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April 6, 2025

6:00 PM ET

Sunday - Welcome Reception sponsored by Kaiser Permanente

Featured 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

JW Marriott (Penn Ave Terrace, Lobby Level), 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004

Welcome remarks:

- Jessica Anderson, Interim President & CEO, San Diego Regional Chamber
- Chris Howard, Chair, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce | CEO, Sharp HealthCare

Sponsor remarks:

- Felix Sablan, Board Member, Union of Pan Asian Communities (UPAC)
- Kerry Forde, Chief Operating Officer, Kaiser Permanente

April 7, 2025

7:45 AM ET

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7:45 AM-8:00 AM

8:00 AM ET

Monday - Breakfast With The Small Business Administration Sponsored by S...

Featured 8:00 AM-9:15 AM

JW Marriott (-3 Level, Salons D&E), 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004

Welcome remarks: Jessica Anderson, Interim President & CEO, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce

Sponsor remarks: Dr. Hala Madanat, Vice President of Research and Innovation, San Diego State University

Speaker:

- Lisa Shimkat, Associate Administrator for the Office of Field Operations and Acting Associate Administrator for the Office of International Trade, Small Business Administration

Meeting objectives:

- Overview of the administration's initiatives to support small businesses, including improving access to capital and reducing regulatory hurdles.
- Boosting small business resiliency through innovation and stronger public-private partnerships.
- Expanding access to affordable financing and grant programs to drive growth and economic recovery.
- Increasing incentives for small businesses to engage in workforce development, providing hands-on experience for students and young professionals.
- Exploring strategies to enhance small business growth through international trade and resources to navigate the evolving market landscape.



Lisa Shimkat
Associate Administrator for the Office of Field Operations
Small Business Administration

10:00 AM ET

Healthcare Issues Roundtable

10:00 AM-10:45 AM

AT&T Forum (Small Room), 5th Floor, 601 New Jersey Ave NW Washington, DC 20001

Location: Small Room at AT&T Forum (601 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington DC 20001)

Entrance: Enter through the front of building, Chamber staff and signage will direct you to the room

Meeting with:

- Julian Garcia, Legislative Assistant, Office of Congressman Juan Vargas (CA-52)
- Heba Mohiuddin, Legislative Assistant, Office of Congresswoman Sara Jacobs (CA-51)

Meeting objectives:

- Advocate for protection of Medicaid funding
- Explain nexus between Medicaid funding and jobs in our region as well as provider financial stability
- Discuss protection and extension of ACA premium subsidies
- Explain importance of NIH funding for our region's research and life science ecosystems
- Connect about importance of Medicare telehealth extension for patients and providers

Staff: Evan Strawn, (405) 537-3112

Team Lead: Kaitlin Chell, Executive Director, State and Local Government and Community Relations, UC San Diego

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Julian Garcia
Legislative Assistant
Office of Congressman Juan Var...



Heba Mohiuddin
Legislative Assistant
Office of Congresswoman Sara J...

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10:45 AM ET

Meeting with Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, & Acq...

10:45 AM-11:45 AM

ALL ATTENDEES MUST HAVE REGISTERED PRIOR TO THE TRIP.

Attendance confirmation must have been received 72 hours prior to the meeting through an email sent by the Pentagon's security system.

BRING OFFICIAL I.D. OR PASSPORT OTHERWISE ACCESS WILL BE DENIED

Please note that this meeting will end 11:45 AM - 12 PM.

Meeting location: The Pentagon

Entrance: The Pentagon Visitor Entrance is located adjacent to the [Pentagon Metro Entrance](#).

Meeting with:

- **Steven A. Nickle**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Procurement) Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy
- **Maria A. Proestou**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy Acquisition Programs and Budget
- **Robert D. Kimble**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Air-Ground Programs)
- **Thomas M. Rivers**, Executive Director Amphibious, Auxiliary and Sealift Ships Program Executive Office, Ships
- **Arveice M. Washington**, Director Office of Small Business Programs

Meeting objectives:

- Insights into national defense priorities and opportunities to enhance public-private partnerships, accelerate technological advancements, and build a more resilient defense supply chain.
- Highlight ongoing regional efforts to foster collaboration within the defense industry and with federal partners to expand opportunities for small businesses.
- Reinforce the importance of continued federal investment in San Diego's defense sector, leveraging the region's strong collaboration between venture capitalists and defense innovators to drive technological advancements and economic growth.
- Showcase regional initiatives aligning skilled trades training, such as welding and fabrication, with industry demands, and advocate for enhanced support from the Navy to ensure a strong workforce pipeline for the defense sector.

