

2020 Legislative Action Summary and Scorecard

The Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce annually monitors legislation and advocacy activity at the federal, state, and local level of government to ensure the interests of our business community, and the overall economic development outlook of our region is protected. The work is done in cooperation with the chamber's Business Legislative Advocacy Committee, which meets regularly throughout the year and is open to all members of the GCVCC.

The positions taken are based on our annual Legislative Advocacy Platform, which can be found on the GCVCC website under the "Legislative Action" tab. The Legislative Platform is created by receiving feedback and input from a broad cross-section of our membership, representing key industries across our valley. The platform is approved by a majority vote of the GCVCC Board of Directors. If you would like to offer input on the GCVCC the legislative platform, please contact Diana Soto, VP & Director of Public Policy for the Chamber.

2020 GCVCC Legislative Oversight

Jeff Levine (Asher & Asher Consulting), Chair of the GCVCC Board of Directors
Julio Figueroa (AT&T), Chair of the GCVCC Business Legislative Advocacy Committee
Diana Soto (GCVCC), VP & Director of Public Policy
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Local Elected Leaders

Congressman Raul Ruiz, M.D. (D), United States House of Representatives, CA 36th Congressional District
State Senator Melissa Melendez (R), California Senate District 28
Assemblymember Chad Mayes (I), California Assembly District 42
Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia (D), California Assembly District 56

Voting Key

AYE – Voted in Support
NAY – Voted in Opposition
NV – No Vote Recorded

Notes:

In cases of opposition the Chamber recognizes NV.
Chamber may also recognize votes when placed in action preceding prior passage if a NV is recorded.
The Chamber annually takes several positions of advocacy that are not vote related, these items are not reflected below.

SUPPORT

The GCVCC took a position of support on the following advocacy items. Where applicable, the action is accompanied by the vote of our local elected leaders.

FEDERAL – H.R. 133, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (COVID-19 Stimulus & Relief)
ENACTED INTO LAW
Ruiz – AYE

FEDERAL – H.R. 748, Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act

ENACTED INTO LAW

Ruiz – AYE

FEDERAL - H.R. 2426, Copyright Alternative in Small-Claims Enforcement (CASE) Act
Calendared (Senate)

Ruiz – AYE

FEDERAL – H.R. 5430, United States-Canada-Mexico Trade Agreement (USMCA)

ENACTED INTO LAW

Ruiz – AYE

STATE – AB 713, California Consumer Privacy Act, CCPA Health Research Exemption

ENACTED INTO LAW

Mayes – AYE

Garcia – AYE

Melendez – AYE

STATE - AB 831, Planning and Zoning: Housing: Development Application Modifications

ENACTED INTO LAW

Mayes – AYE

Garcia – AYE

Melendez - NAY

STATE - AB 1281, Fix to California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018

ENACTED INTO LAW

Mayes – AYE

Garcia – AYE

Melendez - AYE

STATE - AB 1492, Employment Telecommuting Act.

NO ACTION (SENATE)

Mayes – AYE

Garcia – AYE

STATE – AB 1907, Affordable Housing CEQA Exemption

NO ACTION (ASSEMBLY)

STATE – AB-2013, Disaster Relief to Homeowners and Businesses Seeking to Rebuild

ENACTED INTO LAW

Mayes – AYE

Garcia – AYE

Melendez – AYE

STATE - AB 2043, Agricultural Employers and Employees: COVID-19 Response

ENACTED INTO LAW

Mayes – AYE

Garcia – AYE

Melendez - AYE

STATE – AB 2421, Mobile Communication Backup
ENACTED INTO LAW
Mayes – AYE
Garcia – AYE
Melendez – AYE

STATE – AB 2905, Local Workforce Development Boards
NO ACTION (ASSEMBLY)

STATE – AB 3205, Establish the Regions Rise Grant Program
NO ACTION (SENATE)
Mayes – AYE
Garcia – AYE

STATE – AB 3281, Independent Contractors Work Status
NO ACTION (ASSEMBLY)

STATE – AB 3307, California Manufacturing Emergency Preparedness Act of 2020
NO ACTION (SENATE)
Mayes – AYE
Garcia – AYE

STATE – SB 1352, Renewable Natural Gas
NO ACTION (SENATE)

STATE – SB 1447, Income Tax: Sales and Use Tax Credit Small Business
ENACTED INTO LAW
Mayes – AYE
Garcia – AYE
Melendez – AYE

STATE – CA Judicial Council Action Amending Emergency Rule No. 9 as Provided in SP20-01wa
AMENDED

OPPOSED

The GCVCC took a position of opposition to the following advocacy items. Where appropriate, the action is accompanied by the vote of our local elected leaders.

STATE – AB 196, Establishes Costly “Conclusive Presumption” of Injury
NO ACTION (SENATE)
Mayes – AYE
Garcia – NV

STATE – AB 628, Expansion of Leave Time
FAILED PASSAGE (ASSEMBLY)
Mayes – NV

Garcia – NV

STATE – AB 664, Establishes Costly “Conclusive Presumption” of Injury

NO ACTION (SENATE)

Mayes – AYE

Garcia – AYE

STATE – AB 1253, Additional Tax on Small Business

NO ACTION (SENATE)

Mayes – AYE

Garcia – NV

STATE – AB 1947, Employment Violation Complaints

ENACTED INTO LAW

Mayes – NV

Garcia – AYE

Melendez - NAY

STATE – AB 2466, Tax on Distributing Bottled Sugary Drinks

NO ACTION (ASSEMBLY)

STATE – AB 2737, Community Emissions Reduction Programs

NO ACTION (ASSEMBLY)

STATE – AB 2843, Local Employer Affordable Housing Fees

NO ACTION (ASSEMBLY)

STATE – AB 2992, Expanded Leaves of Absence

ENACTED INTO LAW

Mayes – AYE

Garcia – AYE

Melendez - NAY

STATE – AB 2999, Protected Leave and Threat of Litigation

NO ACTION (SENATE)

Mayes – NV

Garcia – AYE

STATE – AB 3075, Local Wage Payment Requirements

ENACTED INTO LAW

Mayes – NAY

Garcia – AYE

Melendez - NAY

STATE – AB 3216, COVID-19 Employment Leave Mandate

VETOED BY GOVERNOR

Mayes – NAY

Garcia – AYE

Melendez - NAY

STATE – SB 37, Corporate Tax Hike
NO ACTION (SENATE)

STATE – SB 246, Tax on Oil and Gas
NO ACTION (SENATE)

STATE – SB 850, Shift 28-Day Advance Notice
NO ACTION (SENATE)

STATE – SB 893, Expands Costly Presumption of Injury
NO ACTION (SENATE)

STATE – SB 950, Expansion of CEQA
NO ACTION (SENATE)

2020 Legislative Report Card

Congressman Raul Ruiz, M.D., Vote Record Alignment – 100%

State Senator Melissa Melendez Vote Record Alignment – 91%

Assemblymember Chad Mayes Vote Record Alignment – 79%

Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia Vote Record Alignment – 68%

2020 GCVCC Legislative Effectiveness Report Card

52% Pro Advocacy Efficiency

10 out of 19 legislative bills the Chamber supported were passed into law

82% Opposition Advocacy Efficiency

14 out of 17 legislative bills the Chamber opposed were not passed into law

67% Overall Advocacy Efficiency