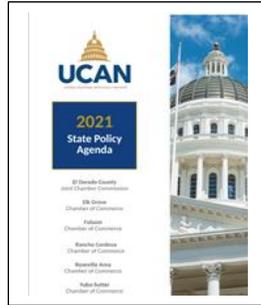




UCAN Chambers Release 2021 State Policy Agenda:
Reopen CA, Rebuild Small Business tops the list of priorities



UCAN – the United Chamber Advocacy Network, which includes seven local chambers of commerce, representing over 5,000 employees in four northern California counties, released its 2021 State Policy Agenda on March 15 during a zoom conference among chamber leaders and five state legislators.

Informed by input from chamber volunteer leaders and a detailed membership survey, UCAN’s 2021 state policy priorities include:

- Reopen CA**
- Rebuild Small Business**
- Repeal AB 5**
- Rollback burdensome taxes, fees and regulations**

The policy agenda will be used to identify legislation the UCAN chambers will support and oppose within the Legislature in partnership with our delegation of local legislators: Assemblymembers Frank Bigelow, Jim Cooper, Ken Cooley, James Gallagher and Kevin Kiley and Senators Brian Dahle, Jim Nielsen and Richard Pan.

As a way to pivot toward rebuilding small business in addition to providing relief, Assemblymember Cooley has introduced AB 820, sponsored by UCAN, that would encourage lending to small businesses adversely impacted by COVID lockdowns by making interest from such loans tax deductible. AB 820 is supported by the CA Bankers Association and will be heard in committee in late March or early April.

Reopening California’s economy was a stated priority of legislators attending UCAN’s virtual State Legislative Reception. Senator Nielsen joined Assemblymembers Kiley and Gallagher to call for the end of the current COVID state of emergency; Assemblymember Bigelow referenced his bill, AB 1313 that would provide businesses with exemption from legal liability relative to COVID; and Faith Lee, legislative staff for Senator Richard Pan, discussed Sen. Pan’s SB 510, which would encourage and expand COVID vaccinations in California.

To obtain a copy of the UCAN 2021 State Policy Agenda and to view UCAN’s list of priority legislation, please visit www.amgroup.us/UCAN.

