

San Diego Regional Chamber

2025

LEADERSHIP DELEGATION TO

SACRAMENTO

FEBRUARY 4 - 5 | THE CITIZEN HOTEL



Trip Itinerary

All Dates 2/4-2/5 | Tuesday 2/4 | Wednesday 2/5

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February 4, 2025

11:00 AM PT

Waitlist for Capitol Tour with Assemblymember Chris Ward (CA-78)

11:00 AM-11:45 AM

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

Please disregard the "Session full" notice. The tour will be filled from the waitlist only. Please **add yourself to the waitlist to be considered for the tour. We will contact you directly to let you know if a spot is available. Be sure to check the confirmed attendee list below to verify your spot.**

Entrance: Meet in the 2nd Floor Rotunda of the State Capitol at 10:55 AM. Please allow 5-10 minutes to go through Capitol security before this. The tour will begin at 11:00 AM at the 2nd Floor Rotunda in the State Capitol. If you have difficulty finding the group, please contact the staff lead listed below.

SDRCC Staff Lead: Myriam Mendoza, (619) 327-3264

CONFIRMED ATTENDEES (as of 1/29/25)

11:45 AM PT

Tuesday - Opening Lunch: Hot Topics

Featured 11:45 AM-1:00 PM

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

Welcome:

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

Lunch discussion:

- Our opening lunch will feature a fireside chat with CalChamber, who will provide an update on the state's most important topics, a recap of the 2024 legislative session, and what we can expect to come out of the legislature for 2025. The discussion will also highlight what we learned from the November election, including outcomes for ballot measures and Senate and Assembly seats.

Speakers:

- Ben Golombek, Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff for Policy, CalChamber
- Justine Murray, Executive Director of Public Affairs, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce

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1:00 PM PT

The State of Healthcare in California

1:00 PM-1:45 PM

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

Opening remarks:

- Chris Howard, Board Chair, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce

Meeting with:

- Senator Dr. Akilah Weber, California State Senate District 39
- Richard “Fig” Figueroa, Deputy Cabinet Secretary, State of California
- Dustin Corcoran, Chief Executive Officer, California Medical Association

Meeting priorities:

- Learn from state leaders about the future of the healthcare industry in CA and current and future reform efforts
- Discuss the implementation of recent health legislation, including Prop 1, SB 43, and Proposition 35
- Dialogue about ongoing concerns and objectives for healthcare providers including Medi-Cal reimbursement rates and workforce shortages in the industry

Moderator:

- County Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe, 4th District

SDRCC Staff Lead: Evan Strawn, estrawn@sdchamber.org



Dr. Akilah Weber Pierson
Senator
California State Senate



Richard Figueroa
Deputy Cabinet Secretary
Office of Governor Gavin Newsom

1:50 PM PT

Proposition 36 Implementation/Public Safety Conversation

Featured 1:50 PM-2:20 PM

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

Opening Remarks:

- Councilmember Marni von Wilpert, City of San Diego District 5

Meeting with:

- Jonathan Raven, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, California District Attorneys Association

Meeting Objectives:

- Discuss current status of Proposition 36 implementation
- Hear about challenges and opportunities for treatment and diversion programs
- Learn about ongoing public safety efforts by District Attorneys throughout California

Staff Lead: Justine Murray, jmurray@sdchamber.org



Jonathan Raven
Assistant Chief Executive Officer
California District Attorneys Associati…



Marni von Wilpert
Councilmember
City of San Diego, District 5

2:25 PM PT

A Discussion with CBPA Regarding the Future of California's Manufacturing Industry

2:25 PM-2:45 PM

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

Meeting with:

- Skyler Wonnacott, Senior Director of Government Affairs, California Business Properties Association

Meeting priorities:

- Discussion with the CA Business Property Association about AB 98 and its potential effects on San Diego's binational region.
- Regulations like AB 98 have the potential to alter San Diego's logistics and manufacturing industry, affecting our regional supply chains and the success of our greater economy.
- SDRCC opposed AB 98 in 2024 and participated in lobbying efforts alongside other business organizations and elected leaders to urge the Governor to veto the bill. Despite these efforts, AB 98 was signed into law by the Governor.

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Please see the attached documents for more information about AB 98, and the Chamber's efforts related to the bill during the 2024 legislative session.



Skyler Wonnacott
Senior Director of Government Affairs
CBPA

2:45 PM PT

The Next Frontier: AI in California

2:45 PM-3:15 PM

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

Meeting with:

- Nate Haderlie, Senior Account Executive, Kabateck Strategies, Representing the "Alliance to Preserve California's Technology & Innovation Economy"

Meeting priorities: Discussion regarding potential state regulations of AI and the future of AI in California. Given that San Diego is posed to be an up-and-coming AI hub, and our region's position as a leader in the tech and innovation sector, delegates will get the opportunity to learn how AI regulations could either help, or hurt, our regional economy.