Staff: Jimena Villaseñor, 619.712.0171, jvillasenor@sdchamber.org

Team Lead: Hala Madanat, PhD, Vice President for Research and Innovation, SDSU

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Steven A. Nickle
Deputy Assistant Secretary of th...
Office of the Assistant Secretary...



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Deputy Assistant Secretary for A...
U.S. Navy



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11:00 AM ET

Meeting with Department of Transportation Leadership

11:00 AM-11:45 AM

Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave SE, Washington, DC 20590

Meeting location: Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave SE, Washington, DC 20590

Entrance: Please enter main entrance to DOT off of New Jersey Avenue by 10:40 to allow time for check-in and security. Sandy will meet group after security and escort to the meeting room. Please bring U.S. government issued ID.

Meeting with:

- Federal Railroad Administration
- Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
- Office of the Secretary of Transportation
- Maritime Administration
- Federal Transit Administration

Meeting objectives:

- LOSSAN Rail Corridor stabilization/realignment and Corridor's importance to freight and passenger movement in our region
- Airport Transit Connection project
- Otay Mesa East Land Port of Entry completion and the critical need for this land port
- Leveraging federal transportation funding opportunities to support San Diego region

Staff: Evan Strawn, (405) 537-3112

Team Lead: Council President Joe LaCava, City of San Diego Council District 1

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Meeting with the Ambassador of Mexico to the U.S.

11:00 AM-11:45 AM

AT&T Forum, Main Room, 601 New Jersey Ave NW Washington, DC 20001

Meeting with:

- Ambassador of Mexico to the United States, Esteban Moctezuma Barragán

Meeting Priorities:

- Update on trilateral efforts to strengthen trade in North America and enhance its global competitiveness.
- Bilateral efforts to address irregular migration at the US-MX border, and address the trafficking of fentanyl and firearms.
- Celebrating progress in mitigating the transboundary pollution crisis, including the near completion of the San Antonio de los Buenos Treatment Plant, and outlining next steps to prevent future environmental challenges.
- Highlighting initiatives under "Plan México" designed to strengthen the national economy and expand knowledge of emerging industries in Mexico, driving investment and economic growth.
- Promoting regional and national tourism, with Baja California set to host the Tianguis Turístico at the end of April, marking a key milestone in Mexico's tourism sector development.

Team Lead: Myriam Mendoza (619) 327-3264



Esteban Moctezuma
Ambassador
Mexican Embassy

12:00 PM ET

Monday - Lunch, sponsored by Union of Pan Asian Communities (UPAC)

Featured 12:00 PM-1:00 PM

AT&T Forum, Main Room, 601 New Jersey Ave NW Washington, DC 20001

Welcome Remarks:

- Chris Howard, Chair, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce | CEO, Sharp HealthCare

Sponsor Remarks:

- Courtney Boatman, LMFT, Vice President of Addiction, Treatment and Recovery, Union of Pan Asian Communities (UPAC)

Speaker:

- Sharon Wilson Geno, President, National Multifamily Housing Council
- Greg Brown, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, National Apartment Association

Description:

Join for a fireside chat with Sharon Wilson Geno and Greg Brown as they share NMHC and NAA's work and priorities. NMHC is focused on bringing rental housing suppliers together to help meet America's housing needs and create inclusive and resilient communities. NAA is the leading voice for the rental housing industry and as a trusted partner, valued connector and powerful advocate, and serves 141 state, local and global affiliates, over 95,000 members and more than 12.5 million apartment homes globally. We'll discuss housing affordability and stability, reducing barriers to construction, and housing voucher program funding.



Sharon Wilson Geno
President
National Multifamily Housing Co...



