2019 State Legislative Position Summary

The positions you see below are positions taken by the Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce (GCVCC) during the 2019 California legislative session and how each of our local elected officials voted. Only bills that the GCVCC took a position on and came to a floor vote are listed below.

For tracking of the 2020 Legislative Session, visit: gcvcc.org/active-legislation

The aggregate scores* for each of our local elected officials in Sacramento for 2019 are as follows:

State Senator Jeff Stone, voted in-line with the GCVCC position 100% of the time, 20 out of 20 votes.

Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia, voted in-line with the GCVCC position 52% of the time, 12 out of 23 votes.

Assemblymember Chad Mayes voted in-line with the GCVCC position 100% of the time, 23 out of 23 votes.

Key
Ayes – Member voted in support of the bill.
Noes – Member voted in opposition to the bill.
No Vote recorded – Member abstained from voting on this bill.

GCVCC SUPPORTED BILLS

AB 23 Office of Small Business Advocate: Deputy of Business and Workforce Coordination to help develop small business – Burke
Aye – Garcia, Mayes, Stone

AB 1083 Energy infrastructure procurement requirements: Would require thorough analysis of impact of the effects of legislation proposed to mandate procurement of energy – Burke
Aye – Garcia, Mayes, Stone

AB 1237 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Requires posting of how funds are being allocated – Aguiar-Curry
Aye – Garcia, Mayes, Stone

GCVCC OPPOSED BILLS

ACA 1 Undermines the protections of Proposition 13: Lowers Voter Threshold to Increase Property Taxes from 2/3rd to 55% for affordable housing and public infrastructure – Aguiar-Curry – Winters
(Only voted on in Assembly)
Ayes – Garcia
No Vote Recorded – Mayes
**ACA 14** Limits Independent Contractors: A proposed amendment to the California Constitution, which would prohibit the University of California from utilizing, contracted workers – Gonzales
Ayes – Garcia
Noes – Stone
No Vote Recorded – Mayes

**AB 161** Additional regulation of small business: prohibit a business from printing a paper proof of purchase if the consumer opts to not receive a proof of purchase – Ting
(Only voted on in Assembly)
Noes – Mayes
No Vote Recorded – Garcia

**SB 44** Mandatory, costly conversion to electric truck fleets: mandatory reduction of motor vehicle greenhouse gas emissions from the medium-duty and heavy-duty work vehicles – Skinner
Ayes – Garcia
Noes – Stone
No Vote Recorded – Mayes

**SB 210** Additional regulation of business: Work towards creation of a Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspections and Maintenance Program – Leyva
Ayes – Garcia
Noes – Stone
No Vote Recorded – Mayes

**AB 51** Limits businesses ability to protect themselves from litigation: Prohibits employers from enforcing arbitration agreements – Gonzalez
Noes – Stone
No Vote Recorded – Garcia, Mayes

**AB 403** Increases small business exposure to litigation: Increases an employee’s time to file a discrimination lawsuit from 6 months to 2 years – Kalra
Noes – Stone, Mayes
No Vote Recorded - Garcia

**AB 589** Additional regulation on small business: Employer must provide to an employee a “Worker’s Bill of Rights,” – Gonzales
Ayes – Garcia
Noes – Stone
No Vote Recorded – Mayes

**AB 628** Exposes small business owners to loss of resources: Employees can take time off for harassment of family members that didn’t even occur at their workplace – Bonta
(Only voted on in Assembly)
No Vote Recorded – Garcia, Mayes
AB 673 Additional exposure to fines for small business: An act to amend Section 210 of the Labor Code, allowing an employee to bring action to recover specified statutory penalties against employer – Carrillo
Ayes – Garcia
Noes – Mayes, Stone

AB 1046 Increase Cost relating to vehicular air pollution: Support the deployment of 5,000,000 zero-emission vehicles – Ting
(Only voted on in Assembly)
Noes – Mayes
No Vote Recorded – Garcia

AB 1066 Unemployment insurance requirement on business: Restore eligibility for unemployment benefits after the first 3 weeks for an employee who left work because of the trade dispute – Gonzalez
No Vote Recorded – Stone, Garcia, Mayes

AB 1270 Increases small business exposure to litigation: Allows for-profit attorneys into tax enforcement, potential massive penalties for taxpayer and massive rewards for the litigant – M. Stone
(Only voted on in Assembly)
Noes – Mayes
No Vote Recorded – Garcia

AB 1478 Increases small business exposure to litigation: Allows employee to bring a private civil action against employer without pursuing any other remedy prior to bringing that action – Carrillo
Ayes – Garcia
Noes – Mayes, Stone

SB1 Additional regulation for business: Would give broad and sweeping discretion to state agencies to adopt rules and regulations they determine are more stringent than federal regulations – Atkins
Noes – Mayes, Stone
No Vote Recorded - Garcia

SB 54 Additional regulation on business: set impractical recycling rates and deadlines, particularly due to a lack of sufficient infrastructure – Allen
Ayes – Garcia
Noes – Mayes, Stone

SB 142 Exposes businesses to expenses and litigation: Additional lactation standards imposed could cost employers an estimated $30,000 to $105,000 for an existing building to comply – Wiener
Ayes – Garcia
Noes – Mayes, Stone

SB 171 Additional regulation on business: Would require employer to submit a pay data report to the Department of Fair Employment and Housing that contains specified wage information – Jackson
(Only voted on in Senate)
Noes – Stone
SB 307 Restriction on Local Control of Resources: Prohibit use of water conveyance facility with unused capacity to transfer groundwater basin underlying desert land – Roth
Noes – Mayes, Stone
No Vote Recorded – Garcia

SB 347 Increase business exposure to litigation and fines: Mandated state-only labeling requirement for sugar-sweetened drinks – Monning
(Only voted on in Senate)
Noes – Stone

AB 731 Increase Employer Health Care Premiums: Amendments to Insurance Code, impose additional rate filing requirements on large group contracts and policies. – Karla
Ayes – Garcia
Noes – Mayes, Stone

AB 345 – Increased cost and job killer: banning additional in-state natural gas and oil production resulting in increased oil and gas imports and loss of high paying energy jobs – Muratsuchi
(Only voted on in Assembly)
Ayes – Garcia
Noes – Mayes

SB 43 – increase costs and place regulatory burdens on businesses: Effort to have additional taxes based on assessing the carbon intensity of all retail products subject to the Sales and Use Tax Law– Allen
(Only voted on in Senate)
Noes - Stone

*Vote Assessment Methodology: If an elected voted for a bill the GCVCC supported, that is counted as “in-line with the GCVCC”. If an elected voted against, or abstained from voting for, a bill the GCVCC opposed, that is counted as “in-line with the GCVCC”.