Moderator: Supervisor Joel Anderson, San Diego County District 2

SDRCC Staff Lead: Justine Murray, JMurray@sdchamber.org



Joel Anderson
Supervisor, 2nd District
San Diego County



Nate Haderlie
Senior Account Executive
Kabateck Strategies

3:30 PM PT

Breaking Ground: The Need for More Housing in California

Featured 3:30 PM-4:20 PM

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

Meeting with:

- Assemblymember Chris Ward, Assembly District 78
- Assemblymember David Alvarez, Assembly District 80
- Assemblymember Tasha Boerner, Assembly District 77

Meeting priorities:

- Learn from distinguished state leaders regarding the state's commitment to increasing housing production at all income levels
- Review how local agencies are being held accountable for housing development
- Discuss opportunities that current and future housing policies provide for communities to thrive.

Moderator:

- Lisa Jones, President & Chief Executive Officer, San Diego Housing Commission

SDRCC Staff Lead: Evan Strawn, estrawn@sdchamber.org



Chris Ward
Assemblymember
California State Assembly



David Alvarez
Assemblymember
80th District, State of California

5:00 PM PT

Tuesday - Delegation Reception

Featured 5:00 PM-7:00 PM

V's Paradise Restaurant, 1001 Front St, Sacramento, CA 95814

Opening Remarks:

- Chris Howard, Board Chair, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce

February 5, 2025

7:45 AM PT

Wednesday - Breakfast sponsored by Charter Communications, Navigating Challeng…

Featured 7:45 AM-9:00 AM

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

Welcome remarks:

- Chris Howard, Board Chair, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce

Sponsor remarks:

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

Meeting with:

- Assemblymember Darshana Patel, Assembly District 76
- Assemblymember David Tangipa, Assembly District 8
- Daniel Conway, Vice President, Government Relations, California Grocers' Association

Meeting priorities:

- Facilitate a candid conversation on policies, regulations, and initiatives that support the growth of business in California
- Highlight policies that may currently hinder businesses' ability to thrive in our state
- Discuss how to strike the balance between state regulation and supporting the sustainability and growth of industries across the state

Moderator: Councilmember Stephen Whitburn, City of San Diego District 3

SDRCC Staff Lead: Evan Strawn, estrawn@sdchamber.org



David Tangipa
Assemblymember, District 8
California State Assembly



Stephen Whitburn
Councilmember, 3rd District
City of San Diego

9:30 AM PT

Delegation Photo & Welcome

9:30 AM-10:00 AM

Meeting location: California State Senate Floor, State Capitol Building (1315 10th St)

Directions: We will be walking to the Capitol from The Citizen Hotel, immediately following our breakfast panel. Please allow for enough time to walk to the Capitol and pass through security. Please also bring a photo ID with you. We will be meeting the Senator on the 2nd floor, outside of the Senate chamber doors.

Meeting with: Senator Catherine Blakespear

Meeting priorities: Delegates will have the opportunity to meet with Senator Blakespear at the capitol to discuss her priorities for the upcoming year and take our delegation photo.

SDRCC Staff Lead: Justine Murray, JMurray@sdchamber.org



Catherine Blakespear
Senator
38th District, State of California

10:15 AM PT

"Blake-Sphere" of Influence: Senator Blakespear's 2025 Priorities

10:15 AM-10:50 AM

Meeting location: Legislative Office Building (LOB) 100

Meeting with: Senator Catherine Blakespear (SD-38)

Meeting priorities: Delegates will have the opportunity to hear from Senator Blakespear, who represents Northern San Diego County and Southern Orange County. The Senator will share her priorities for the upcoming legislative session, including her new committee roles and potential legislation she plans to author and sponsor.

SDRCC Staff Lead: Justine Murray, JMurray@sdchamber.org



Catherine Blakespear
Senator
38th District, State of California

11:00 AM PT

Elephant in the Room: A Candid Conversation with California Conservatives

Featured 11:00 AM-11:40 AM

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

Meeting with:

- Senator Brian Jones (SD-40)
- Assemblymember Laurie Davies (AD-74)

Meeting Objectives:

- For delegates to hear from minority party leaders in the State Legislature about strategies for navigating the legislative process to achieve results for San Diego. It will also explore how recent changes in the federal government impact California's GOP officials, both within the Legislature and in efforts to rebuild and strengthen California's relationship with the White House and the federal government overall.

Moderator: Christine Moore, Director of External Affairs, AT&T

SDRCC Staff Lead: Justine Murray, Jmurray@sdchamber.org



Laurie Davies
Assemblymember
California State Assembly



Brian Jones
Senator
California State Senate

12:00 PM PT

Wednesday - Closing Lunch Sponsored by CSU San Marcos, ZEV/Electrification

Featured 12:00 PM-1:00 PM

Cafeteria 15L Restaurant, 1116 15th St, Sacramento, CA 95814

Welcome remarks:

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

Sponsor remarks:

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

Meeting with:

- Secretary Toks Omishakin, California State of Transportation Agency

Meeting objectives:

- Learn from state agency leaders regarding their perspective on the challenges our state faces in terms of electrification and ZEV policies, and what policy solutions are needed to address these challenges. More specifically, initiatives to ensure that our region, and the state, are prepared for this transition.
- Discuss initiatives that the agency is focusing on in terms of broadband, autonomous vehicles, and rail infrastructure.

Moderator: Mario Orso, CEO, SANDAG

Staff lead: Myriam Mendoza, mmendoza@sdchamber.org



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