Greg Brown
Senior Vice President of Govern...
National Apartment Association

1:00 PM ET

Meeting with CBP Acting Commissioner Pete Flores

1:00 PM-1:30 PM

AT&T Forum (Small Room), 5th Floor, 601 New Jersey Ave NW Washington, DC 20001

Meeting with:

- CBP Acting Commissioner Pete Flores

Meeting objectives:

- Convey our strong support for projects that enhance trade and international relationships including the completion of the Otay Mesa East Land Port of Entry in our region and addressing incoming needs as projects move forward. As an estimated \$3.4 Billion in economic output and over 88,000 jobs are lost annually in the U.S. and Mexico due to border delays. Nearly a \$2 billion impact for our region.
- Alternative proposals to enhance trade and travel across land ports such as the implementation of on-arrival scheduling for commercial/cargo vehicles and potentially revisiting the need for I94 permits, extending the "grace zone" to include Orange County.
- Opportunity to share information, progress or inquire about other regional initiatives including DHS/CBP's work to increase efficiencies at air and land ports of entry to maximize operations and fill vacancies. This includes status/current need and efforts to streamline the hiring process.
- Trusted Traveler Programs – clarity on SENTRI/Global Entry revocation evaluation and a streamlined process to request a review/reapply. Express concern on renewal delays, with many of them surpassing the two-year grace period and no guidance on next steps.
- Update on efforts in response to transitioning out of the CBP One App. Our region experiences the arrival of 800+ migrants every day, we applaud sustainable efforts to "catch up" with a growing need and avoid any and all disruptions

at land ports of entry across the U.S.-Mexico border.

Staff: Kenia Zamarripa (619) 852-2918

Team Lead: David Perez Tejada

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Pete Flores
Acting Commissioner
Customs and Border Protection

Capacity full

1:30 PM ET

Fireside Chat with House Armed Services Committee Members

1:30 PM-2:30 PM

AT&T Forum, Main Room, 601 New Jersey Ave NW Washington, DC 20001

Opening remarks:

- Jessica Anderson, Interim President & CEO, San Diego Regional Chamber

Meeting with:

- Rep. Sara Jacobs (CA-51), U.S. House of Representatives
- Rep. John Garamendi (CA-08), U.S. House of Representatives

Meeting objectives:

- Insights on the critical work of the House Armed Services Committee
- Discuss major issues regarding national defense, including impacts on freezes of foreign assistance, addressing foreign espionage and cyber threats, and investing in workforce development to ensure military readiness and economic growth.



Sara Jacobs
Representative (CA-51)
U.S. House of Representatives



John Garamendi
Representative (CA-08)
House of Representatives

Meeting with the American Hotel and Lodging Association (AHLA)

1:30 PM-2:30 PM

1250 Eye Street, N.W., Suite 1100 Washington, D.C. 20005

Location: AHLA Offices, 1250 Eye Street, N.W., Suite 1100, Washington, D.C. 20005

Additional Info: Due to the very small size of this meeting, it will be limited to one participant per business/organization to allow for a broader representation of businesses/organizations.

Meeting objectives:

Meet with AHLA leadership to discuss the tourism industry and local and federal trends

Meeting with:

- Matt Carrier, VP of Innovation Policy & Government Affairs (Federal)
- Troy Flanagan, EVP of External Government Affairs & Industry Relations (State & Local)

Staff: Justine Murray, (858) 805-1345

Team Lead: Fred Tayco

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Matt Carrier
Senior Vice President, Federal Af...
American Hotel & Lodging Associ...



Troy Flanagan
Executive Vice President, Extern...
American Hotel & Lodging Associ...

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2:00 PM ET

Healthcare Issues Meeting with Sen. Adam Schiff's Office

2:00 PM-2:30 PM

112 Hart Office Building, 120 Constitution Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002

Location: 112 Hart Senate Office Building, 120 Constitution Ave NE, Washington DC 20002

Entrance: Please arrive at Hart entrance 15 minutes before the meeting. Enter through any entrance to Hart Senate Office Building. Once past security, proceed to Office 112 (Sen. Adam Schiff's office).

Meeting with:

- Kaitlyn Kelly, Policy Advisor, Office of Senator Adam Schiff

Meeting objectives:

- Advocate for protection of Medicaid funding
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Staff: Evan Strawn, (405) 537-3112

Team Lead: James Hauser, Director of Government Relations, Aya Healthcare

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Kaitlyn Kelly
Policy Advisor
Office of Senator Adam Schiff

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Meeting with Department of State (REQUIRES EARLY ARRIVAL 2PM- STARTS ...

