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CHAMBER ISSUES 2016 VOTERS GUIDE

Chamber endorsed candidates and propositions would ensure business-friendly environment

SAN DIEGO (May 12, 2016) – In an effort to educate voters as to the candidates and propositions that are in the best interest of business, the San Diego Regional Chamber has released a 2016 Voters Guide.

“At the Chamber we strive to make San Diego a place where businesses can succeed and grow while creating jobs, supporting infrastructure and enriching neighborhoods. To do that, we need to make sure business-friendly candidates are elected and voters understand which policy measures are good for business growth and the creation of jobs,” said Jerry Sanders, Chamber President and CEO.

The Chamber’s 2016 Voter Guide is available online at www.sdchamber.org/voters-guide.

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About The San Diego Regional Chamber

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 2,500 businesses and 300,000 jobs, the San Diego Regional Chamber is fighting to make San Diego the most business-friendly region in California. For more information, please visit SDChamber.org or call 619-544-1300.

2016 VOTERS GUIDE



SUPPORT PROPS A - G

These measures are needed in order to simplify language in our city charter and clarify processes in the following areas: redistricting process, budgeting, issuance of bonds, financial operations, power to fix salaries and auditing accounts of officers.



SUPPORT PROP H

History has taught us that it is not uncommon for infrastructure spending to be diverted despite the long-term costs of doing so. Proposition H recognizes maintaining our streets, sidewalks, storm drains, parks, and other infrastructure as a core responsibility of municipal government by committing future funding to the maintenance of neighborhood infrastructure and the elimination of our infrastructure deficit.



OPPOSE PROP I

San Diego businesses are still finding ways to cope with the recent increases in minimum wage totaling 25 percent and the recent requirement to provide three days of sick leave to employees. In addition, Sacramento has passed a statewide minimum wage at \$15 per hour to be phased in by 2022.

Proposition I would put San Diego businesses at a competitive disadvantage by implementing the next increases in minimum wage sooner than the state level, and by requiring two additional sick days be provided by employers. These unprecedented increases in minimum wage and sick leave requirements are sure to have negative implications, particularly on small businesses and nonprofits.



SUPPORT THESE CANDIDATES

CONGRESS



SCOTT PETERS, CONGRESSMAN - 52ND DISTRICT

Scott has demonstrated that his priorities are in alignment with the Chamber's through a proven track record of working to create an environment for businesses to succeed. He consistently votes to promote pro-business policies including free trade.

COUNTY



GREG COX, SUPERVISOR - DISTRICT 1

Greg supports the Chamber's cross-border efforts and is a valuable representative on the coastal commission. He is a champion for the blue tech maritime alliance, the greater blue economy, and the entire business community.



KRISTIN GASPAR, SUPERVISOR - DISTRICT 3

As a small business owner, Kristin knows the power of job creation and its importance to our local economy and neighborhoods. Her focus will be growing our small businesses and the creation of more high-paying jobs for San Diegans.

CITY



KEVIN FAULCONER, MAYOR

Kevin is committed to ensuring San Diego has an independent water source, and supports long-term strategies for improving our infrastructure. He opposes further increases in the minimum wage and supports a cost-effective approach to climate action planning.



RAY ELLIS, COUNCILMEMBER - DISTRICT 1

As a business owner and community volunteer, Ray has demonstrated that he will be a strong leader and advocate for business and the local economy. He is committed to investing in our region's infrastructure to maximize our quality of life.



MARK KERSEY, COUNCILMEMBER - DISTRICT 5

As Chair of the City's Infrastructure Committee, Mark has authored a long-term solution to dedicate funding for infrastructure within the City's Charter. A small business owner, Mark often partners with the Chamber in advocating for business-friendly policies.



SCOTT SHERMAN, COUNCILMEMBER - DISTRICT 7

Scott supports the San Diego business community, the Chamber's advocacy efforts, and has a strong small business perspective that is vital to the efforts of streamlining the process of doing business in San Diego.