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Chamber to Lead Delegation Trip to Mexico City

The 19th annual delegation to Mexico's capital city will aim to strengthen the U.S.-MX relationship with officials in the Sheinbaum administration and cross-border business leaders.

SAN DIEGO (October 6, 2025) – Next week, over 100 business and community leaders from San Diego and Baja California will travel to Mexico City to advocate for U.S.-Mexico relations and address critical issues vital to the binational business community at a key moment of political transition in Mexico.

The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce's 19th Annual Binational Delegation to Mexico City will commence with a list of priorities to advance the border region, such as water management, infrastructure, tourism, and the economic landscape. Beginning Sunday, October 12, and running through Wednesday, October 15, the group will meet with Mexican leaders and government officials to help strengthen economic ties and explore collaboration opportunities with the trip's policy priorities in mind.

"Bringing together leaders from both sides of the border for this trip is essential to strengthening our regional economy," said **Chris Cate, President and CEO of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.** "These conversations in Mexico City give us the chance to directly advocate for the priorities that matter most to our region's businesses and families. When we show up as a united, binational delegation, it underscores the unique role our region plays in driving prosperity and opportunity across Cali-Baja."

The over 100-member delegation represents a diverse mix of leaders from San Diego and Baja-based industries, organizations, and elected officials including:



- Baja California Senator Gustavo Sanchez Vasquez
- Congressmember for the State of Baja California Ana Erika Santana Gonzalez
- San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria
- Chula Vista Mayor John McCann
- Coronado Mayor John Duncan
- National City Mayor Ron Morrison
- Tecate Mayor Roman Cota
- Secretary of Economic Development in Tijuana Pedro Montejo
- San Diego City Councilmembers Marni von Wilpert, Vivian Moreno, and Stephen Whitburn
- Tijuana City Councilmembers Georgina Arana Cruz, Pablo Yañez Placencia, and Lemuel Ramirez
- Chula Vista City Councilmembers Carolina Chavez, Michael Inzunza, and Cesar Fernandez
- Tecate City Councilmember Isaac Contreras
- Assemblymember for the State of Baja California Adrian Humberto Valle
- Ambassador Alicia Kerber-Palma, Consul General of Mexico in San Diego
- Consul General Christopher Teal, Consulate General of the United States in Tijuana

The trip agenda includes events with:

- Special reception at U.S. Ambassador to Mexico Ronald Johnson's residence
- Leadership from the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs (SRE)
- Representatives from the Senate
- Water management & infrastructure discussion with Chief Environmental Officer of NADBank, National Water Commission (CONAGUA), and Secretary of the Mexican Section of the IBWC
- Conversation with Secretaries of Tourism from Mexico and Baja California
- More to be announced

The Chamber will also host a <u>LIVE Press Conference</u> on Monday, October 13 at 9:00 a.m. (PST) to discuss these ongoing efforts. Confirmed speakers include San Diego Regional







Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Chris Cate, San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria, and Consul General Alicia G. Kerber-Palma.

The press conference will be held live at the Four Seasons and live-streamed here.

The San Diego Regional Chamber is the only chamber to lead annual binational delegation trips to both the U.S. and Mexico's capital cities.

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About the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce

The San Diego Regional Chamber is the hub for connections and collaboration among the regional business community, and uses that clout to advocate for public policies and candidates that support economic growth and the creation of jobs for all businesses. As the largest local Chamber on the West Coast, representing more than 2,000 businesses and an estimated 300,000 jobs, the San Diego Regional Chamber is working to make the San Diego region the best place to live and work. For more information, please visit SDChamber.org or call 619-544-1300.