2:00 PM-4:00 PM

2201 C Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20520

Entrance: Located on C Street (2.4 miles from AT&T Forum, 10-24 minute car ride)

Valid ID is needed (Passport is required for non-U.S. Citizens) **Please arrive by 2:00 p.m.** for security clearance.

Meeting with:

- Katherine Dueholm, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Mexico and Canada, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State

Meeting Objectives:

- Urge the completion of the Otay Mesa East land port of entry to facilitate trade and travel across our binational region. An estimated \$3.4 Billion in economic output and over 88,000 jobs are lost annually in the U.S. and Mexico due to border delays. Nearly a \$2 billion impact for CaliBaja.
- Advocate for lower visa wait times which average over 400 days or more for U.S. Visa interviews, impacting our tourism industry.
- Celebrating progress in mitigating the transboundary pollution crisis, and outlining next steps to accelerate the construction process and efforts to prevent future environmental challenges
- Trusted Traveler Programs – clarity on SENTRI/Global Entry revocation evaluation and a streamlined process to request a review/reapply. Express concern on renewal delays, with many of them surpassing the two-year grace period and no guidance on next steps.
- Efforts to continue funding the Border Water Infrastructure Program to further advance critical water infrastructure projects in neighborhoods along the border region.

Staff: Kenia Zamarripa (619) 852-2918

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Katherine Dueholm
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Mexico and Canada
Department of State

Capacity full

3:00 PM ET

Healthcare Issues Meeting with Rep. Scott Peters' Office

3:00 PM-3:30 PM

2369 Rayburn HOB, Washington DC, 20515

Location: 2369 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515

Entrance: Please arrive at Rayburn entrance 15 minutes before the meeting. Enter through any entrance to Rayburn House Office Building. Once past security, proceed to Room 2369 (Rep. Scott Peters' office).

Additional Info: Due to the very small size of this meeting, it will be limited to one participant per business/organization to allow for a broader representation of businesses/organizations.

Meeting with:

- Dillon Cooke, Senior Legislative Assistant, Office of Congressman Scott Peters (CA-50)

Meeting objectives:

- Advocate for protection of Medicaid funding
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Team Lead: Kaitlin Chell, Executive Director, State and Local Government & Community Relations, UC San Diego

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Dillon Cooke
Senior Legislative Assistant
Office of Rep. Scott Peters (CA-52)

Spotlight on the Smithsonian with Assistant Secretary Marceno

3:00 PM-3:45 PM

AT&T Forum, Main Room, 601 New Jersey Ave NW Washington, DC 20001

Meeting with: Julissa Marceno, Assistant Secretary, Smithsonian

Meeting objectives:

- Learn best practices from the Smithsonian, as an organization that is critical to visitor spending and DC's tourism economy
- Discuss how arts and culture organizations can work with the more traditional tourism industry businesses, like hotels and amusement parks, to market a region as a economic powerhouse for the tourism industry
- Discuss how to best utilize visitor spending for arts institutions
- Learn from marketing best practices for arts and culture in the visitor spending and tourism economy industry

Staff: Justine Murray, (858) 805-1345

Moderator: City of San Diego Councilmember Stephen Whitburn



Julissa Marceno

Assistant Secretary for Communications and External Affairs and Chief Marketing Officer
Smithsonian

5:00 PM ET

Monday - Reception sponsored by Amazon

Featured 5:00 PM-7:00 PM

Ciel Social Club at the AC Hotel, 601 K St NW, Washington, DC 20001

Opening remarks:

- Jessica Anderson, Interim President & CEO, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce

Sponsor remarks:

- Pat Bouteller on behalf of Amazon

April 8, 2025

6:00 AM ET

Sunrise Jog/Run

Featured 6:00 AM-7:00 AM

Hotel Lobby, JW Marriott, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004

Description: Enjoy a sunrise jog/run around some of the best-known monuments with fellow delegates. The run will follow a 3 mile loop, but you can always deviate and grab coffee or take pictures of a monument. Meet in the hotel lobby at 5:55 AM.

