

# LEADERSHIP DELEGATION TO **SACRAMENTO**

**JUNE 17 - 18**  
THE CITIZEN HOTEL

## Trip Itinerary

All Dates  
6/17-6/18

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June 17, 2024

11:45 AM PT

### Monday - Opening Lunch, sponsored by Kaiser Permanente

Featured 11:45 AM-1:00 PM

The Citizen Hotel (Metropolitan Terrace), 926 J St, Sacramento, CA 95814

Welcome:

- Jerry Sanders, President & CEO, San Diego Regional Chamber

Sponsor comments:

- Rodger Dougherty, Senior Director of Public Affairs & Communications, Kaiser Permanente

Lunch Discussion:

- CalChamber will provide an update on the state's most important topics, expectations for the end of session, leadership changes and ballot measures.

Speaker:

- Ben Golombek, Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff for Policy, CalChamber



**Ben Golombek**  
Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff for Policy  
CalChamber

1:00 PM PT

## LOSSAN Corridor Discussion

1:00 PM-1:25 PM

The Citizen Hotel (Metropolitan Terrace), 926 J St, Sacramento, CA 95814

### **Fireside Chat with:**

- Senator Catherine Blakespear, 38th District

### **Information:**

- The LOSSAN rail corridor is the second busiest intercity rail corridor in the country, and is crucial for the movement of passengers and goods in and out of the San Diego region.
- Senator Blakespear is a leading voice at the state for this rail corridor; authoring SB 677 in 2023 and authoring SB 1098 in 2024 to revitalize and strengthen the future of this important corridor for our county.
- This discussion provides an opportunity for the delegation to hear directly from the Senator regarding the State's efforts to stabilize and promote the LOSSAN corridor, and learn why these efforts are so crucial for the region.



**Catherine Blakespear**  
Senator  
38th District, State of California

1:30 PM PT

## Financial Future of California's Health System

1:30 PM-1:55 PM

The Citizen Hotel (Metropolitan Terrace), 926 J St, Sacramento, CA 95814

### **Meeting with:**

- Dustin Corcoran, Chief Executive Officer, California Medical Association

### **Objectives:**

- Discuss financial challenges facing our region's healthcare providers, including Medi-Cal reimbursement rates
- Hear about MCO Tax and associated ballot measure
- Review state budget challenges for healthcare

### **Moderator:**

- Kaitlin Chell, Executive Director, State and Local Government & Community Relations, UC San Diego



Dustin Corcoran  
Chief Executive Officer  
California Medical Association

2:00 PM PT

## GoBiz

2:00 PM-2:30 PM

The Citizen Hotel (Metropolitan Terrace), 926 J St, Sacramento, CA 95814

Meeting with:

- Emily Desai, Deputy Director for International Affairs and Trade, GoBiz

Meeting Objectives:

- To discuss opportunities for small businesses in San Diego, including grants and other funding opportunities.
- For GoBiz to share about state's focus on workforce support and job creation.

Moderator:

- Eduardo "Lalo" Acosta, Vice President of R.L. Jones Customhouse Brokers



Emily Desai  
Deputy Director for International Affa...  
Governor's Office of Business and E...



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Vice President  
RL Jones Customhouse Brokers

2:45 PM PT

## PAGA Reform Panel

2:45 PM-3:45 PM

The Citizen Hotel (Metropolitan Terrace), 926 J St, Sacramento, CA 95814

Meeting with members of the "Fix PAGA Coalition", including:

- Brian Maas, President, New Car Dealers
- Jot Condie, President and CEO, CA Restaurant Association
- Rachel Michelin, President, CA Retailers Association

Meeting objectives:

- Learn from the coalition about statewide efforts to reform PAGA, the Private Attorney General Act
- Advocate for reforms that will benefit San Diego's business community
- In May of 2024, the Chamber officially voted to support a PAGA reform package which included joining the statewide "Fix PAGA Coalition", supporting the statewide ballot measure, and opposing AB 2288. Please see attached documents for more information on the coalition, the ballot measure and AB 2288.

Moderator:

- Justine Murray, Executive Director of Public Affairs, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce



Brian Maas  
President  
California New Car Dealers Associati...



Rachel Michelin  
President  
California Retailers Association



3:15 PM PT

## Capitol Tour with Assemblymember Chris Ward (CA-78)

3:15 PM-4:15 PM

State Capitol Building, 2nd Floor Rotunda (.5 mi. from Citizen Hotel)

\*\* This tour has limited space. Please sign up for the tour using the + button in your app. If the tour shows full, you may [add yourself to the waitlist here](#).

**Entrance: Meet Asm. Chris Ward at the 2nd Floor Rotunda in the State Capitol at 3:15 PM to be escorted to the Assembly floor.**

Staff Lead: Myriam Mendoza (619) 327-3264



Chris Ward  
Assemblymember  
California State Assembly

3:50 PM PT

## "All Sandcastles, No Homes": Can We Reform the California Coastal Commission?

3:50 PM-4:20 PM

The Citizen Hotel (Metropolitan Terrace), 926 J St, Sacramento, CA 95814

Fireside Chat with:

- David Alvarez, Assemblymember, 80th District
- Colin Parent, Councilmember, City of La Mesa & CEO of Circulate San Diego

Objectives:

- This year, the Chamber has supported efforts to ensure the Coastal Commission is not a deterrent to essential development we need along our coastline, including the development of affordable and middle-income housing.
- This is an opportunity for the delegation to engage in a discussion about how we can partner with elected leaders to ensure the Coastal Commission is not impeding critical projects and programs, regionally and statewide.



