







San Francisco Chamber of Commerce 2014 Scorecard

At the beginning of 2014 the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce identified seven major areas of focus to support San Francisco employers, drive economic prosperity, and encourage a high quality of life. The Chamber has worked closely with the Board of Supervisors to encourage City Hall to prioritize legislation and policies that support San Francisco employers. With the Board of Supervisors returning from their summer break, the below items demonstrate our effectiveness at City Hall, advocating and shaping the legislation that supports economic development and jobs.



IMPROVE AFFORDABILITY

Item and Summary	Chamber Position	Vote	Outcome
Construction of In-Law Units in the Castro Allows the construction of additional dwelling units in a building built three years prior to the time of the application within the Castro Neighborhood, addressing the need for innovative solutions to the affordable housing crisis.	Support	PASSED 11-0	
Legalization of In-Law Units Landmark legislation to create a process for granting legal status to existing dwelling units constructed without the required permits, potentially legalizing thousands of units.	Support	PASSED 9-2	
Affordable Housing Policy Measure on November Ballot A policy declaration affirming the City's commitment to the production of 30,000 new housing units by 2030.	Support	PASSED 11-0	
Tenant Relocation Assistance Payments Requires tenants relocated under the Ellis Act to be paid either the greater of the existing rent relocation payment or the difference between the current rent and the prevailing rent for a comparable apartment in San Francisco. Places an onerous financial burden on property owners and limits an owner's ability to get out of the rental business.	Oppose	PASSED 9-2	


SUPPORT ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY

Item and Summary	Chamber Position	Vote	Outcome
<p>Fulton Street Grocery Store Special Use District Creates a special use district in Hayes Valley. Recognizes the need for a neighborhood serving grocery store, which otherwise may have fallen under the local formula retail ban.</p>	Support	PASSED 11-0	
<p>Hospitality Industry Worker Retention Ordinance Requires large hospitality industry employers to retain employees for up to 90 days upon a change in control of the establishment. As amended, provides employees with job security without impeding the businesses' ability to operate.</p>	Neutral as Amended	PASSED 11 – 0	
<p>Irrevocable Employer Health Care Spending Requirement Revises the Health Care Security Ordinance to phase in over a three year period the requirement that all health care expenditures must be made irrevocably, providing businesses the opportunity to plan and prepare for the change. Initially, the spending requirement change was to be implemented in October 2014.</p>	Neutral as Amended	PASSED 11-0	
<p>Minimum Wage Ballot Measure A single compromise measure to increase the minimum wage to \$15 by 2018. The SEIU alternative measure would have implemented an increase in two years, and did not include a job training rate.</p>	Neutral as Amended	PASSED 11-0	





ENHANCE MOBILITY

Item and Summary	Chamber Position	Vote	Outcome
<p>MTA Commuter Shuttle Pilot Program Exempts from CEQA review the SFMTA Commuter Shuttle Pilot program ensuring this environmentally friendly transit program could move forward.</p>	Support	PASSED 8-2	
<p>Transportation Bond for the November Election A General Obligation Bond of \$500 million for capital investments in the City's transportation infrastructure.</p>	Support	PASSED 11-0	





BUILD THE 21ST CENTURY WORKFORCE

Item and Summary	Chamber Position	Vote	Outcome
<p>Fair Hire Ordinance Prohibits the use of criminal history information during the beginning phases of the employment application process, while preserving employers' rights to make the best hiring decisions for their businesses. Removes barriers to employment while protecting the needs of the employer.</p>	Support	PASSED 11-0	



SPUR ECONOMIC GROWTH

Item and Summary	Chamber Position	Vote	Outcome
<p>Sharp Park Project Approval Approved the proposed project to restore Sharp Park Golf Course and protect the surrounding environment.</p>	Support	PASSED 7-4	
<p>Masonic Auditorium Renovation Renovation modernizes the existing Auditorium, increasing the number of events that can be held at the site.</p>	Support	PASSED 11-0	
<p>Approval of the MOU for the Treasure Island Development Approves the conveyance of Treasure Island from the United States Government to the Treasure Island Development Authority in order to build a world class mixed use development of homes, restaurants, retail and entertainment.</p>	Support	PASSED 11-0	
<p>Schlage Lock Development Agreement Approved the Development Agreement to transform the Schlage Lock factory site into a community of homes and retail.</p>	Support	PASSED 11-0	

IMPROVE SAFETY AND CIVILITY

Item and Summary	Chamber Position	Vote	Outcome
<p>Approval of the Hall of Justice Replacement Determined the proposed replacement jail is fiscally feasible for the City of San Francisco, allowing the construction of a larger and seismically safe jail to move forward.</p>	Support	PASSED 8-3	
<p>Graffiti Prevention and Abatement Ordinance Makes graffiti vandals financially responsible for the destruction of property they cause, putting the responsibility on those who cause damage rather than on business and property owners.</p>	Support	PASSED 11-0	
<p>Earthquake Safety Bond A \$400 million General Obligation Bond on the June 2014 ballot to finance seismic retrofitting of neighborhood fire and police stations, the Emergency Firefighting Water System, and other facilities and structures necessary for public safety.</p>	Support	PASSED 11-0	
<p>Implementation of Laura's Law Provides recovery services to those who repeatedly fail to engage in treatment plans and may potentially harm themselves or others. Ensures those who need assistance the most are provided it in a safe and timely manner.</p>	Support	PASSED 9-2	

ENSURE GOOD GOVERNMENT

Item and Summary	Chamber Position	Vote	Outcome
<p>Charter Amendment Limiting Mayor's Appointments Would have required the Department of Elections to hold a special election when there was a vacancy for the office of Mayor, Board of Supervisors or other elected positions, wasting city resources.</p>	Oppose	FAILED 5-6	
<p>Bottled Water Sales Restriction Restricts the sale or distribution on City property of drinking water in plastic bottles of 21 ounces or less without ensuring water fountain infrastructure is in place.</p>	Oppose	PASSED 9-0	
<p>Surface-Mounted Facility Site Permits Places unnecessary conditions on surface mounted facilities, discouraging installation of new technology and increasing costs to city departments.</p>	Oppose	PASSED 11-0	