be valid, votes must include a majority of the committee members listed below:

Kristen Amyx
Jean Blois
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Mark Ingalls
Jim Knight
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Tim Mahoney
Bill Redding

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