



2014 POSITIONS TAKEN

February 10, 2014

Support: Williams Homes Winnetka Project

Build 68 single family detached homes on Winnetka Avenue between Chase and Parthenia. The project will **create hundreds of jobs**, bring in millions of dollars in economic activity as well as beautify the neighborhood. Williams Homes also proposes to improve the street frontages along Winnetka Avenue and Penfield Avenue as well as improve the Winnetka Recreation Center.

April 21, 2014

Support: AB 1839

Amends the Revenue and Taxation code to expand and improve the California Film and Television Tax Credit Program. This act will protect valuable professional jobs and stimulate stable economic growth in the film and television industries.

May 19, 2014

Support: SB 1264

Help lessen the financial burden for new teachers and help currently credentialed teachers who wish to pursue an added authorization in a special and focused content area.

Support: SB 923

Establish the Educational Apprenticeship Innovation Prize with at least two years of apprenticeship in grades 11th and 12th. This will provide high school students the opportunity to find employment.

Support: SB 1446

Allow a small employer that does not qualify as a grandfathered health plan to be renewed until a specified date and to continue to be in force until a specified date.

Support: SB 1034

Prohibits group health care service plan contracts and group health insurance policies from imposing any waiting or affiliation period.

Oppose: AB 2617

Prohibit a person from requiring a waiver of the protections afforded under those provisions including the right to file and pursue a civil action or complaint.

Support: AB 2688

Permit a person to raise as an affirmative defense that at the time of an alleged violation of statute or

regulation in a judicial or administrative proceeding the person was acting in good faith.

June 2, 2014

Support: AB 1839 - TAXATION: CREDITS: QUALIFIED MOTION PICTURES

June 16, 2014

Oppose: AB 503 - Health Facilities - Community Benefits

This is an unreasonable and costly attempt to redefine charity care for all hospitals, and community benefit standards of nonprofit hospitals in California. The bill would negatively impact the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and would result in cuts to a wide variety of community health care services.

Oppose: SB 935 - Minimum Wage - Annual Adjustment

Unfairly increases employer costs by increasing the minimum wage to \$13.00 by 2017 and then increased thereafter according to the Consumer Price index.

Oppose: SB 1021 - School Districts - Parcel Taxes

Spilt Roll: Discriminates against commercial property through spilt roll by allowing a school district to impose a higher parcel tax against commercial property as opposed to residential property

Oppose: AB 2416 - Liens - Laborers & Employees

Unproven Wage Liens: Creates a dangerous and unfair precedent in the wage and hour arena by allowing employees to file liens on an employer's real or personal property, or property where work was performed, based upon alleged yet unproven wage claims.

July 21, 2014

LA Outdoor Advertising Coalition

The City of Los Angeles needs to craft a policy for the fair and reasonable use of digital signs in the City in order to restore economic and community benefits traditional and digital outdoor signs deliver.

Valley on Track

Update the Metro Orange Line busway to light rail

Currently the overcrowded and slow line is 18 miles east - west parallel to the 101 freeway from North Hollywood to Chatsworth

Build the East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor as a rail system

The corridor will run north - south between Sylmar and Van Nuys

Build the Sepulveda Pass Corridor project as a rail system, with a tunnel through the Santa Monica Mountains

The route will run from Sherman Oaks to the Westside

July 29, 2014

Hi Stuart,

United Chambers appreciates your time and the presentation given on July 21, 2014 regarding the "Valley on Track" issue presented. The United Chambers By - Laws contain a procedure for ratification of any position taken by the Government Affairs Committee. This procedure provides 2 days to respond with objections to a position. Responses were received of sufficient number that the positions were not ratified by the members and must be reconsidered, should the committee choose to do so. We therefore, have no official position and will not be joining the coalition at this time.

August 18, 2014

SUPPORT the extension of: The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 (TRIA) expires at the end of 2014. TRIA is the nation's federal terrorism risk insurance plan. Enacted in 2002, Congress has previously approved two extensions: in 2005 it was extended for 2 years, and in 2007 it was extended for 7 years.

September 5, 2014

A motion was made to "SUPPORT" ~ Prop 1

WATER BOND. FUNDING FOR WATER QUALITY, SUPPLY, TREATMENT, AND STORAGE PROJECTS.

Authorizes \$7.12 billion in general obligation bonds for state water supply infrastructure projects, such as surface and groundwater storage; ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration; drinking water protection; water supply management; water recycling and advanced water treatment technology and flood control.

Reallocates \$425 million of unused bond authority from prior water bond acts, for same purposes.

Appropriates money from the General Fund to pay off bonds.

Requires certain projects to provide matching funds from non-state sources in order to receive bond funds.

October 20, 2014

A motion was made to "OPPOSE" ~ Minimum Wage Increase

Mayor Eric Garcetti has proposed Los Angeles "first ever" citywide minimum wage increase. Currently the minimum wage is \$9.00 per hour with this proposal the minimum wage would increase to \$10.25 (2015), \$11.75 (2016) and \$13.25 (2017).

A motion was made to "OPPOSE" ~ Prop P

Save Neighborhood Parks Measure

The 1992 funding measure expires in June 2015 and that \$54 million a year will no longer be available for neighborhood and regional parks.

Should Proposition P be approved, it would continue funding \$54 million a year through an annual \$23 per parcel special tax for 30 years.

A motion was made to "OPPOSE" ~ Prop 45

Health Care Insurance

Gives the state insurance commissioner authority to approve individual and small group health insurance rates.

A motion was made to "OPPOSE" ~ Prop 46

Medical Negligence Lawsuits

Increases and links to inflation the longstanding pain and suffering cap in medical malpractice lawsuits.

November 17, 2014

1031 Tax Deferred Exchange - SUPPORT

The United States Government should maintain the 1031 Tax Deferred Exchange income tax policy as it is. This policy allows owners of real estate rental property to defer taxable income from the sale of the property by allowing the owner to replace it (through an exchange) with other real estate that is worth at least as much as the property sold.

Californians for Energy Independence (Coalition) - SUPPORT

We support the continuation of domestic oil production in California. We oppose extreme state and local efforts to arbitrarily ban certain technologies, including hydraulic fracturing. The regulations in SB 4 are the most stringent in the country and will ensure protection of our environment while allowing California to benefit from energy independence as well as the job and economic potential of tapping oil and natural gas reserves.