POC: Kaitlin Chell, Executive Director, State and Local Government & Community Relations, UC San Diego, 858-449-9737, kchell@ucsd.edu

8:00 AM ET

Tuesday Breakfast: "When Disaster Strikes: From Warning to Wreckage"

Featured 8:00 AM-9:00 AM

JW Marriott (-3 Level, Salons D&E), 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004

Description: It could happen to us, too. This panel examines the full lifecycle of environmental disasters, from early warning systems to the aftermath of destruction. Experts will discuss the challenges of disaster preparedness, response, and recovery, highlighting innovations in forecasting, emergency management, and resilience-building efforts to mitigate impact and protect communities.

Welcome Remarks:

- Chris Howard, Chair, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce | CEO, Sharp HealthCare

Panelists:

- Dr. Wassila Thiaw (Acting Director, NOAA Climate Prediction Center)
- Hon. Adam Schiff (U.S. Senator, D-CA)



Wassila Thiaw
Acting Director
NOAA Climate Prediction Center



Adam Schiff
U.S. Senator
D-CA

9:00 AM ET

Made in America 2.0: Tech & Manufacturing Innovation

9:00 AM-10:00 AM

JW Marriott (-3 Level, Salons D&E), 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004

Description: Explore the future of American manufacturing and technology innovation. This panel will highlight advancements in industrial development, policy, and economic growth, focusing on strategies to strengthen U.S. manufacturing, drive technological competitiveness, and support economic resilience in a rapidly evolving global landscape.

Panelists:

- Nagesh Rao (Acting Director, National Institute of Standards & Technology, Department of Commerce)
- Jordan Crenshaw (Sr. VP, Technology Engagement Center, US Chamber)

Moderator: Councilmember Marni Von Wilpert

Staff: Justine Murray (858) 805-1345



Nagesh Rao
Acting Director, National Institut...
Department of Commerce



Jordan Crenshaw
Senior Vice President, Technolog...
United States Chamber of Com...

10:00 AM ET

Geopolitical Landscape from D.C.: Insights with the U.S. Chamber

10:00 AM-11:00 AM

JW Marriott (-3 Level, Salons D&E), 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004

Meeting With:

- Rodney Davis, Head of Government Affairs for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Opening Remarks:

- Coronado Mayor John Duncan

Meeting Description: Hear an update on what's taking place on the Hill, political dynamics, policy trends, and economic impact of federal actions including tariffs.

Staff: Kenia Zamarripa (619) 852-2918



Rodney Davis
Head of Government Affairs
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Healthcare Issues Meeting with Rep. Mike Levin's Office

10:00 AM-10:30 AM

2352 Rayburn HOB Washington, DC 20515

Location: 2352 Rayburn HOB Washington, DC 20515

Entrance: Please arrive 15 minutes early to Rayburn. Enter through any entrance to Rayburn House Office Building. Once past security, proceed to Room 2352

Additional Info: Due to the very small size of this meeting, it will be limited to one participant per business/organization to allow for a broader representation of businesses/organizations.

Meeting with:

- Alison Feinswog, Legislative Director, Office of Congressman Mike Levin (CA-49)

Meeting objectives:

- Advocate for protection of Medicaid funding
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Staff: Evan Strawn, (405) 537-3112

Team Lead: Kaitlin Chell, Executive Director, State and Local Government & Community Relations, UC San Diego

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Alison Feinswog
Legislative Director
Office of Congressman Mike Levin (CA-49)

Capacity full

10:30 AM ET

Meeting with PIH Acting Assistant Secretary Ben Hobbs

10:30 AM-11:00 AM

451 7th St SW Washington DC 20410

Entrance Instructions: Please have arrive at the south entrance of the HUD building ([451 7th St SW Washington DC](#)). Please plan to arrive at least 15 minutes early and please bring a US Federal ID for security purposes.

