

South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce Report by Lomita Councilmember Barry Waite

Meeting Overview

The South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (SBACC) held its September 2025 Board of Directors meeting with both in-person and virtual attendance. Kimberly Caceres, SBACC 2025 Chair, presided over the meeting which included reports from government representatives, discussion of legislative positions, and organizational updates. The next board meeting will be held on October 7th, 2025, in a hybrid format.

Reports from Government Representatives

Federal Updates:

- U.S. Chamber reported on their Transportation Infrastructure Coalition letter on permitting reform with 530+ signatures, and noted current legislative priorities: permitting reform, AI, and immigration
- Congressman Ted Lieu's office highlighted several bills including the Health AI Act, legislation to prevent sexual abuse in K-12 schools, and programs to help first responders purchase homes
- Janet Turner from Congressman Lieu's office announced the "Conversations with Veterans" virtual event on November 8th and offered assistance with USPS delivery issues

State Updates:

- Cal Cities reported on the final days of the legislative cycle, particularly focused on SB 79 (transit-oriented development bill)
- Metropolitan Water District noted AB 580 (Surface Mining Reclamation Act) is awaiting the Governor's signature and provided updates on the Bay Delta Conservation Project
- South Coast AQMD announced the launch of their Invest Clean program with \$190.8M available to replace diesel locomotives and other measures to reduce emissions
- Assemblymember Al Muritsuchi's office shared information about upcoming town halls and legislation on the Governor's desk
- Assemblymember Mike Gibson's office reported two bills signed including AB 233 (alcoholic beverage licenses) and AB 751 (emergency communications at petroleum facilities)

County/Local Updates:

- Supervisor Mitchell's office reported on a \$24M investment in life sciences projects and wage increases for in-home support services workers
- Metro presented their Open and Slow Streets grant program (\$15M available) and announced the upcoming release of the K-Line extension environmental impact report

Legislative Positions

Supported:

- SB 1 (Senator Wiener) - CEQA exemptions for environmental leadership transit projects, extending exemptions for transit/active transportation and zero-emission infrastructure projects to 2040

Opposed:

- SB 79 (Senator Wiener) - Transit-oriented development bill that would align high-density housing near transit and reduce cities' planning control
- SB 709 (Senator Menho) - Self-storage facilities rental agreements bill that would require new disclosure requirements on rental agreements
- Proposition 50 - Constitutional amendment that would shift redistricting authority from the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to the legislature for the 2026 and 2030 election cycles

Organizational Updates

Installation Planning:

- Installation of new chair Jeremy Harris (Long Beach Chamber) scheduled for November 13th at Hotel Maya
- Nominating committee formed with Donna Dubron, Maris Santos, Mackenzie Neely Wright, Mark Warnick, and Jeremy Harris as chair
- Committee will nominate the 2026 Executive Committee (vice chair, secretary, treasurer)

Fall Mixer:

- Scheduled for October 6th with early sponsors including Marathon, Wispa, Cal Water, Malaga Bank, and Chevron
- Tickets: \$45 for SBACC members, \$65 for non-members, free for elected officials and city managers

Financial Update:

- Cash position healthy with five months of operating expenses
- Total assets: \$33,900
- Year-to-date revenue: 14% over 2024
- Outstanding receivables: \$11,400