Colin Parent  
Councilmember  
City of La Mesa



David Alvarez  
Assemblymember  
80th District, State of California

5:00 PM PT

## Monday - Delegation Reception

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5:00 PM-7:00 PM

Camden Spit & Larder, 555 Capitol Mall #100, Sacramento 95814 (.5 mi. from Citizen Hotel)

Opening Remarks:

- Alessandra Lezama, Chamber Board Chair, Founder and CEO of TOOTRiS

June 18, 2024

8:00 AM PT

## Tuesday - Breakfast sponsored by Charter Communications, A Discussion on Retail...

**Featured** 8:00 AM-9:00 AM

The Citizen Hotel (Metropolitan Terrace), 926 J St, Sacramento, CA 95814

Opening Remarks:

- Alessandra Lezama, Chamber Board Chair, Founder and CEO of TOOTRiS

Sponsor Remarks:

- Michael Hadland, Director, State Government Affairs, Charter Communications

Meeting with:

- Gregory Totten, Chief Executive Officer, California District Attorney's Association
- Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur (AD-51)

Meeting Objectives:

- Delegates will hear from representatives who are aiming to address retail theft in California. In CA, there is currently an Assembly Retail Theft Package, a Public Safety Package at the Senate, and a ballot measure aimed to reform Prop 47.

Moderator:

Stephen Whitburn, Councilmember District 3, City of San Diego



**Gregory Totten**  
Chief Executive Officer  
California District Attorney's Associat...



**Rick Chavez Zbur**  
Assemblymember  
California State Assembly

9:30 AM PT

## Delegation Photo and Meet & Greet with Senator Toni Atkins

**Featured** 9:30 AM-10:00 AM

Senate Floor, California State Senate, 1315 10th St, Sacramento, CA 95814 (.5 mi. from The Citizen)

**\* Please allow for 20 minutes to get through security at the Capitol. \***

Opening remarks:

- Alessandra Lezama, Chamber Board Chair, Founder and CEO of TOOTRiS

Meeting objectives:

- Meet with Senate President pro Tempore Emeritus Atkins
- Opportunity for delegates to visit the Senate floor and be a part of our 2024 Sacramento delegation photo

Staff Lead:

- Justine Murray, 858-805-1345



**Toni Atkins**  
President pro Tempore Emeritus  
California State Legislature

10:15 AM PT

## Solving our Housing Crisis: Policy and Production

10:15 AM-11:00 AM

Legislative Office Building, Room 100, 1020 N St, Sacramento, CA 95814

Location: Legislative Office Building, Room 100 (1020 N St)

**Please arrive 10 minutes early to pass through security and walk to LOB 100.**

### Panelists:

- Assemblymember Chris Ward, Chair of Assembly Housing Committee (CA-78)
- Assemblymember Joe Patterson, Vice Chair of Assembly Housing Committee (CA-05)
- Shannan West, Housing Accountability Unit Chief, California Department of Housing and Community Development

### Objectives:

- Discuss state policies for increasing housing production at all income levels
- Learn how state government is holding local jurisdictions accountable on housing needs
- Review barriers to housing production and innovative policies to address them

### Moderator:

- Molly Weber, Senior Vice President of Policy and Land Use, San Diego Housing Commission



**Chris Ward**  
Assemblymember  
California State Assembly



**Joe Patterson**  
Assemblymember  
California State Assembly



11:00 AM PT

## SDinSAC Catch-Up (A Conversation with San Diego's State Representatives)

11:00 AM-11:45 AM

Legislative Office Building, Room 100, 1020 N St, Sacramento, CA 95814

Meeting with:

- Assemblymember Tasha Boerner (AD-77)
- Assemblymember Laurie Davies (AD-74)
- Assemblymember Brian Maienschein (AD-76)
- Assemblymember Dr. Akilah Weber (AD-79)
- Senator Toni Atkins (SD-39)
- Senator Brian Jones (SD-40)
- Senator Steve Padilla (SD-18)

Meeting Objectives:

- For delegates to hear on legislation that impacts our communities and businesses and how collaboration between businesses and government can be achieved to address such challenges.

Moderator:

- Amber Ter-Vrugt, Senior Director, Government Relations, Scripps Health



**Toni Atkins**  
President pro Tempore Emeritus  
California State Legislature



**Tasha Boerner**  
Assemblymember  
California State Assembly



12:00 PM PT

## Tuesday - Closing Lunch sponsored by CSU San Marcos

**Featured** 12:00 PM-1:00 PM

CalChamber (14th Floor), 1215 K St., Sacramento 95814 (.4 mi. from the Legislative Office Bldg.)

Welcome remarks:

- Jerry Sanders, President & CEO, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce

Sponsor remarks:

- Zach Bunshaft, Director of Government Relations, California State University San Marcos

Meeting with:

- Assemblymember Matt Haney (AD-17)

Meeting Objectives:

- For delegates to hear about Assemblymember's work and efforts as the Chair of the Select Committee on Downtown Recovery, and general priorities.

Staff Lead: Justine Murray, 858-805-1345



**Matt Haney**  
Assemblymember  
California State Assembly