Meeting with: Ben Hobbs, Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH), U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Meeting objectives:

- Discuss solutions for increasing the production of housing, especially affordable housing, reducing homelessness, and leveraging federal funding for innovative housing programs and policies

Staff: Justine Murray, jmurray@sdchamber.org, 858-805-1345

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Ben Hobbs
Acting Assistant Secretary
PIH

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11:00 AM ET

Healthcare Issues Meeting with Sen. Alex Padilla's Office

11:00 AM-11:30 AM

Location: 331 Hart Senate Office Building, 120 Constitution Ave NE, Washington DC 20002

Entrance: Please arrive at Hart entrance 15 minutes before the meeting. Enter through any entrance to Hart Senate Office Building. Once past security, proceed to Office 331 (Sen. Padilla's office).

Meeting with:

- John Chambliss, Policy Advisor, Office of Senator Alex Padilla

Meeting objectives:

- Advocate for protection of Medicaid funding
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Team Lead: Kaitlin Chell, Executive Director, State and Local Government & Community Relations, UC San Diego

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John Chambliss
Policy Advisor
Office of Senator Alex Padilla

Capacity full

12:00 PM ET

Tuesday - Lunch Sponsored by San Diego County Water Authority

Featured 12:00 PM-1:00 PM

JW Marriott (-3 Level, Salons D&E), 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004

Opening remarks:

- Jessica Anderson, Interim President & CEO, San Diego Regional Chamber

Sponsor remarks:

- Nick Serrano, Chair, San Diego County Water Authority



Scott Peters
Representative
U.S. House of Representatives

1:00 PM ET

Energy Resilience & Security at Home and Abroad

1:00 PM-2:00 PM

JW Marriott (-3 Level, Salons D&E), 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004

Description: As climate change accelerates and geopolitical challenges grow, ensuring energy resilience and security has never been more urgent. The United States, a global leader in energy production, innovation, and policy, plays a critical role in shaping a secure and sustainable energy future. This panel will explore how the U.S. and its partners can strengthen energy systems to withstand disruptions, reduce dependence on volatile supply chains, and drive the transition to cleaner solutions.

Panelists:

- Greg Gershuny (Vice President & Executive Director, Energy & Environment Program, Aspen Institute)
- Sara Yun (Director, Bureau of Energy Resources, Department of State)



Greg Gershuny
Vice President & Executive Direc...
Aspen Institute



Sara Yun
Director, Bureau of Energy Reso...
U.S. Department of State

Meeting with Department of Commerce

1:00 PM-2:00 PM

1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Entrance: Please enter the Herbert C Hoover Building through the 14th Street entrance.

Valid ID is needed (Passport is required for non-U.S. Citizens) **Please arrive 15 minutes early for security clearance.**

Meeting with: Trevor Kellogg, Acting Under Secretary for the Department of Commerce

Meeting Objectives:

- Support for USMCA and trade facilitating policies that boost our local and national economic development and global competitiveness
- Resources and efforts to advance economic development, business growth, and job creation
- Discussion of how AI can enhance military capabilities, aid in intelligence assessments, and support to make critical decisions during crises.
- Support businesses to navigate the procurement process

Staff: Kenia Zamarripa (619) 852-2918

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Trevor Kellogg
Acting Under Secretary
U.S. Department of Commerce

Capacity full

1:30 PM ET

Healthcare Issues Meeting with Rep. Darrell Issa's Office

1:30 PM-2:00 PM

Rep. Darrell Issa's office, 2108 Rayburn HOB, 45 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 2051

Location: 2108 Rayburn HOB, Washington, DC 20515

Entrance: Please arrive 15 minutes early to Rayburn. Enter through any entrance to Rayburn House Office Building. Once past security, proceed to Room 2108.

Additional Info: Due to the very small size of this meeting, it will be limited to one participant per business/organization to allow for a broader representation of businesses/organizations.

Meeting with:

- Giulia DiGuglielmo, Legislative Director, Office of Congressman Darrell Issa (CA-48)

Meeting objectives:

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Team Lead: James Hauser, Director of Government Affairs, Aya Healthcare

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Giulia DiGuglielmo
Legislative Director
Office of Congressman Darrell Issa (CA-48)

Capacity full

1:45 PM ET

Meeting with the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installation...

1:45 PM-3:15 PM

Pentagon, 1400 Defense, Washington DC

ALL ATTENDEES MUST HAVE REGISTERED PRIOR TO THE TRIP.

