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An Environment that Attracts, Retains Businesses

Affordability

Consider the compliance costs of regulatory legislation as well as the down-stream costs to residents.

1. **Support: AB 2366** (Ávila Farías) – Consider the cost-of-living impact of new legislation.
2. **Support: SB 981** (Niello) – Consider cost-of-living impacts of CARB regulations.
3. **Support: AB 2353** (Pacheco) – Analysis of costs of regulation on hospitals.

Regulatory Environment

PAGA: Thank you for recognizing that the system was broken and acting. We are waiting to see if there is more fixing needed, but we appreciate that the legislature is working to make sure mistakes made in good faith are not punished severely.

CEQA: We appreciate that there was action taken last year to introduce reforms, especially around infill housing. However further action is required to ensure that CEQA is something that leads to sustainable business practices rather than an impediment to a thriving economy. We would like to see the legislature enact the rest of the recommendations made by the Little Hoover Commission in their report, #279, published in May 2024.

Insurance

Costs of business insurance continue to increase. We hope business reforms will start to bring business liability insurance costs under control. See also our property insurance concerns, as these apply to many businesses.

Employment

We need to ensure that businesses can safely and simply hire new employees and our residents have the resources to ensure they are prepared for the jobs that are available.

1. **Oppose: AB 2095** (Lee) **AB 2064** (Sharp-Collins) – This legislation would make it difficult for employers who work with and around vulnerable populations to ensure the safety of those individuals. It would also make hiring more difficult for companies filling financially sensitive positions.
2. **Support: SB 845** (Perez) – High School Youth Apprenticeships. This bill creates or scaling earn-and-learn models tied to high school coursework, strengthens partnerships between K-12, community colleges, and employers, establishes standards, funding streams, or incentives for apprenticeship programs, and expands access to paid, work-based learning opportunities before graduation.

