

Government Relations Plan Overview

Plan Goals

- Know, understand and have productive relationships with elected officials and city staffs in the Chamber's service area
- 2 Inform and influence decisions
- Identify and cultivate talent for elected and appointed office
- Create an ecosystem where the Chamber is an elected-official's go-to on business and big community issues

Audiences

PRIMARY

- Congressman Mullin, Congresswoman Eshoo and staffs
- Senator Becker and staff
- Assemblymembers
 Papan and Berman and staffs
- Board of Supervisors, County Executive and staff
- City Councils, City Managers and staffs in Redwood City, San Carlos, Belmont and Menlo Park

SECONDARY

School Board members and superintendents in:

- Belmont-Redwood Shores School District
- Menlo Park City School District
- Ravenswood City School District
- Redwood City School District
- San Carlos School District
- Sequoia Union High School District
- Community College District

This plan positions the Chamber to focus its government relations efforts in order to:

Inform. Influence. Impact.

Strategies

- Be present, visible, vocal and helpful
- Keep members informed and mobilize as needed
- Encourage identified talent to seek elected and appointed positions (including commissions, committees, etc.)
- Keep officials informed and engaged (let them know who they represent and who we represent)
- Engage the Board in fostering and maintaining relationships and exerting influence
- Show up and show out preparation, professionalism and precision

Priority Areas

Transportation

Housing

Taxes

Economic Development

Engagement Levels

LEVEL 1

 Each elected official and staff receives base information from the Chamber (i.e. newsletter, invites, etc.)

LEVEL 2

- Sporadic calls/interactions with elected official and staffs
- Sporadic attendance at governing board meetings
- Occasionally weigh in on policy issues

LEVEL 3

- Routine/frequent calls/interactions with elected official and staffs
- Routine/frequent attendance at governing board meetings
- Routine/frequent weigh in on policy issues

LEVEL 4

Full campaigns

 (advertising, voter mobilization) on issues