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Meeting location: The Pentagon, Conference Room

Entrance: Pentagon Visitors Center for processing & badge

Meeting with:

- Ms. Brenda Johnson-Turner, Performing the Duties of Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations, and Environment) and Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations & Facilities)

Meeting objectives:

- Discuss necessary steps to advance naval installations in our region through strategic investments, infrastructure improvements, and strengthened partnerships.
- Redevelopment of the approximately 70.3-acre Naval Base Point Loma Old Town Campus, home to NAVWAR, and its significant economic importance to our region.
- Inquire how the business community can support the Navy's workforce development and transition programs.

Staff: Jimena Villaseñor, 619.712.0171, jvillasenor@sdchamber.org

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Brenda Johnson-Turner
Deputy Assistant Secretary, Installations & Facilities
U.S. Navy

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2:00 PM ET

Trade, Economic Growth, and the Federal Shift

2:00 PM-3:00 PM

Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036

Location: 1775 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036

Entrance: Please arrive 15 minutes early. Go through metal detector, then head down the hallways towards Saul, who will check you off the list, then Josh will guide you into the right room.

Opening Remarks:

- Alan Berube, Senior Vice President, San Diego Regional Policy & Innovation Center

Meeting with:

- Joshua Meltzer, Senior Fellow, Global Economy and Development
- Xavier de Souza Briggs, Senior Fellow, Brookings Metro
- Emily Wier, VP, Chief Policy and Strategy Officer, San Diego Regional Policy & Innovation Center

Meeting Description:

- The first few months of the Trump Administration have created unprecedented economic changes with potentially vast impacts for the San Diego region, impacting trade, economic growth, infrastructure, and scientific research. In this panel discussion moderated by the San Diego-based Policy & Innovation Center, we will hear from Brookings Institution experts about trade, USMCA reauthorization/ reform, and what regions like San Diego can do in an era of federal pullback.

POC: Christa Lanning 202-797-6142 or clanning@brookings.edu

Staff: Kenia Zamarripa (619) 852-2918

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Alan Berube
Senior Vice President
San Diego Regional Policy & Inn...



Joshua Meltzer
Senior Fellow, Global Economy a...
Brookings Institution



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3:15 PM ET

Scott Peters & Friends

3:15 PM-4:15 PM

2322 Rayburn House Office Building, DC 20515

By popular demand, we're bringing back Scott Peters & Friends, the panel that provides a little bipartisan hope for even the toughest of politico watchers.

Join us for a light-hearted look at how Congress really works with a discussion led by Representative Peters about the challenges of serving, what is up next for America, and how we can still do good work

Representative Peters will be joined by Representative Obernolte and Representative Bera this year.

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Scott Peters
Representative
U.S. House of Representatives



Ami Bera
Representative



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5:00 PM ET

Tuesday - Reception sponsored by Promises2Kids

Featured 5:00 PM-7:00 PM

The Rooftop at the Graham Georgetown, 1075 Thomas Jefferson St NW, Washington, DC 20007

Opening Remarks:

- Chris Howard, Chair, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce | CEO, Sharp HealthCare

Sponsor Remarks:

- Tonya Torosian, Chief Executive Officer, Promises2Kids

April 9, 2025

8:30 AM ET

Wednesday - Closing Breakfast: Shaping the Future on Immigration Policy

Featured 8:30 AM-9:30 AM

JW Marriott (-3 Level, Salons D&E), 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004

Opening remarks:

- Jessica Anderson, Interim President & CEO, San Diego Regional Chamber

Meeting with:

- Aaron Reichlin-Melnick, Policy Director, American Immigration Council
- Heather Stewart, Counsel and Director of Immigration Policy, NAFSA: Association of International Educators
- David Perez Tejada, Former Head of the State of Baja California, National Institute of Migration

Meeting Description:

- Political climate around immigration reform
- Address concerns on visas that affect our workforce, students, and tourism.



Aaron Reichlin-Melnick
Policy Director
American Immigration Council



Heather Stewart
Counsel and Director of Immigra...
NAFSA: Association of Internatio...



9:30 AM ET

Open Time Block

9:30 AM-11:00 AM

Use this free time to schedule meetings of your own, take a tour of one of the many landmarks in the area, or spend time catching up with delegates.

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